



Monday, November 14, 2018; 2:00 to 4:00pm  
Monteleone Hotel, Royal B  
214 Royal Street, New Orleans

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Commissioners Present:

Jeremy DeBlieux	Susan Klein	Jim Oliver
Heidi Raines	Nicholas Musso	Robert Watters
David Speights	Christian Pendleton	Kim Rosenberg
Albin Guillot	Matthew Emory (arv.2:09)	Steve Caputo (dep. 3:45)

**Absent:** David Bilbe

**Executive Director:** Emily Remington

### Committee Co-Chairs:

Bob Simms, Security & Enforcement Committee

### Guests:

Brian Furness, FQMD, Gov. Affairs	Daniel Hammer, FQMA
Ernest Legier, LA ATC	Beverly Faulk, FQMD, SEC & Lighting
Deatrice Hedeson, LA ATC	Susan Guillot, FQC
Ethan Ellestad, MACNO	Elizabeth Ogden, FQMA
Lily Elkins, FQMA	Alyse Mouledoux, FQMA
Annie Irvin, FQMA	Myan Keza Mitchell, FQMA,
Christian Merrifield, FQMA	Emile Gagnet Leumas, FQMA
Greg Lambrusy, FQMA	Michael Tilbury, FQMD, FQTF

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL** - Mr. Musso called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present..
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** It was announced all guests must sign in, and anyone wishing to comment on actionable items must indicate the item(s) on which s/he wishes to comment.
- III. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2018 MINUTES** – Mr. Oliver motioned (**M1**) to “approve the November minutes...” seconded by Mr. Caputo and unanimously approved.
- IV. **CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**
  - a. French Quarter Museum Association - Mr. Musso introduced Mr. Hammer who made a

presentation for the FQMA joint-venture proposal. He noted all the museums were represented at this meeting to validate their support of this project to go forward. Mr. Oliver said we were happy to be associated with such a positive organization. His concern was financial, given that there is a need to bracket the amount of funds and work hours required for the French Quarter Management District. All museums will be contributing to the administration for the initial spending and they would take 3% of the funds to offset French Quarter Management District expenses. That said, the museums are dedicated to donating work hours to accomplish any required administrative tasks. He noted that at the March 11 Board meeting there will be an Executive Session to discuss the proposal. Mr. Oliver questioned the in-kind donations designation and Mr. Hammer noted this would be French Quarter Museum Association member staff time. Mr. Oliver also questioned French Quarter Management District's exposure to increased audit costs. Mr. DeBlieux asked what the specific administrative costs would be. Mr. Hammer noted it would be \$50/month. Mr. DeBlieux also questioned the FQMD fund raising notation in the proposal. It was clarified that the French Quarter Museum Association views the French Quarter Management District as an asset to increase the cultural preservation of the Vieux Carre' and this would be reciprocal. Mr. Hammer clarified that the French Quarter Management District would not be responsible to fund raise for the French Quarter Museum Association. Mr. Speights asked Mr. Hammer knew the work hours required for the French Quarter Management District according to the terms of the proposal. Mr. Hammer felt it would be minimal. Mr. Speights also questioned if this liaison would increase liability to the French Quarter Management District. Ms. Rosenberg stated this venture would be in keeping with our mission statement and legislative dictate. It would also be inline with City of New Orleans expanded marketing to a family-friendly visitor experience. Mr. Hammer said the FQMA would have their Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation completed by June of 2019. Non-profit status is not necessary, because all monies would be directed to the French Quarter Management District for distribution. Ms. Raines questioned specific management tasks and Mr. Hammer noted that any French Quarter Management District tasks required should be presented to him for clarification. Mr. Musso noted this is intended to be a renewable proposal. Ms. Rosenberg questioned about open meeting law and its application to the French Quarter Museum Association. Mr. Musso thanked all the French Quarter Museum Association members everyone for attending.

