



Thursday, November 29, 2018

3-4pm

400 North Peters, Suite 206

New Orleans

Government Affairs Committee Meeting Notes

Members present: Jeremy DeBlieux, Brian Furness, Brittany McGovern, Kimberly Rosenberg

Members absent: Christian Pendleton

Guests: David Bilbe, Emily Remington

Jeremy DeBlieux called the meeting to order at 3:08pm. The first order of business was to create a mission statement. Furness suggested that the Committee take its marching orders from other committees, the Board, or the Executive Director. Furness expressed uncertainty about the Committee generating its own work. Rosenberg suggested that the Committee assist with writing legislation as requested.

Members discussed the FQMD's sunset. Rosenberg offered to research when the legislature would need to renew. Bilbe asked where the Mayor stands on the organization's future. Rosenberg suggested we use CM Palmer to leverage our achievements to the Mayor's office. Members discussed FQMD funding sources and whether the Mayor could affect such.

Members discussed the mission statement and developed the following:

The Committee 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.

DeBlieux recommended a Committee goal to research the process to renew FQMD's charter with the state of Louisiana. Members discussed the sunset and legislators to speak with in order to begin the process. Rosenberg provided a history of elected officials who had been involved with FQMD's inception.

DeBlieux suggested a second goal was to develop a communication framework for other committees and the FQMD Board for their needs from this Committee. Members discussed how to coordinate efforts with other committees, as this Committee sees itself as a service committee, not a major initiator of projects. Members determined this goal: "to establish a method of communication between the GA

Committee with the Board and other committees to request areas of cooperation by the GA Committee.”

Members expressed a third goal would be “to attain an accurate accounting of all funding earmarked for the French Quarter.” Members discussed various funding streams that this could involve.

Members discussed the importance of having a point of contact within the Mayor’s office. Rosenberg suggested that CM Palmer help to create the relationship.

Rosenberg asked about what the recommended new sunset may be. Discussion ensued.

DeBlieux asked Remington to inform CM Palmer of the Committee’s existence.

Members discussed a recurring monthly meeting date and time. The fourth Thursday of the month at 3pm was selected.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.