

A MEETING OF THE NEW ORLEANS RECREATION DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
WAS HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER: *Chair Roy Glapion called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.*

II. ROLL CALL

- Present: Roy Glapion – *Chair* Adria Kimbrough, Ava Rogers, James Gray, Kira Orange-Jones, Kelly Brown, Dana Peterson, and Andrew Kopplin arrived after Roll Call.
- Absent:, Rini Marcus – *Vice-Chair*, Nolan Marshall Jr., Michael Darnell, John Sibal, and Mayor Mitchell Landrieu.
- Staff: Deborah Langhoff and Anita Curran

III. OPENING CEREMONIES

- Welcoming remarks: Offered by Chair Roy Glapion on the general mission of all recreation stakeholders present and watching. Commissioner Rogers introduced staff members from the Neighborhood Engagement Office, Noraann Winbush and Greg Lawson to facilitate the comments from members of the public. The Chair further indicated a special format for this evening, which will allow more extended comments and questions, with as many answers as possible offered from the appropriate staff members.
- Invocation: Offered by Chair Roy Glapion, in the absence of Commissioner Mike Darnell
- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chair Roy Glapion
- Swearing in of Commissioner Dana Peterson: The Chair introduced the new Commissioner who is seated to represent the Recovery School District, and he asked the City Attorney Anita Curran to assist with the public swearing-in.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: – The Chair moved for the adoption of the minutes from the April 7th meeting and they were unanimously adopted.

V. TEEN COUNCIL REPORT:

- D’Andre Williams, a graduating senior from Edna Karr High School, noted his GPA average of 3.9, and he will be attending Southern University on a full academic scholarship to play baseball. He spoke about his lifelong involvement in NORD and in Teen Council since its inception in 2012. At the urging of the CEO, D’Andre particularly thanked his aunt Miss Bernadette McKinley, who took D’Andre in after the untimely death of his mother. “Ms. Bernadette” volunteers for NORDC as Booster Club President at St. Roch Playground.
- Kyra Azore, a senior graduating from Lusher High School will be attending Howard University in the fall. She described her fourth and final year with

Chevron Future Leaders and Teen Council and the breadth of the experiences that the organization offered her and her fellow members. She updated the Commissioners on the month's Teen Council events, both social and service opportunities.

VI. SENIORS REPORT: Ms. Acquanette Bornes discussed the NORDC programming focus on the Senior Piano Program and announced their semi-annual potluck dinner.

VII. REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEE OFFICERS

- Report of the Programming/Public Relations Joint Sub-Committee: Roy Glapion noted that the chairs will be joined by some invited guests as well. He gave the report from Rini Marcus noting the special recognition for the Treme Homecoming Project.
 - Treme Homecoming Project was one of the workshops implemented through a partnership with the Arts Council of New Orleans
 - There were several multi-day workshops for youth and adults in the community that were developed to show homage to the heroes, history and culture of the Treme community, Treme Community Center, and individual community culture bearers through expressive art.
 - Two local professional artists were selected by a panel of judges to lead 40 youths and 25 adults for a 28-week class from March-September. The program was established to fulfill the Arts Council mission set forth by the Percent for Art Program, which allows the city to engage local artists to create works of art for display in public spaces.
 - An integral part of the project was teaching students how to research, document, and depict the community's history, which included conversations with Treme elders and artists. In addition to the mural, individual students' paintings inspired by Treme's cultural essence are also on display.
 - The art workshops were taught by volunteer professional artists with resources already possessed by NORDC centers. The operating budget for Arts is The Treme Homecoming Project was allocated at \$30,000 (with additional one-time funding from the Arts Council).
There were a total of 472 participants for all of NORDC workshops.

- The NORDC Commission recognizes THE TREME HOMECOMING PROJECT, which won the 2015 LOUISIANA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION "ART AND HUMANITIES AWARD"
 - Additional comments were offered by Kim Cook from the ARTS COUNCIL, Jamar Pierre who was one of the artists, as well as Jahanna Canon-Brightman, and L'Oreal Evans from NORDC staff. Ms. Cook recognized others who were pivotal to the success of this project, including Ivan Watkins, D'Juana Johnson, Sabrina Mays Montana, and Jerome Smith. A commemorative photograph was taken.