## V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

### a. Proposed 2019 Strategic Plan

1. Ms. Remington thanked Ms. Raines, Mr. Emory and Mr. Sims for their assistance.
2. Mission Statement was read (on website)
3. 2018 Accomplishments – FQMD
  - Served on the planning committee for the Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI) Summit which provided networking opportunities with other city representatives
  - Developed relationships within City Hall including contacts with the Mayor's office and especially with Councilmember Kristin Palmer. Issues include public safety, lighting, sanitation, short-term rentals and the Governor Nicholls Wharf Project.
  - Coordinated French Quarter Task Force efforts to improve public safety and network with Commander Gernon of the 8<sup>th</sup> District and the Louisiana State Police
  - Traveled to Charleston, SC (8/2018) to learn their best practices in sustainable tourism and livability issues, resulting in the FQMD Livability Committee

- Coordinated efforts with other French Quarter entities (French Quarter Citizen (FQC), Vieux Carre Property Owners and Residents (VCPORA) and French Quarter Business Association (FQBA) regarding the City of New Orleans project Bourbon Street Phase I and II, bike lanes and corrals and the successful defeat of small electric scooters.
  - Monthly stakeholder engagement meetings and coordination of more Commissioner attendance at City meetings.
  - Successful State Audit.
4. Expanded exposure of the Commission at lateral associations
5. 2018 Accomplishments - FQTF
- Purchased two new cars to augment the fleet (50% increase)
  - Shifts fill at a 93% rate
  - Regularly credited by Commander Gernon for 8th District reductions in crime
  - Participated in NOPD enforcement actions
  - Responsible for 270 arrests
  - Responded to 29,096 calls for service, 77% of which were self-initiated
  - Issued 553 Traffic Citations, 101 of which were oversize vehicles
6. FQMD Objectives – Add City Council even month reports
- Increase organizational visibility,
    - Publish a 10-year report in the first quarter
    - Produce an annual report in the fourth quarter (to publish in early 2020)
    - Produce monthly updates/financial recaps for stakeholders
    - Develop awareness campaign of the Empire contract with the City regarding services in the French Quarter
    - Create annual “Founders Award” which was given to Mr. Darryl Berger
    - Produce one major fundraising event
    - Add visual graphics to e-newsletter, potentially to include a “dos and don’ts” section
  - Increase financial accountability
    - Use financial software to track revenue and expenses
    - Hire a professional third-party bookkeeper
  - Strengthen relationships with City Hall
  - Determine process for renewing the FQMD’s charter (current sunset is June 30, 2021)
7. FQTF Objectives
- Program evaluation by a third party
    - Comply with all data requests
    - Put recommendations forward to the Board for adoption
  - Recruit and hire full-time French Quarter Task Force operations personnel
  - Work closely with funders to maintain transparency about outcomes, challenges, and successes
  - Expand services as appropriate
  - Develop public service announcements

## 8. Committee Mission Statements

### aa. Finance

- Shall provide guidance, direction and oversight for the development and execution of the organization's financial and operational strategic plan, budgets, and activity reporting.
- Shall recommend annual fundraising goals for FQMD to the Board for approval.
- Shall support the Board of Commissioners and Board Chair with organizational strategy recommendations
- Shall present financial and operational feasibility studies to the Board of Commissioners for final approval

bb. Government Affairs - Shall liaison with local and state appointed and elected officials on matters important to fulfilling FQMD's mission and goals, providing (1) assistance and advice on Government affairs to the Board of Commissioners and other FQMD committees, which committees shall remain responsible for the identification and fulfillment of projects and initiatives; and (2) working closely with other committees to ensure governmental efforts are not duplicated.

cc. Livability – Shall address and improve the quality of life for the residents and businesses in the French Quarter. This Committee shall address issues such as sanitation, repair and maintenance, sound levels, residency, and any other issues that may arise affecting our quality of life.

dd. Security & Enforcement – Shall Advise the Board of Commissioners on security strategies that will improve public safety in the French Quarter

## 9. Committee Goals

### aa. Finance

- Finance Development Goals
  - Support all FQMD Committees in the areas of financial review, program feasibility, and financial sustainability
  - Review and propose restructuring of 2019 Budget
  - Implement financial software that allows for reporting and analytics
  - Provide review of financial reports prepared by the Executive Director for presentation to the Board
  - Obtain bids for a third party controller
  - Configure accounting and reporting to be structured by program or initiative
  - Collaborate with the Board and Board Committees to identify ways to maintain funding or seek additional funding
- Finance Organizational Goals
  - Collaborate with the Board Chair, Board Commissioners, and FQMD Committees to establish a clear plan for the Executive Director's execution of organizational initiatives

