FRENCH QUARTER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014

365 CANAL STREET, 20th FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

In Attendance: CE Adler, Darryl Berger, Brian Furness, Lary Hesdorffer, Al Groos, Kim Rosenberg, Sal Sunseri, Robert Watters and Ted Young

Absent: Lori Herbert, Tony Marino, Jim Oliver and Steve Pettus

Attendees: Bob Simms, Katie Hunter-Lowery, Meg Lousteau, Carol Allen, Patricia Meadowcraft, Fran Wiggins, Bev Fulk, Ann Kessler, Greg Roussy, Carol Gniady, CoCo Garrett, Susan Guillot, Carolyn Fodin, Gail Cavett and Sue Klein

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Sal Sunseri moved to approve the Minutes previously circulated for the June and the July FQMD Meetings. Al Groos seconded the Motion.**

Yeas: CE Adler, Darryl Berger, Brian Furness, Lary Hesdorffer, Al Groos, Kim Rosenberg, Sal Sunseri, Robert Watters and Ted Young

Nays: None

1. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT BYLAWS FOR THE FQMD

1. Discussion on the Advisability of Term Limits for Officers

A discussion ensued on whether or not the FQMD Bylaws should describe/detail the process that is to be followed when the Board annually elects its FQMD Officers. FQC and VCPORA representatives attending the meeting indicated their strong preference for a written, detailed process. Then a lengthy discussion ensued on what that process should be and whether there should be term limits and/or a required rotation off/hiatus from serving as an officer or in a particular office.

It was suggested by an attendee that the DDD’s process should be followed (Vice Chair rotates up to Chair and Chair rotates off). Other attendees suggested a nominating committee should select prospective nominees for Board membership and/or officer positions.

The difference between the selection of a board and officers of a nonprofit corporation and that of a political subdivision of the state, like FQMD, was explained: FQMD does not have any authority or play a role in the selection of its Board members or in determining how long a board member may serve on the Board. FQMD cannot vet prospective board members like the nonprofit corporations do (for example, on their willingness to serve as an officer). State law designates which entities have appointing authority to appoint a person to a seat on the board, and each appointing authority may make its own rules on its selection process.

The discussion on term limits and rotating off/taking a hiatus from service as an officer evolved to whether it was feasible for the FQMD Board to fill office positions if it required term limits or a hiatus from serving as an officer or in a particular office.

Al Groos indicated his willingness to serve as an officer is dependent on the FQMD having an executive director. That service without an executive director is too time demanding.

Lary Hesdorffer said the Board should not tie its hands.

Various options were discussed: hiatus from the particular office for 1 year; cap of 8 years as an officer, 2 years for each office; and 2 years in an office but no hiatus.

The Chair said he would email all Board members and ask if they were willing to serve as an officer and if their answer would be different if the FQMD had an executive director.

1. Discussion of the Nature of Committees and Task Forces, Discussion of Qualifications of Membership of Same

The Chair explained why the task forces and committees are citizen advisory groups (CAGs): the Board controls all executive authority, inadequate minutes of meetings, quorums, etc. The CAGs seek and gather community input and then present proposals to the Board for the Board to decide/take action.

Gail Cavett objected to classification as a CAG instead of a committee or task force because she believes it diminishes their authority and effectiveness. She said committees initiate projects and keep them progressing. They recruit volunteers.

Carol Allen indicated that all the FQMD’s committees/task forces/CAGs should be re-evaluated, which should function, which should cease to exist.

Darryl Berger suggested having committees, task forces and CAGs, FQMD could decide which ones should fall under which category.

There was also a discussion regarding whether there should be geographical limits on membership. Nexus and significant connection were discussed as options.

Sue Klein indicated that the limits/requirements should be narrowly drafted.

Ted Young said the Board shouldn’t make rules that would bind the Board’s hands.

The Chair said that when he makes appointments, he tries to maintain a balance between business and residential representatives.

Al Groos indicated the majority of members should have nexus to the French Quarter.

Meg Lousteau said the Chair should have discretion.

Darryl Berger said executive authority rests in the FQMD Board and it should review all of its committees, open meetings laws, etc., and make its decisions.

1. PRIVATELY FUNDED POLICE DETAILS, FURTHER DISCUSSION

The Chair distributed the draft CEA between the FQMD and the City of New Orleans through the Director of OPSE, the Superintendent of NOPD and the Commander of the 8th District, on the Bourbon Street Entertainment Area Supplemental Police Patrols to the Board. There was nominal discussion.

**Sal Sunseri moved to authorize the FQMD Chair and Vice-Chair and Security Task Force Chair to finalize and submit the CEA on the Bourbon Street Entertainment Area Supplemental Police Patrol to the City Attorney unless there are major changes that need to come back to the Board. Ted Young seconded the motion.**

Yeas: CE Adler, Darryl Berger, Brian Furness, Lary Hesdorffer, Al Groos, Kim Rosenberg, Sal Sunseri, Robert Watters and Ted Young

Nays: None

**Lary moved to authorize the Chair, Secretary and/or Treasurer to open a separate bank account for the Bourbon Street Entertainment Area Supplemental Police Patrol. Brian Furness seconded the motion.**

Yeas: CE Adler, Darryl Berger, Brian Furness, Lary Hesdorffer, Al Groos, Kim Rosenberg, Sal Sunseri, Robert Watters and Ted Young

Nays: None

**Sal Sunseri moved to increase the Board’s general liability insurance to $5,000,000.00 when the Board takes on the risk of the Bourbon Street Entertainment Area Supplemental Police Patrol. Ted Young seconded the motion.**

Yeas: CE Adler, Darryl Berger, Brian Furness, Lary Hesdorffer, Al Groos, Kim Rosenberg, Sal Sunseri, Robert Watters and Ted Young

Nays: None

**Darryl Berger moved to purchase items that do not exceed a total of $1,000.00 for the Bourbon Street Entertainment Area Supplemental Police Patrol. Ted Young seconded the motion.**

Yeas: CE Adler, Darryl Berger, Brian Furness, Lary Hesdorffer, Kim Rosenberg, Sal Sunseri, Robert Watters and Ted Young

Nays: None

**Darry Berger moved to authorize the Treasurer and Vice Chair to disburse payments to OPSE when invoiced for the timesheets that FQMD previously approved; authorize the Vice Chair and Security Task Force Chair to finalize the Patrol Plan; and authorize the Vice Chair/CEA Monitor to delegate specific matters to the Security Task Force Chair. Sal Sunseri seconded the motion.**

Yeas: CE Adler, Darryl Berger, Brian Furness, Lary Hesdorffer, Kim Rosenberg, Sal Sunseri, Robert Watters and Ted Young

Nays: None

1. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REGARDING FRENCH QUARTER PARKING BY SUE KLIEN

Deferred.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes prepared by Kimberly Rosenberg