- Human Resources/Personnel sub-committee: Commissioner Orange-Jones reported on the meeting held at 5:30 pm in the 8th floor conference room of City Hall on Monday, April 13th.
 - Commissioner Orange-Jones reported that at that meeting members discussed their desire to offer a more public recognition of retiring NORDC employees.
 - She noted that she was happy to convey Proclamations from the Mayor of the City of New Orleans, adding the Commissioners' appreciation of the years of outstanding service.
 - She asked that the CEO join her in conveying appreciation to each retiree personally:
 - Kenneth Turner, Sr., 35 years
 - Wayne K. Blanchard, 24 years
 - Dexter Bailey, 22 years
 - Unfortunately Johnie Burks (44 years) and Ann Lymous (35 years) were not available to attend the Commission meeting.

A commemorative photograph was taken with the retirees.

- Governance: Delivered by Chair Glapion in the absence of Commissioner Darnell.
 - The Governance Sub-Committee last met on Monday May 4th at 12:30 pm in the Office of Homeland Security 8th floor conference room of City Hall.
 - He was joined in the meeting by Commissioner Brown but did not achieve a quorum. Commissioner Peterson will be joining this sub-committee.
 - The committee was advised of a call for a new election in one of the CAT teams, the District C Eastbank team.
 - NORDC received objections to the February 26th CAT C officers' election from some of the CAT members. In light of their objections, and based on the issues raised and the information received from NORDC and Neighborhood Engagement Office staffs, the CEO instructed the CAT to conduct another meeting at which to vote on the election of officers.
 - Since there were no officers to assume the reins, the Neighborhood Engagement Office is collaborating with NORDC to assist this CAT in the new election process.
 - The District Commissioner has also participated in meetings among the various parties along with NORDC staff, and outreach is underway.
- A draft for a public comment card specific to NORDC was received, and it was requested that appropriate legal citations be added to the rules and regulations on the reverse of the card.

- A report on the booster clubs was also received, and a request was made for the district commissioners to receive quarterly status reports on the compliance of our booster clubs, which is being implemented.
- Facilities: This report was delivered by sub-committee Chair Kelly Brown.
 - The Facilities sub-committee last met on Monday May 4, 2015 at 2:30 pm in the Office of Homeland Security Conference room on the 8th floor of City Hall. This meeting replaced the scheduled March 27th meeting which was cancelled due to severe weather warnings across the City that afternoon.
 - As chair, I was joined by Commissioners Glapion, Gray, and Marcus and the minutes of the previous meeting on March 27th were approved.
 - The Capital Projects report was sent to the commissioners from Vince Smith, from whom NORDC will hear in detail today.
 - The sub-committee also received a report on a proposed development in Pontchartrain Park of a new Tennis & Learning Center. Additional information is being prepared for review and consideration of the full commission.
 - The next meeting of the Facilities sub-committee is scheduled for Wednesday May 27th at 1:30 pm in the 8th floor conference room of City Hall.
 - This concludes my report.
- Finance/Audit: Commissioner Brown continued to deliver the Finance/Audit report as a member of that sub-committee, in the absence of the Chair.
 - The Finance/Audit sub-committee was cancelled on Monday, April 27th due to a severe midday weather warning.
 - A Budget Summary was submitted to the Chair by Chief Operating Office Mary-jo Webster as of April 19th 2015, which represents 28.8% of the year.
 - Copies of the financial expenditure report are included in the Commissioners packets and are available at the information table for members of the public.
 - NORDC has 83.6% of its budget remaining.
 - As of April 19th, the NORDC Foundation had \$1,171,550 available and had expended \$414,589.
 - The NORDC Revolving Fund has \$173,681 available, and there have been \$8,535 spent thus far this year.
 - Ms. Webster's report provides a brief summary of personnel as well as a one-page summary of 2015 expenditures by funding sources per major line item.
 - This concludes the sub-committee report.
- NORD Foundation Report: The Chair of the NORD Foundation, who holds a seat on the Commission, John Sibal, was out of town. In his absence, the report from the Foundation was offered by the Foundation's Vice Chair, Louis Lauricella.

- Mr. Lauricella introduced himself and outlined the following activity:
 - A contribution of \$100,000 from the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation for furniture and fixtures for both the Pete Sanchez Recreation Center and the Stallings/St. Claude Recreation Center.
 - \$10,000 donation from Chevron
 - \$100,000 contribution from Boh Brothers for the Learn to Swim program.
- He reminded the viewing public that today is Give NOLA Day and asked for members of the public to support NORDC
- He further noted that the Foundation will continue to keep the Commission and public informed of new philanthropic investments to NORDC.
- The Chair expressed thanks to NORDC Foundation and to its Executive Director Ms. Annie LaRock for their work.