- Develop a clear organizational structure that facilitates accountability and outcomes
- Develop criteria or policies for core functions of the organization’s staff and volunteers
- In partnership with the Board Chair, provide guidance to the Executive Director for the development and execution of the organization’s work plan; strategic plan; and budgets to ensure organizational goals are accomplished, documented, presented, and archived
- In partnership with the Board Chair, provide guidance on monthly and annual reporting & communication by reviewing the reports compiled and drafted by the Executive Director
- Monitor organizational activities, progress, and outcomes

bb. Government Affairs

- Research the process to renew FQMD’s charter with the State of Louisiana
- Establish a method of communication between the Government Affairs (GA) Committee with the Board and other committees to request areas of cooperation by the GA Committee
- Attain an accurate accounting of all funding earmarked for the French Quarter

cc. Livability

- Replace Big Belly trashcans with lockable cans
- Survey streetlights and sidewalks and provide information to the Department of Public Works
- Accountability for the sanitation contract
- Oversee removal of “leftover” clutter
- Improvement of gateways to the French Quarter

dd. Security & Enforcement

- Enhance Quality of Life enforcement
- Increase the number of private and public security cameras in the FQ
- Investigate methods and technology to reduce number of guns on the street.
- Eliminate single officer FQTF shifts & increase supervision
- Update the work scope for FQTF operations & administration

10. Executive Director Objectives

- Undertake another successful audit
- Improve communication with Commissioners
  - Provide activity reports as requested
  - Provide monthly financial reports
- Work closely with all Committees to close loops between
- Committee work, the FQMD Board, and the community

11. Budget Summary

- FQMD Operational Revenue

New Orleans & Company	\$75,000.00
New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation	\$75,000.00
French Quarter Task Force	<u>\$36,000.00</u>

\$186,000.00

• FQMD Operational Expenses	Adopted 2018	Actual 2018
Personnel salary, taxes, benefits, and expenses	\$ 108,589.16	\$ 103,451.15
Office expenses	\$ 3,790.00	\$ 2,163.46
Copying machine expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$2,368.04
Insurance	\$ 18,268.27	\$ 16,607.52
Advertising	\$ 200.00	\$ 261.60
Audit	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,750.00
Legal expenses	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ 147,047.43	\$ 136,601.77
• FQTF Operational Expenses	Adopted 2018	Actual 2018
OPSE	\$900,000.00	\$781,010.11
Administration: overnight (84 hours/week)	\$99,000.00	\$91,889.30
Administration: supervisor (28 hours/week)	\$72,800.00	\$0.00
Car washing	\$12,000.00	\$1,820.00
Vehicle maintenance	\$18,000.00	\$24,164.27
Fuel	\$18,000.00	\$12,575.38
Verizon	\$3,600.00	\$3,360.84
Program equipment	\$2,400.00	\$1,114.15
Equipment reserve (major repairs and replacements of vehicles and equipment)	\$12,000.00	\$22,565.75
Administrative fee (3%)	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
SDT administrative fee	<u>\$24,000.00</u>	<u>\$24,378.12</u>
	\$1,197,800.00	\$997,057.92
• 2019 Adopted Budget		
Operational Expenses		
Personnel salary, taxes, benefits, and expenses		\$109,275.88
Office expenses		\$2,760.00
Copying machine expenses		\$1,200.00
Insurance		\$18,268.27
Advertising		\$200.00
Audit		\$12,000.00
Legal expenses		<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total Operational Expenses		\$148,704.15
French Quarter Task Force Expenses		
Personnel		\$1,043,640.00

Operations	<u>\$142,200.00</u>
Total French Quarter Task Force Expenses	<u>\$1,185,840.00</u>
Total FQMD Expenses	----- \$1,334,544.15

