



## NORD Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Egana called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.**

### II. ROLL CALL

NORD Commission Liaison, Nicole Joseph-Ford led the roll call. Present Commissioners included, Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Gilbert Montano, Brian Egana (Chair), Dana Peterson (Vice Chair), Freddie King III, Katie Baudouin, Ernest Price, Raquel Dufuchard,

**A quorum was achieved with 7 commissioners present.**

Absent Commissioners were Randy Greenup, Theo Sanders (Sec.), Frances

NORD Leadership Staff present included: Larry Barabino, Jr., Jahanna Cannon- Brightman, Edgar Alexis, and Ashley Frank.

Also present were, NORD Director's, Jovan Bell Walker, George Coman, Jocelyn Johnson, Jermaine Hall, Ajia Mitchell, and Jezell Jones.

### III. GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Chairman Egana welcomed everyone to the May public NORD Commission meeting. He also thanked the coaches, kids, parents of the NORDC BIDDY National Championship, participants, and staff for joining and for their diligence. Welcoming everyone back to City Council Chambers due to Covid-19, it's been 2 years since an in-person meeting in Council Chambers. He also acknowledged that NORD kept their slogan during the pandemic "Something for everyone".

### IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (\*Action Item)

Chairman Egana moved for the **adoption of the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, meeting agenda**. There was a motion to move by Commissioner Mayor Cantrell, which was seconded by Commissioner Price. All Commissioners present were in favor to adopt the agenda. **The meeting agenda was unanimously adopted/approved.**

### V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (\*Action Item)

Chairman Egana moved for the **adoption of the April 7, 2022, NORD Commission meeting minutes**.

There was a motion to move by Commissioner Dana Peterson, which was seconded by Commissioner Ernest Price. All present Commissioners were in favor to adopt the April meeting minutes. **The minutes were unanimously adopted/approved**

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### • NORD Foundation Report

The Foundation report was provided by Commissioner Price, he gave the YTD of the total income to the Foundation, which is right under \$43,000, and NORD Commission has utilized \$200,000 to support ongoing expenses at NORDC. The Foundation has raised \$21,000 toward NORD'S Golf Tournament and encouraged all Commissioners to support the event on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

**There was no old business to review/report.**

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Katie Baudion provided her report from the Programming sub-committee in place of Frances Fayard (Chair) met on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> via zoom. Meeting lead by Commissioner Frances Fayard. Present was Commissioners Frances Fayard, Katie Baudoin, Dana Price and Randy Greenup. Along with Mr. Barabino, Jahanna Cannon-Brightman, and several other NORD employees. Meeting was led by Commissioner Frances Fayard, motion to approve the minutes by Commissioner Price seconded by Commissioner Katie Baudoin. Reports were given by Ajia Mitchell, Director of Centers, Jezell Jones, Aquatics Director, Jermaine Hall, Athletics Director, Bettina Buval, Multi-Programs Director, and Sam Cook, FitNola Manager. All staff gave an overview of spring past events, April programs participation numbers, and upcoming summer programs and events. Jahanna Brightman, CPO gave an overview of old business, summer partner applications, new business, school year applications. A panel has been selected to review the applications, and Commissioner Frances Fayard will represent on the panel. Commissioner made a motion for adjournment seconded by Commissioner Katie Baudoin, and by Commissioner Price. NORDC and NPS met on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss how to share facilities and better service the kids on New Orleans. Will try to restart the middle school sports programs soon, partnering with Will Hall and the neighboring school Mc.Donough 35, discussion has been going on for years. Also discussed how we can partner with schools that have playgrounds adjacent to the school. Mr. Barabino added that also discussed was rebuilding two properties in the lower ninth ward Richard Lee and the old Lawless school. Edison and Sam Bonart playground is another site that has funding to merge the two.

IX. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- **Report from the Chief Executive Officer, Larry Barabino Jr.**

NORD CEO, Larry Barabino, Jr. thanked everyone for their support to NORDC as we worked through the pandemic, hurricane season. Grateful to his staff who persevered through tough times. He provided a detailed review of current repairs to our facilities. He mentioned that NORDC received their re-accreditation with CAPRA. There are only 2% of Parks and Recreation in the country that are accredited. NORD spring programming and reviewed NORD's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as well as all upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities for the current year. The stipend for summer participants in football, baseball and basketball will be in the amount of \$400. This evening program is for 13-17year old kids. He invited all Commissioners to participate in all aspects of this year long effort. His report also included a review of all Spring and Summer events, and overview of programs through 2022, program data, maintenance and facilities, grant funding, financials, HR, as well as some procurement challenges, we are currently facing. NORD'S entire CEO report may be viewed online at [www.nordc.org](http://www.nordc.org) or by request via email at [Nicole.Ford@nola.gov](mailto:Nicole.Ford@nola.gov).

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

- **Report from the Director of Capital Projects, Vincent Smith**

Mr. Vincent Smith provided the latest Capital Projects review of the NORD portfolio and details on current projects. His entire report may be viewed at [www.nordc.org](http://www.nordc.org) or by request by emailing [nicole.ford@nola.gov](mailto:nicole.ford@nola.gov). Please submit any questions for Capital Projects to [nicole.ford@nola.gov](mailto:nicole.ford@nola.gov) for response.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTERS

**There was no consideration of any matters to report.**

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

**No public comments**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Egana presented a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Commissioner Dana Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Raquel Dufarchard, and all Commissioners present approved.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.**