VIII. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Victor N. Richard, III, NORDC CEO, submitted the report, both orally and in written PowerPoint presentation format for the permanent record. The front photography spotlighted a few attendees of the Volunteer Appreciation event.
 - VR noted that NORDC is still accepting applications for lifeguards this summer.
 - He detailed the Character Counts recognitions in collaboration with Chevron.
 - Pitch, Hit & Run is a citywide jamboree and competition on May 9th. NORDC will co-host with RBI a Classic Showcase at Wesley Barrow Stadium on July 18th.
 - NORDC/NOBA Center for Dance spring recitals were held on April 28-30, and the Spring Concert will be held May 17th at 7 pm at Dixon Hall.
 - Tonya Boyd Cannon participated in the Master Artist Series, which continues with other artists, including The Yisrael Trio, Jordan Baker, and Joe Krown. The Senior Potluck will be held on May 21 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm at Gernon Brown Rec Center. NORDC is proud of its wide participation in International Jazz Day.
 - Fit NOLA Parks events continue with Family Fests across the City, and Movies in the Park has had some weather-related setbacks, but continue through May 30th.
 - Summer Youth Camp information was detailed. Every Monday the partners report their numbers weekly. The Commissioners will receive the weekly reports, as requested by the Chair. NORDC is prepared to serve and to host 1000 teens each week in summer camp.
 - For the first time the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration included volunteer coaches, Booster Club volunteers, as well as Community Advisory Team members at the Lakefront Playground on April 22nd.

- NORDC in the News hit Channel 6 News (City hiring 100 lifeguards for summer pools), The Times Picayune (NORDC one of 9 kid-friendly things to do around New Orleans) and the New Orleans Advocate (Make an impact by volunteering with NORDC).
- There were no additional questions or concerns regarding the report.

IX. CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

- Vincent Smith, Capital Projects Director submitted the report stating that CP tracks 118 projects at a value of \$151 million.
- 67 projects are completed at a value of \$92 million.
- Sanchez Community Center is now a completed project. We are targeting an opening for the NORDC summer season.
- 5 projects are in construction:
 - Stallings/St. Claude – working to complete as soon as possible.
 - Rosenwald Center – projected for completion during the summer. (Rosenwald Phase II for the pool and pool house is now in the bid and award phase.)
 - Behrman, St. Bernard Center and Milne Boys Home projects are underway.
- 12 priority projects are in the design phase, \$28 million with three moved this month from pre-design to design, and they are: Easton Playground, Cucchia-Byrnes Playground, Eastshore.
- 34 projects are in pre-design phase, in various stages at present.
- \$150 million is the value of the NORDC portfolio, with roughly \$92 million completed at this time.
- There were no additional questions or concerns regarding the report.
 - The Chair offered the CEO an opportunity to introduce three new recreation center managers:
 - Jerome Cochran – A.P. Sanchez
 - Jerome happy to be back in the 9th ward. He was the original 1997 manager, then went to Atlanta, was a pro scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates and recently contacted the CEO to join the NORDC Team
 - Lydell Rogers – Joe W. Brown
 - Lydell is a New Orleans native who came from the Juvenile Justice Center to assist in the positive direction of NORDC.
 - John James – Stallings / St. Claude
 - John has experience in management from BREC, but he is from New Orleans and from the community.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS:

- Commissioner Gray raised an issue discussed in a recent sub-committee meeting concerning deadlines for registration signup. He separated two types of scenarios – one for team sports and one for individual sports like track.
 - According to the current rules there are set deadlines. His suggestion is to let late registrations play the sports.
- The Chair noted that better advertising should spread the information about deadlines. He offered the CEO an opportunity to discuss.
 - The CEO advised that NORDC Rules Committees for each sport should consider this idea and respond to the inquiry.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: In a special format for this meeting, the Director of Capital Projects and the Chief Executive Officer of NORDC joined the Commissioners on the dais to assist them in responding to questions from the public. Commenters were not limited in a timed format for this meeting.