12. Budget Summary – Budget adopted at the November 2018 Commission Meeting.

Expenses for [www.nola.com](http://www.nola.com) went up & Le Petit owns FQMD money for shared copier use. The FQTF vehicles are expensive to maintenance and two more were purchased. The balance for the FQTF is approximately \$200,000 after year-end expenses. Mr. Watters questioned if there was any surplus 2018 money and if so, what can it be used for. Mr. Musso and Mr. Oliver stated that any surplus funds shall be utilized for a full-time FQTF manager/administrator, with any additional reserves going to a traffic enforcement officer. Mr. Simms stated both positions are allowable in the CEA with the City. The FQMD memorandum of understanding (MOU) with New Orleans & Co. will hopefully be renewed. Mr. Oliver noted that New Orleans & Co.’s would consider future funding, if the current program showed positive results. This is why documentation and marketing of FQMD’s accomplishments is so important. Additionally, Mr. Watters noted the current dispute between the City and New Orleans & Co. might jeopardize their support of FQMD, if any FQMD funds are directed to a City project. This like the proposed “Sobering Center”. Funding for the FQTF is generated from the hotel self-assessment. The remainder of the assessment is supposed to be directed back through the City for French Quarter infrastructure improvements. However, neither FQMD nor New Orleans & Co. has been able to receive an accounting of this City flow-through. Councilmember Palmer offered to assist with this accountability. A minimum of \$50,000 was generated for the City general fund from over-sized vehicle fines. First-time offenders are fined at \$500, which increases to \$1,000 for subsequent violations. There were 101 vehicles cited in 2018.

Mr. Speights noted how the FQTF has contributed to the over-all reduction in crime and this must be stressed in our public relations efforts. Ms. Remington noted that Commander Gernon recognizes this, and is a valid point.

Ms. Raines stated that the spirit of the Finance Committee is to provide a place for fundable, feasible projects to be vetted before Board presentation. She also discussed resources needed for presentation pieces. Mr. Musso shared what HNOC did in house for the FQMA and how professional the results.

13. 2019 Objectives – Stakeholders will include Commissioners, community organizers, funders and volunteers. Ms. Remington would like to see a new accounting system and the addition of a bookkeeper. She also seeks to increase the strengthening of governmental relationships, including a two-way liaison with the mayor’s office. Additional staff would be a full-time administrator/manager for the FQTF.

Mr. Musso noted the FQMD FQTF should not be expanded, unless the expansion

generates a revenue stream beyond its operational cost. Regarding increased public relations, Ms. Klein offered that Ms. Remington should request to present a brief FQMD report every two or three months at the City Council Meeting. Responding to Mr. Caputo's comments on questions the Council may pose; Ms. Remington is not permitted to speak for Board and should direct inquires back to the Board.

Mr. Musso stated that an annual report is needed.

Mr. DeBlieux questioned the format of the FQMD and Executive Director "Accomplishments" list on the document presented. Discussion established that meetings perhaps should be the Executive Director accomplishments. The FQMD accomplishments Additionally, besides the FQTF, FQMD accomplishments shall include the successes in sanitation (Empire accountability), defeating St. Louis Street contraflow, preserving on-street parking by limiting bike racks within the Vieux Carre, rodent baiting for Phase II Bourbon Street Project, street light standard and bulb repair and replacement, and removal of unused taxi stands. There may be others to include and Ms. Rosenberg suggested that there be a separate sheet for FQMD and the Executive Director.

Mr. DeBlieux, as past FQMD Treasurer also questioned the necessity of a third-party bookkeeper and suggested there should be more discussion on this proposed addition to the budget, since it is a fiscal item. He also requested that the FQTF statistics be shared with the Hotel and Lodging Association, as well as our funders through New Orleans & Company. The figures on the proposal are current as documented, excepting New Orleans & Company revenue flow. Ms. Remington stated that the fundraising amounts will be fluid and asked for Board input. In addition, she acknowledged part of her employment responsibilities includes revenue development and she will do so whenever directed. Mr. Musso requested a database be established and maintained to capture the action items and statistics from the monthly meetings and all correspondence. This shall be backed up on a single CD. This historical record would be a good resource for the organization and aid in documentation of State requirements; it would also be a valuable resource for annual reports. Ms. Raines suggested the implementation of a "drop box" that is accessible in real-time. Mr. Guillot asked if FQMD supplies hard figures on the crime statistics to our benefactors. It was pointed out that due to policing certification restrictions, the only statistics that can be provided are the FQTF statistics and Ms. Remington will add the Hotel and Lodging Association to the list of recipients of this data. Ms. Remington pointed out that Commander Gernon's update communications include this information. Mr. Simms noted the FQTF sends a daily electronic transmission of FQTF activities to NOPD. In addition, FQMD has a Supplemental Police Patrol program (SPP) that uses the FQTF app that is copyrighted and registered to Mr. Sidney Torres.

- VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (*distributed electronically*) Mr. Oliver discussed the financials as distributed with all accounts being reconciled. Mr. Musso asked and Mr. Oliver responding to Mr. Musso's inquiry, stated that FQMD does have the funds available to fund a SPP (FQTF) supervisor for a least a year. However, hiring a contract person versus a staff person will determine the



sustainability of this SPP position. Mr. Musso added that the initiation of this position would rely upon its continued sustainability. Mr. DeBlieux motioned to **(M 2)** “approve an amended October financials that were originally off by ten cents and the November and December financials as presented...” seconded by Mr. Speights and unanimously approved.

## VII. REPORT BY CHAIR - FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a. Ms. Raines noted the committee met twice. A form and process was developed for use to vet the sustainability of any proposed project before it is funded by Board vote. This is for internal funding (within the approved budget) & external (if FQMD seeks funding beyond the approved budget) for FQMD projects. For each committee agenda & notes there should be the mission statement at the bottom, as we do for FQMD. The FQMA proposal is an example for external funding. Ms. Rosenberg suggested that each committee’s mission statement should be at the bottom of these forms to keep the committee’s program of work focused. Mr. Musso noted our sunset limit and should be a consideration for any projects as to whether the proposal is for a short or long-term commitment. Ms. Haines asked for any other recommendations and noted this is a fluid document.

## VIII. REPORT BY CHAIR – GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

a. The committee met. Mr. DeBlieux noted its mission and that other FQMD committees should submit requests to the Government Affairs Committee that would involve governmental bodies. Projects would not be initiated by this committee, but would respond to Board requests for action. The committee will draft a method of communication to be utilized by the Board and other the committees. Mr. DeBlieux also reiterated the committee goals as noted in the previously submitted report. That being the extension of the FQMD June 2021 sunset and the accountability of all French Quarter funding. Mr. Oliver noted that the funding data might be available from New Orleans & Company; at least how much money has been given to the City. However, the CEA requires that the City report on a regular basis documenting how the New Orleans & Company allocation has been spent. This report has only been given once, so New Orleans & Company is holding funds that are earmarked for French Quarter infrastructure improvements. Regarding the FQMD charter, there is a legislative advertising deadline of February 13, 2019 for this legislative year. Ms. Rosenberg noted that since this is a local bill, this must be advertised twice. Mr. Pendleton motioned that **(M3)** ‘the Government Affairs Committee be authorized to legislatively pursue extension of the FQMD charter with the State of Louisiana past the current sunset of June 2021 and to have funding available for up to \$5,000.00 in advertising costs as required by law, and with the final approval of costs and actions by Chairman Musso” seconded by Mr. Guillot and unanimously approved.

Mr. Guillot asked about a legislative change to increase gun violation fines and judicial designations. It was noted that this is a fiscal legislative year, so that would be not eligible for 2019. However, Mr. Guillot motioned that **(M5)** “the Government Affairs Committee begin research to increase the fines and penalties on gun violations in the French Quarter to enhance the quality of life for the residents, the workers and the tourists” seconded by Mr. Oliver and unanimously approved.

## IX. REPORT BY CHAIR – LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

a. Mr. Pendleton noted the committee has met twice. The meetings dealt with QOL, residency (including short-term rental issues), sanitation, sound etc. The initial issues deal with sanitation.

