



Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office  
Memorandum

**To:** Deborah Langhoff  
**CC:** Ray Bolling, Jr.  
**From:** Greg Lawson  
**Date:** November 3, 2014

**RE:** Monthly NORDC NPP Status Update-October 2014

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**Old Business:**

- New Recruitment Strategy: To boost CATs meeting attendance, teams are working with existing Booster Clubs to either hold joint meetings or conduct community meetings on the same date (hour apart).
- One additional district team (District A) was established during the month of October 2014.

**New Business:**

- Special Elections will be held during November to replace officers for three district teams. (District B-2, and District C-Eastbank).
- District C: Eastbank CAT Team President Norbert Rome passed on October 24, 2014; Memorial Service scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014 for 12noon at Greater King Solomon Baptist Church, 3305 Audubon Street.
- **Information Sharing:** CAT Officers received monthly update email containing the following information: special election information, reminder of monthly NORDC Commission meeting, request for meeting dates/minutes upcoming event & opportunities to engage with NORDC, Commissioners, and community members, as well as NORDC NPP next steps. Monthly Update also included information to register for the Neighborhood Summit on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**District Status Update:**

**District A:**

- **A-One:**
  - **Team Established:** August 12, 2014
  - **# of Meetings held:** 7
  - **Last Meeting Date:** July 10, 2014
  - **Next Meeting Date:** TBD
    - **Agenda Items**
      - **Agenda Items:** Park Status Updates (New Additions) and Recruitment Efforts

\*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.

- **Lakeview:**
  - **Team Established:** August 12, 2014
  - **# of Meetings held:** 7
  - **Last Meeting Date:** July 10, 2014
  - **Next Meeting Date:** TBD
    - **Agenda Items:** Park Status Updates(New Additions) and Booster Club Development at Gernon Brown Gym

\*NORDC Liaison is working with CAT-Lakeview to establish a Booster Club at Gernon Brown Gym

\*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.

- **Third CAT Team:**
  - **Inaugural Meeting: October 22, 2014**
  - **First Public Meeting:** November 12, 2014 for 6pm at 8025 St. Charles Ave.
    - **Agenda items:** Meet and Greet, Park Review/Updates, Outreach Plan, and Establish monthly meeting date.

## District B

- **CAT-B-Green:**
  - **Team Established:** August 14, 2013
  - **# of Meetings held:** 4
  - **Last Meeting Date:** Last Meeting held in July 2014.
  - **Next Meeting Date:** TBD
    - **Agenda Items:** CATs Election (Replace Vice-President), Review updated park assignments, and develop team goals.
- **CAT-B-Ware:**
  - **Team Established:** August 14, 2013
  - **# of Meetings held:** 9
  - **Last Meeting:** October 15, 2014
    - **Agenda Items:** Planning of Bike Tour, Programming Opportunities for parks, Boosting CAT meeting attendance, as well as deliberation on submission of recommendation regarding adult programming at NORDC facilities.
  - **Next Meeting Date:** Team conducted Bike Tour of Parks/Facilities on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to assess facilities infrastructure as well as to boost CAT awareness at assigned parks.

\*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.

- **CAT-B-River:**
  - **Team Established:** August 14, 2013
  - **# of Meetings held:** 7
  - **Last Meeting Date:** July 14, 2014 at Lyons Center
  - **Next Meeting Date:** Mid-November 2014-Team will hold meeting prior to Lyons Center Booster Club Meeting to boost attendance.
    - **Agenda Items:** Park Updates and Special Election to replace Secretary
- \*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.

### District C

- **CAT-C-East bank:**
  - **Team Established:** August 21, 2013
  - **# of Meetings held:** 7
  - **Last Meeting Date:** October 15, 2014
    - **Agenda Items:** Election Process and outreach plan to increase meeting attendance.
  - **Next Meeting:** November 12, 2014 at Treme Center 6pm
  - **Agenda Items:** CAT Officers Elections, Park Updates and Vote on Team Name (Community recommendation to name team after Norbert Rome, CAT C President)

\*Team has exceeded meeting requirements for year.  
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- **CAT-C-West bank:**
  - **Team Established:** March 26, 2014
  - **# of Meetings held:** 3
  - **Last Meeting Date:** July 30, 2014
  - **Meeting Date:** Mid-November 2014
    - **Agenda Items:** Review of Park Assessment, Timeline for Establishing 2<sup>nd</sup> Westbank CAT and Norman Playground Update.

### District D

- **Dream Team:**
  - **Team Established:** August 27, 2013
  - **# of Meetings held:** 6
  - **Last Meeting Date:** July 22, 2014
  - **Next Meeting:** November 15, 2014 at Dillard's Collier House for 10am
    - **Agenda Items:** Park Assessment Update, Special Election of Officer-President, Timeline for establishing additional District D teams and discussion on Stalling Gentilly Booster Club recommendation.

\*Team has met meeting requirement.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> District Team:** First public meeting scheduled for November 6, 2014 for 6pm at St. Roch Playground.
  - **Agenda Items:** Election of Officers and Team Name

### District E

- **CAT-E-Ninth Ward:**
  - **Team Established:** September 30, 2013
  - **# of Meeting held:** 5
  - Team used summer months (May-July) to boosting membership
  - **Last Meeting:** October 7, 2014 at A Community Voice 6pm
    - **Agenda Included:** Election of Replacement Officers, Establish Short and Long Term Goals, Programming at upcoming Sanchez

Community Center and Oliver Bush, Richard Lee Mega Park Discussion, and Outreach & Recruitment Strategies.

- **Next Meeting:** November 11, 2014 at St. David Community Center 6pm
  - **Agenda Items:** Deliberate on Recommendation regarding programming at Sanchez Center and Update on Parks Assessments
- **CAT-E-New Orleans East**
  - **Team Established:** May 21, 2014
  - **# of Meetings:** 4
  - **Last Meeting Date:** October 23, 2014 at Joe W. Brown Recreation Center
  - **Next Meeting Date:** TBD
  - **Agenda Items Include:** Establish Short and Long Term Goal and Timeline for Establishment of 2<sup>nd</sup> District E New Orleans East Team
- **Third District E Team-**Community informational session was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the VIET Community Center for 6pm. Inaugural meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at VAYLA Community Center for 5:30pm

#### **NPP Next Steps**

- a. Boost CAT Meeting Attendance by assisting CATs with outreach efforts including email blasts, monthly presentation at neighborhood associations, and flyer dissemination at upcoming events as well as recruit NORDC program participants. (Ongoing)
- b. Conduct District CATs special elections: November 2014
- c. Neighborhood Summit-November 8, 2014 for 9am-4pm at Dillard University
- d. Establishment of District D and E additional district teams
- e. Conduct Fall Orientation-December 4, 2014
- f. Quarterly Leadership Training
  - i. December 30, 2014: CAT Officers suggested a Meet and Greet opportunity with Commissioners and NORDC Staff at new NORDC location-Pre Planning
- g. Neighborhood Engagement Office website updates with relevant CAT information and link to NORDC website