- Jon Kemp from CAT “C” – Comment: Thank you for the Cabrini Playground upgrades. Question: Will NORDC restate in a letter that Cabrini will not be used for off-leash dog use? RG responded that NORDC supports the laws that are on the books, which outline that dogs must be leashed. Other planning is taking place to focus on other locations.
- Marsha Mackie-Wright from Treme – Comment: Request that cards be considered in chronological order. Question: Why are the white boards for pools not being posted as promised? VR responded that we will continue to post it and log it hourly by the lifeguard and three times daily by the pool manager and a third locked log. Comment: The Aquatics schedule is confusing. Question: Why can't a user-friendly version be developed? VR responded that he will look into it to develop a better schedule. Question: Does Mary-jo Webster do the hiring? VR responded that Division Directors hire their staff and that is where the biggest input is. Mary-jo's role is to insure that all legal hiring practices are followed by NORDC Directors. Comment: She read a list of names with only one local name on the list. Question: Are you keeping local people out? VR stated that he will share information of the hires in the last 12 months with the Commissioners. Commissioner Gray noted that New Orleanians can be coming to NORDC most immediately from out-of-town, and he asked about presenting information on hires with local roots.
- Eraina Jessie – Treme – Comment: Schedule is not on website and is unclear. We don't know when water aerobics class is. Question: Time changed on class and no one was notified, why? VR asked for the opportunity to find out. RG

asked what method of communication would be best. She noted that the ladder is broken at Treme and sitting on the side of the pool. VR asked Jim Austin – the Director of Facilities - to go to the podium. Jim confirmed that ladders will be swapped on Friday and reinstalled at noon on Saturday, and the lift works.

Question: Why can't Treme users have access to Mahalia Jackson parking when the Auditorium is not being used? AKopplin responded that this will be further investigated to determine if the CNO can provide those arrangements under current obligations. Comment: The water is still cold at Treme. VR will check it.

- David Schumacher, Executive Director of A's & Aces thanked the Commission for the growth of the partnership since 2009 at one NORDC summer camp to now having multiple camps at multiple locations. For three years a partnership for use agreement at Pontchartrain Park has gone well with limited facilities. Question from JG: How many people on your waiting list? Response: Camps fill up so quickly that large waiting lists are not kept. Pontchartrain Park could use a building to enhance programming.
- Angelina Elder, a civil rights activist and voice for Hardin Park. Comment: St. Aug parks trucks illegally and she has reached out to them but has not heard back. St. Aug should be out of the park by 5:30 pm. VR (and A.D.) will check on the CEA with St. Aug about a timely end to their practice time. He added that Hardin should have a new facility as soon as new bonds are sold.
- Carol Marshall on Joe W. Brown Pool – Comment: She asked to see swim logs and was told Christina had taken the logs home with her. Question: Why are the chemicals not right? VR explained that two pieces of equipment were adjusted (a CO2 tank was changed out). The CEO offered to meet with the constituent tomorrow morning. Question: Why are logs being taken home by management? VR noted that he reviews them on site, that there have been two visits from the State Health Department. The highest the pH level was 8.6. AKopplin asked if Risk Management reached out to her and she said yes, she spoke to Dwight but he didn't return her call since then. Comment: Water is too cold. JG opened a discussion of various pH levels in different products, but noted that everyone has a different level of sensitivity.
- Lois Adams, speaking on Senior Dance/Exercise Class Question: Why is class ending in May at JWB? VR stated that the summer camps limit the use during the day that the adults can use the facility. AR stated that adults accommodate children's camps. JG asked if another instructor could be employed. VR will look into getting a substitute teacher. There is a large plank of termite-infested wood. Question: When will this be taken care of? VR asked Jim to respond and he noted that this is being treated, termites are taking the bait and the same contractor who installed the floor is being used. VR noted that the area needed to stay open until bait was taken.
- Michelle Fine – CAT "A" (left)

