



## Community Engagement Working Group

The **Community Engagement Working Group** is community organizers, cultural bearers and community leaders, as well as members of neighborhood associations and churches who will represent their respective groups in the process to develop a 10 year Housing Plan for the City of New Orleans.

Specifically, the Community Engagement Working Group will:

1. Meet once a month, with 2015 dates, typically the second Wednesday of every month.
2. Collect information from community members, through our Community Points of Engagement
3. Facilitate the Review Team, made up of community members.
4. Manage the Special Edition of the Trumpet.
5. Organize media and marketing strategy culminating in a May 30th Housing Summit.
6. Handle the launch event for HousingNOLA and media throughout the process.
7. Select members of the community to add to the Leadership Board.

### Background

This is one of three Working Groups in the HousingNOLA process. The first meeting was held in December 2014 and the co-chairs, one *resident* and one *practitioner*, were selected by the group at the second meeting January 2015. A media and marketing strategy was outlined at the third meeting in February. Ambassador Training to prepare working group members to speak at Community Points of Engagement took place in March and planning for a May 30<sup>th</sup> Housing Summit took place at the April meeting. The Community Engagement Working Group is made up of a diverse array of individuals who are actively gathering input from their communities on the *desired* future of housing in New Orleans.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Wednesday, May 13th from 6-7:30p**

**Wednesday, June 10th from 6-7:30p**

**Wednesday, July 15th from 6-7:30p**

**Wednesday, August 12th from 6-7:30p**

**Wednesday, September 9th from 6-7:30p**

**Wednesday, October 14th from 6-7:30p**

If you'd like more information, please contact Lindsey Lewis at

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## Data Working Group

The **Data Working Group** will collect, consolidate and decide on what housing data will be most useful for the 10- year Housing Plan for the City of New Orleans, and perform preliminary analysis.

Specifically, the Data Working Group will:

1. Meet once a month for an hour and a half
2. Consolidate data that demonstrates a need for a comprehensive, strategic Housing Plan
3. Provide data that is useful for the Policy Working Group's crafting of policy suggestions
4. Ensure that the data reflects the current status of housing including:
  - supply/demand
  - types of programs and financing available, both public and private
  - significant demographic trends
  - voids, obstacles, or needs existing towards the creation of housing.

### Background

Data collection has been the first step in the crafting of the Housing Plan. Whitepapers, agency plans and reports, as well as raw data have been consolidated by GNOHA staff, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and members of the Leadership Board. This group will be led by two co-chairs: **Liza Cowan** (JPM Chase) and **Maxwell Ciardullo** (GNOFHAC).

### Co-Chair Duties

Co-chairs will be depended upon to:

- Attend the majority of meetings, with at least one chair present at every meeting.
- Participate in Executive Committee calls and meetings (usually 1-2 a month)
- Ensure that individuals are being recruited to join the Data Working Group if necessary
- Guide a contract Data Analyst in their work

Co-chairs will be provided with:

- Venues and supplies for meetings
- Resources for printing and publishing materials



## Policy Working Group

The **Policy Working Group** will craft policy based on data collection and analysis by the Data Working Group. This will include policy suggestions based strictly on what the data demonstrates as well as implementable policy based on financial, economic and legal possibilities.

Specifically, the Policy Working Group will:

1. Meet once a month, with 2015 dates to be determined by consensus
2. Determine the role that Public Officials can play in crafting policy suggestions for the Housing Plan
3. Lead outreach efforts to Public Officials
4. Use the data and best practices to develop policy recommendations

### Background

This will be the last working group within HousingNOLA to begin work as the Data Working Group and Community Engagement Working Group have each held their first meetings and preliminary work has begun.

### Policy Co-Chair Duties

The Policy Co-Chairs will be depended upon to:

- Attend the majority of Policy Working Group meetings, with at least one chair present at every meeting
- Participate in Executive Committee calls and meetings (usually 1-2 a month)
- Guide the Policy Working Group meetings
- Ensure that individuals are being recruited to the Policy Working Group

Policy Chairs will be provided with:

- Venues and supplies for meetings
- Resources for printing and publishing materials
- Assistance communicating with working group participants and outreach