- Replacing the big-belly cans with lockable public cans. Mr. Pendleton met with Matt Tory of the City Sanitation Department and Ramsey Green, City CAO. The City is not a fan of these big-belly cans, but they were a big investment. They are investigating converting the existing cans from a handle to a foot pedal. The City is not a fan of Empire either. The City is seeking greater enforceability for the existing sanitation contract. The problem is, there is no one to enforce sanitation violations except NOPD. There is one sanitation ranger that can issue citations; however, that one person covers the French Quarter, the Warehouse District and the entire Westbank. The City must have 311 documentation of Empire problems and very few people are using this. The sanitation summary should be distributed every month in the FQMD newsletter to promote this 311 reporting. Overseeing of construction and movie set debris is another problem. The Sanitation Department cannot remove private property, but it is considered abandoned after 48 hours of a reported incident and then the City can remove it. Ms. Rosenberg noted the State ABO Board could revoke a license for a sanitation violation, if garbage cans are kept on the sidewalk as a public right of way. Ms. Klein requested the Livability Committee to see what can be done with businesses that keep their carts on the sidewalk 24/7 when they meet with City officials. Mr. Pendleton said they would. Mr. Watters noted they can be cited by NOPD. The Department of Sanitation is strongly partnering with the State ABO and licenses will not be renewed if they are in violation of City sanitation laws. Mr. Pendleton also reported that everyone with the City has been very respectful and responsive to the FQMD Livability goals as being reasonable and realistic.
- The City asked FQMD to consider being responsible for bollard positioning and locking. The State Police and Homeland Security have been asked, but they are not doing it. Occasionally, street musicians will do it so they can set up. Mr. Musso noted that the bollards are not a good system and there is a liability associated with that task. The use of FQTF officers will be considered at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Later this week Mr. Pendleton and Ms. Remington will meet with the new head of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to discuss streetlights and sidewalks. The resurfacing of Conti between Bourbon and Chartres will now be done by the City and not private funds. The DDD shall be asked for the power wash and sanitation schedule of 100 blocks of the French Quarter.

b. Livability Officer - to be analyzed by the Finance & Security to dedicate four FQTF officer hours per day for quality of life enforcement. Mr. Pendleton will fill out any necessary forms for Finance Committee vetting along with the Security Committee.

c. The Board packet contained a letter to DPW for action. Mr. Pendleton motioned that **(M6)** “Ms. Faulk has been authorized on behalf of the FQMD to send a letter to DPW, copied to Councilmember Palmer, followed by the other council members requesting repair of the numerous French Quarter potholes...”, seconded by Mr. Emory and unanimously approve. This letter shall be on FQMD letterhead and sent via email.

#### X. REPORT BY CHAIRMEN, SECURITY and ENFORCEMENT

a. The committee met twice. Mr. Emory is pursuing the funding of a study to identify waste, inefficiency and overlap; also, if FQMD has the statutory authority to do anything about it. Mr. Emory stated that the combined security forces cost \$18,000,000.00 for this area. He is trying to determine how to best spend these funds. However, FQMD controls only a minimal amount

of this expenditure. After much discussion, Mr. Musso stated that FQMD does not have the desire or the ability to hire or participate in the hiring of a private security force to do the work of law enforcement in the Vieux Carre. There also was much discussion regarding whether the committee actually had consensus on the proposal for a study. Mr. DeBlieux noted that FQMD had no desire to be part of such a study. For example, many businesses private hires police and this is not part of the public mix. Mr. Emory said that the Royal Street Guild was interested in a study and it was suggested that perhaps they should fund it. Mr. Musso stated that we are not seeking an academic study, as presented by Mr. Emory. Mr. Tilbury noted that this situation was evaluated even before there was a FQTF and the largest hotelier in the city just conducted a study and came to the same conclusion. He feels no new study is needed, especially, funded by FQMD with its limited resources. He further stated the committee had been looking at evaluating the police force to determine what NOPD needed to adequately secure the French Quarter. Mr. Musso noted the French Quarter has multiple governmental security forces and the FQMD should not play with “what-if’s that entail private security. Mr. Simms noted the purpose of the CEA is to supplement the NOPD until the force is built back up. Commander Gernon has stated he did not know when that would be, given the consent agreement and the increasing visitor numbers. The Security and Enforcement Committee voted for Mr. Emory and Mr. Guillot to develop a statement of work. Mr. Guillot did so and it was rejected by Mr. Emory. Mr. Musso said he wanted to stop this discussion and open it up to the Board. He also stated he did not want there to be a segregation between business and residential interests and he did not want to see extracurricular meetings that address things outside of the committee; fundamentally, that violates the open meetings law. Mr. Musso further stated that there should be no singular strategy conversations outside of committee. In addition, there are very straight guidelines for proposal requests and one person cannot act outside of committee and Board communication. We have is one community and should work to keep it that way. The Board needs to be very careful to communicate to everyone, or no one. The only single communication allowed is to the Chairman. Mr. Musso tasked the Co-Chairmen to go back to the table and craft a proposal for the next Board meeting, even if two proposals are formulated. There are explicit State requirements on proposals and any action requires Commission approval. Mr. Oliver pointed out that legally, FQMD cannot commit funds to anything outside of the FQMD footprint. Mr. DeBlieux supportive of a study that it covers NOPD, State & other governmentally funded entities and will be open and give total cooperation for data gathering. We do not want observations or tally of data we already have. Ms. Guillot noted that the study as currently proposed would be of no use to the residential component of our community. Mr. Pendleton said he agrees that if a study is done, it should exclude private details. Mr. Musso said the more specific the study, the lower the cost could be and we would have more useable outcomes. The bottom line is to determine how to best use security funding for the best coverage. Mr. Emory noted he has identified a vendor that is under the State threshold that has a turnaround of forty-five days. He would like to start negotiations to identify deliverables and a project scope with the help of Commissioner Rosenberg and to be able to bring that back to the Board for a vote. Mr. Musso questioned only one vendor is being negotiated with; Mr. Emory stated that two vendors were initially contacted and he would like to pursue negotiations with Interfor, Inc. It was reiterated that Mr. Emory motioned that “Mr. Emory be authorized on behalf of the FQMD begin the negotiating the terms of a security assessment for French Quarter according to the scope of work as approved by the Security and Enforcement Committee and meets the requirements of the FQMD...” seconded by Mr. Watters.