- Mildred Vaughn uses Joe W. Brown Park because it's close to her neighborhood. She is afraid to get into the water after her foot turned white. Question: Did anyone get written up or lose their job? My ears still feel like there is water in them? VR responded that two internal documents have been introduced and asked if he could legally discuss public issues. The city attorney stated that employee discipline is not public record but VR could discuss, without naming names. AR responded that everyone took the problem serious and actions were taken: some individuals were reprimanded, we are making triple sure that people are doing their jobs, and we are having risk management reach out to all. No one returned Ms. Vaughn's call. AR directed Noraann or Greg to get Ms. Vaughn's information for follow up the next day. AR stated that she cannot go into detail on the offense without revealing the employee's position, which city attorney advised against. RG reiterated that pool logs will be available, aerobics schedules will be reviewed, and we are here tonight to address all of the users' concerns.
- James Bolds from Lyons Center saying thanks to the Chair and Latoya Cantrell for handling situation with the dogs. He asked for information about the CAT programs. RG explained the structure of the CATs and asked staff to communicate the appropriate CAT meetings to him. Question: Is there a district commissioner for Lyons Center? RG responded that Kira Orange Jones represents District B.
- Reynard Thomas went to Programming meeting. Question: When will community find out about the Programs? VR responded that NORDC promotes programs on the website and through e-blasts as well as all city employees. NORDC posts monthly events in the Rec Center. AKopplin noted that sub-committee meetings often reveal planning that is being discussed. However, official announcements are reserved for *after* the decision-making has occurred. Question: How do you reach my aunt? AK reversed the question, asking the community member the best way to reach his aunt, agreeing that publicizing is complicated, and community members need to be involved in sharing the information. RG reminded all that public relations is costly. AR asked the question about timeliness of notifications, and in discussion an idea was developed to advertise all programming at all rec centers, instead of just the programming at each particular facility. Question: Where can I file a commendation for a NORDC employee? AKopplin noted that the commission meeting is an appropriate place to hear commendations. AR added that individual email addresses are on the website. On personnel, he stated that NORDC is forcing people out. Question: How can someone evaluate an employee who is not qualified to do the evaluation? AKopplin stated that there is an appeal process for all evaluations in every department through Civil Service and it's a routine event there for the appeal process to be followed.
- Ronnie Tyler from Lyons Center thanked the Chair for meeting but he has seen no progress. Haven't put up back screen by the baseball diamond. Question: What are any updates on what came up two months ago? RG advised that

Capital Budget considerations are part of a discussion among the Council and Mayor. VR has been at Lyons three times in the last two weeks. Baseball diamond was begun and Jim will advise timeline. Backstop matting has been delivered but is awaiting needed hooks. Capital Projects project manager has met with NORDC so they will have some renderings on possible permanent solutions to keeping the dogs away from the children. Information will be forthcoming, being presented to Commission, the Council, and reviewing the financing. Question: Can you take off the gates to keep the dogs from being unleashed. RG responded that's something to look into as well. Question: When do the Rules Committees meet? VR responded that he can meet with the A.D., and will receive copies of all changes. Questions: Who do we see about fundraising? RG responded Annie LaRock with the Foundation. Question: Do dogs have shots? VR responded that he has multiple communications with NOPD and Ana Zorillo of the SPCA who are prepared to make the call when the community calls about illegal dog use of Lyons.

- Amy Stelly advised that pH levels should follow CDC guidelines. Comment: parking at Treme was paid for so please produce parking. Comment: Treme is under-staffed and classes may be listed but are not being held. Comment: There was a slip and fall at Treme but the user did not go to the hospital. Question: How will floor be rectified (to VS) as it is wet and dirty? RG noted the floor met the friction coefficient and was extremely slippery when it was first installed but is not at this time. Independent testing laboratory tested the floor. Question: Age of dehumidifier? VS responded that manufacturer had assured the City that it was a new unit. Question: Where is the record of litigation? VS responded that the City is in discussion with the contractor in that the City is not in litigation but is *pursuing* litigation. Question: Where are elevator schemes for the public to review? VS responded that the City is in negotiations with the consultant to get a contract to do a design for the elevator for Treme and the fee proposals were out of the anticipated price range. There is not a funding source for the project. Original plans by the original architect, which occurred prior to the Landrieu Administration, did have an elevator in it, but it was designed to be built in the gym, which was unworkable. AKopplin agreed that the City is as frustrated as the community about the shortfalls in Treme. Question: If NORDC can't manage two pools, how will she manage 15? RG responded that NORDC will manage all pools appropriately. AKopplin noted that anything mechanical will occasionally break. Budget has gone from \$5 to \$15 million per year. NORDC has a 4-year history of running pools successfully under this CEO with more pools than ever before. AKopplin confirms that NORDC is trying to take its time to do the repairs right. Comment: She expressed concern about rental fees, asked for the fee schedule to be codified by legislation. AR responded that the phrase "Fees may vary" means that fees vary based on how long the rental is, not based on individual people being charged different amounts. She also reminded everyone that rental fees go right back to NORDC to support the maintenance of the facilities.

