



Media Advisory

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## Youth & Recreation Committee to Convene Again To Expedite Opening of NORD Playgrounds

**What:** City Council "Special" Youth & Recreation Committee Meeting

Due to the absence of FEMA officials at the March 25th hearing on this topic, Councilman Fielkow will hold a follow-up hearing with city, state and FEMA officials to quicken the pace of rebuilding NORD (New Orleans Recreation Department) playgrounds and facilities. Disputes between the city and FEMA regarding federal reimbursements for rebuilding NORD facilities will be addressed.

Please see original press release [here](#) for more details.

**When:** Tuesday, April 7, 2009  
1:00 p.m.

**Where:** City Council Chamber

**Who:** Special Guests

- FEMA Officials
- ORDA Officials
- NORD Officials
- State of Louisiana Officials

Committee Members

- Chair: Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow
- Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson

- District "C" Councilmember James Carter

To view the Meeting Agenda click [here](#).

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### New Orleans City Council

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.