



CYPB Executive Director Report – January/February 2017

Summary/Director Views:

Made it through my inaugural Mardi Gras as a resident and hope you enjoyed carnival too! What an amazing city-wide celebration. Clearly a city that can pause for a multi-day, wide ranging celebration can also engage its various actors in crafting plans and strategies that put the well-being of children and youth at the forefront of their collective efforts...and so we will!

Planning and strategy development begins in May, 2017 at respective board meeting AND community/retreat meetings. For now, please tentatively save-the-dates for much needed planning retreat meetings:

- Saturday, May 20th

- Saturday, June 17th

More explanations, details, and confirmations to come soon.

Onward,
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CYPB Happenings/News/Updates:

CYPB is nearly home...street address and office coming soon!

Thanks to the in-kind offer of United Way via Todd Battiste, CYPB awaits the final step towards acquiring office space in the United Way building at 2525 Canal Street. The in-kind offer allows for office space for 1 full year at no cost to CYPB. The space can accommodate dedicated work space for 2 staff + working space for interns. I'm eager to hire an assistant and to begin the exploration of specialized interns to apply their respective specializations to Policy and Public Relations. Space makes the help possible, very hopeful and expectant!

CYPB has a documented message!

Thrilled to share the 2015/16 year-end report that defines CYPB and informs of work done to date. This is an essential tool that will prove useful to introduce CYPB to key potential funders and/or collaborating partners. It also allows CYPB to reach out to relevant political champions to advance their knowledge and support, making room for targeted follow-up that develops and curates the connection.

E-version of report included in your prep documents for CYPB meeting, March 14, 2017.

CYPB website!

Yes, it's true...CYPB is building functioning website! Once bylaw amendments are approved at 3/14/17 board meeting, the External Affairs Committee will have the opportunity to take on the site and refine its content, design and optimize its reach, in partnership with the contracted web designer. That committee will also work on extending the CYPB footprint in other social media arenas. Glance at where we are for the moment and know that a full site presentation will be made at the 3/14/17 board meeting, as the site construction is active right now with expected completion by the meeting date.

You'll find CYPB splash page at: www.nolacypb.org

Help! How can Board Members help the Executive Director (please reply via email: karen@nolacypb.org):

- **Print.** Please print out and bring your materials for the board meetings. This will save time and resources for CYPB. Several copies will be available at the meetings for the public, but copies will no longer be produced for all board members.
- **Share.** The CYPB road to the development of the New Orleans Youth Master Plan (YMP) may be a familiar one, as there have been many, many planning efforts for youth. So, rather than starting from scratch, I'm proposing that we pick-up where other relevant planning efforts have left off and compress plans into one effort. If you participated in or have knowledge of past planning efforts, please let me know. I'd like to make sure we include a solid review of past efforts, engage past author groups where appropriate, and draft the New Orleans YMP from an informed base that may result in going forward while closing the gaps from past efforts.
- **Show Up.** **Note the change of meeting location, dates and times.** There are things that will be put forward in 2017 that CYPB can't advance without you. Please attend the board meetings, at least 5 of the 7 scheduled meetings, which is the base attendance requirement/expectation for board members. Refer to the 2017 CYPB Meeting Schedule for latest details.
- **Youth/Parent engagement opportunities.** Connect me with or get me on the agenda of youth or parent group meetings that you have access to, as I'd like to share the CYPB purpose, direction and invite their participation, where appropriate.

Announcements/Upcoming Meetings to Calendar:

Next CYPB Meeting:

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
5:30pm – 7:00pm
Edgar P. Harney School
2503 Willow Street

Planning/Strategy Retreats:

Tentative Dates to Save...confirmations and details to come soon.
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Saturday, June 17, 2017