- Diana McDermott, with My NOLA Park, is working on development at 1151 Esplanade as a part dog and part special needs park for people. She noted that it is unfunded in the NORDC budget, but there have been productive conversations. Question: When can we sit down to move this forward? AKopplin described the Capital Budget process. She responded she's not asking for City funds but is looking for a CEA, a fundraising campaign for in-kind donation, and other fundraising. She is looking to use a public/private model similar to Cabrini. VR is open to meeting with her.
- Bernard Merrick thanked NORDC for their participation, as well as Harmony House Community Center, American Legion Post 500 Warren E. McDaniel, and Councilmember Gray for the endeavor from last month. Now after sitting through all this public comment, he brought up the Question: How many projects came aboard since the 100 projects were identified? AKopplin offered to give a response, but Mr. Merrick said that Richard Lee Playground is where the levee broke and the reason that the recovery dollars came to the City. He further discussed the public comments that had preceded him. Question: Why can't we find \$10 million for Richard Lee when you can find money to take care of dogs? AKopplin explained the Capital Budget process, and the City's request to the State Legislature to appropriate funds for it. CNO prioritized projects in collaboration with the Council and others, and many prioritized projects are underway in this neighborhood. He suggested that NORDC begin by putting the timer back in to prioritize public speakers. JG thanked Mr. Merrick and discussed getting more kids involved in baseball. Mr. Merrick is on the playground every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm for the summer.
- Dyan French Cole had no questions, only comments, saying it's hot this summer and those she speaks for are competent. She was critical of NORDC staff and asked for answers. She discussed economic boycotting and she spoke of the historic aspects of civil rights. She said no one is listening to the children. She said that no white people from New Orleans work for NORDC at the top level. She was amazed when the Chamber was full of foreign people, no one told them to shut up or their time was up for hours. She wants answers immediately. She wants Stallings/Gentilly to be left alone. Her first issue is to love and respect the community, work at school and come to her with problems. She said not to send certain staff members to Stallings/Gentilly this summer. She said that as long as the Commissioners talked then she would continue to talk.
 - The Chair asked for the next speaker.
- Rebecca Francis said that this new Q & A process failed because she had been waiting for four hours. She said that the Aquatics Program was failing miserably because it's operating at 40-50%. She was critical of NORDC staff and complained about pool closures and that there was no shuttle from Joe W Brown Pool to Treme. She complained about a pool closure that was not posted on the website. She asked for the institution of a new communication system, perhaps text messaging, in emergency situation. She wants NORDC staff to have cultural

ties to the community so they understand the eccentricities. No information was on Facebook or the website and there is a lack of communication. Consistency is important across all platforms. She expressed a concern about the implementation of RecTrac when basic things like communications aren't right.

- AR commented that the shuttle was used for Treme swimmers in classes because it was going to take a long time to accomplish repairs, but at Joe W. Brown Pool, repair time was anticipated to be much shorter. Since JWB Pool was repaired, some testing was necessary for brief periods, and the decision was made to close it for short periods.
- She further questioned how the community is involved in hiring the next Aquatics Director. The response from AR explained the Civil Service process for supplying applicants to NORDC.
- She further asked how the calibrations are being made concerning posting temperatures and asked how the logs can be taken home.
 - The CEO explained there are three logs, one done at the beginning and end of the shift, and another one taken hourly – both are kept in the office. In the pump room there is a 3rd log that was formerly done 3 times a week but now will be done daily, with three staff members present and signing off. They can't be doctored because they are signed by multiple people and multiple tests are taken simultaneously.
- Acquanette Byrnes said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. She wanted to address the behavior and she has had some success in speaking with children, especially the children with special challenges. How will NORDC handle those children? NORDC should hire college students with special training to help with children with special needs. UNO took over Capdau and those students are excelling now.
- Donald Chopin is an active member of Justice & Beyond and V.O.T.E.
 - Why not have a “community benefits agreement (CBA)” with NORDC which means that locals should be the first recipients of jobs with NORDC.
 - AR responded with a brief discussion of NORDC's philosophy which is that NORDC should reflect the community it serves, *all* New Orleanians, believing in diversity, and NORDC prides itself on promoting from within. Returning citizens and ex-offenders are also welcomed employees of NORDC.
 - He expressed concern over the intent of the hiring, and questioned if there is due process, without a community oversight committee. He asked for clarity about the “C” – the Commission part of NORDC - what is their role, job description, and term limits. The ordinance he had previously questioned, he brought up again. He asked what are the

criminal or civil consequences to contractors when the work isn't right?
Why are we using the same contractors?

- VS and RG responded: Liquidated damages are compensation from a contractor and are a civil matter. The City is in the process of pursuing compensation. The City has to follow public bid law. Criminal issues are a matter for the Law Department.

The following commenters asked for a moment to comment but had to leave before being called to the microphone.

- Bernadette McKinley – “Thank you NORDC for supporting St. Roch Playground.”
- Trey Babin – “Thank you NORDC for approving a new booster club at Gernon Brown/Lakeview.”

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: *Chair Roy Glapion closed with brief comments and adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.*