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# **CITY OF KENNER**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **KENNER RECREATION MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY**

**Kenner, LA.** – A community meeting to discuss the creation of a Kenner Sports Academy at Butch Duhe Playground will be held Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at the playground, 1930 10<sup>th</sup> St.

The statistics clearly show the playground is severely under-utilized, Kenner Recreation Director Ken Marroccoli said. There were about 43 kids who registered for various sports in the past year, down from a high of 363 registrations in 2003.

Instead of bringing in a private company to operate a Sports Academy, Marroccoli and Chief Administrative Officer Mike Quigley said they want to see how the academy works under the authority of the city of Kenner. The goal is to offer top-level coaching in several sports, and games and tournaments throughout the region for young athletes hoping to maximize their abilities.

Youth now playing in one of the seven programs offered for boys and girls at Butch Duhe can continue traditional playground athletics at playground within the city limits.

“No one is left out or ignored under this play,” Quigley said. “Parents who previously left the city for sports academies can bring their children to Butch Duhe, and kids in the neighborhood who enjoy league play can continue at the playground of their choice.”

Acting mayor Michael Sigur said officials expect that the proposed change will trigger many questions.

“I urge everyone to show up for the meeting and bring up any and all concerns,” Sigur said. “This proposal has been well thought out and allows Kenner to retain complete control of the playground.”

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