In discussion, Mr. Simms commented that negotiations should come after the scope of work is identified in committee and approved by the Board. Mr. DeBlieux agreed along with most of the other

Commissioners. Ms. Rosenberg motioned to amend the original motion to (N) “send the concept back to the Security and Enforcement Committee to determine the scope of work, as well as the Government Committee and the Finance Committee to determine the financial feasibility...” seconded by Mr. Speights. Mr. Emory felt the base scope of work was identified and it could be determined in negotiations. However, most others felt it should go back to committee first. Ms. Faulk noted that at the last SEC meeting, it was stated that Mr. Emory and Mr. Guillot would get together to come up with one document. There was an email exchange, but there was not meeting prior to this Commission meeting. Mr. Musso summarized that according to the open meetings law, a proposal or body of work can be developed, but then it must be redistributed for a properly notified committee vote and then presented to the Commission before it can be approved. It cannot be reconsidered in an email format. Mr. DeBlieux amended Ms. Rosenberg’s first motion amendment and Ms. Rosenberg withdrew her amended motion. Mr. Emory believes the residential members of the Security and Enforcement Committee are fearful this study will undermine their residential coverage. Mr. DeBlieux’s amended motion stated that (M7) “a proposal for a French Quarter Security Study be brought back to the Board for consideration after there is consensus and according to open meeting law by the Security and Enforcement Committee and review by the Finance Committee...” seconded by Mr. Guillot, voted against by Mr. Emory and Mr. Watters with Mr. Caputo abstaining, and the remaining Board members approving.

Mr. Musso questioned why only one vendor is being negotiated with; Mr. Emory stated that two vendors were initially contacted and he would like to pursue negotiations with Interfor, Inc. The original motion was restated by Mr. Emory motioning that (M8) “Mr. Emory be authorized on behalf of the FQMD to begin the negotiating the terms of a security assessment for French Quarter according to the scope of work as approved by the Security and Enforcement Committee and meets the requirements of the FQMD...” seconded by Mr. Watters, Mr. Caputo abstaining, Mr. Musso and Mr. Guillot voting nay and Mr. Watters, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Speights, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Raines, Mr. DeBlieux and Ms. Klein voting yea, the motion passed.

It was reiterated that the amended motion is now part of the original motion for compliance purposes and any action must follow the open meeting law.

XI. NEW BUSINESS –

- FQBA graffiti cleanup funding – **deferred.**

XII. NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2019

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Emory motioned (M8) “...that the meeting be adjourned...” seconded by Mr. Watters and approved by acclamation at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Klein (signed original available)

Susan Klein, Secretary