

## ORLEANS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE

Organization: Nauset Together We Can

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Interviewer: Kyle Wibby

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Title: Chair

**What, in general terms, is the mission / purpose of your organization and what demographic do you serve?**

To serve the middle school youth of our region and beyond by providing supervised after school programming and other activities with the aim of preventing alcohol and drug abuse/exposure.

**What programs do you offer, and for each program, who is the target audience and how many people do you serve?**

We run an after school programming daily for middle schoolers. We also run occasional paint nights for middle and high school. We manage the Finch Skate Park for all ages.

**What building(s) does your organization use?**

Old Orleans Firehouse and NRMS fields for the skate park

**What spaces within those buildings, approximately how big are they, and what activities do you conduct? And approximately how many hours per day, week or month?**

- 1) Rear room at Old Firehouse. 25 x 12? Middle room 20 x 10? Main room 25 x 25? Every day of school for 3 hrs plus 3 hours extra a month or so
- 2) Finch Skate Park every day all day

**If you have a detailed activity table or schedule of activities, please pass on to us with as much information as you have available.**

**For each program, could attendance be expanded if you had additional space or a different location? Do you have plans to grow – and what is limiting that growth?**

In the past (pre-COVID) we frequently maxed out our capacity. If the kids find the program again, we could always use more space. More space would also allow us to offer different attractions for our service area.

**Do the facilities you use meet your needs, and if not, how would you improved them? This might mean improving the spaces you use, or having a different site in a different kind of building.**

The space meets our basic needs. They could be more open and larger. The space could be more well organized.

**Have you seen buildings or facilities in other towns that have features that you like?**

Harwich Community Center has a dedicated game room and a gym which would be useful to our program, plus outdoor sports fields. The proximity to school and town center are key.

**Would a new Orleans Community Center, with spaces that you share with other organizations, and with support spaces like a front office, lobby, lounge, café, etc. be better for you and your mission?**

Yes.

**If so, would you need dedicated space – storage, offices etc. – or would it be enough to have a space that you utilize on a scheduled basis? What kind of spaces would you need for what programs?**

If there was a dedicated hang out space that could be used for our program during our current operational hours that would be great. We can't set up and take down a drop in center on the daily. The kids need a constant for a drop in center to work. We can share space but would need exclusive access for the after school portion.

**What are the key things you would like to see in a Community Center?**

Dedicated space for MS and HS youth. A gym. A pool but that is wishful thinking. STEM and other types of space for the kids to experiment with. A place that the kids can take over for a brief 2-3 hours after school every day to blow off steam, make friends, and feel a part of the community.

**Other Observations or Comments?**