



Wednesday, May 8, 2019

3-4pm

Brennan's Restaurant

417 Royal Street

### **Livability Committee Meeting Notes**

Members present: Beverly Fulk, Albin Guillot, Brittany McGovern, Christian Pendleton, Adrienne Thomas

Members absent: Gail Cavett, Kimberly Rosenberg

Guests: Ethan Ellestad, Emily Remington

The meeting was called to order at 3:18pm.

Guillot moved that the January and March meeting notes be approved. Fulk seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Members reviewed a memo from Councilmember Palmer that proposed and detailed French Quarter Improvement Fund expenditures. Members questioned whether French Quarter Fest was aware of the proposed reconditioning of turf in Jackson Square; it was hypothesized that French Quarter Fest already paid for reconditioning of turf, and perhaps this was a duplicative expenditure.

Thomas asked about the civil rights/legal implications of removing people from sidewalks and taking them to the sobering center.

Members discussed line items in the sanitation proposal and the need for enforcement, the fact that the Empire contract is up in 2020, and street repairs and street light repairs.

Members questioned which eight hours will the van for the sobering center be staffed with French Quarter Improvement Funds.

McGovern reported that the FQBA voted to endorse the proposal. McGovern's concern was that the French Quarter would be paying for a city-wide sobering center.

Pendleton asked for any concerns or inputs from the Committee. None were raised.

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Members discussed the proposed Quality of Life Officer expectations and the five proposed targeted areas. Ellestad asked for consistency from all law enforcement officers on the laws, since there are currently nine different enforcement agencies enforcing at different levels.

Fulk reported that street lights are in a positive state at present and referenced her survey. Unfortunately, the perimeter streets are not as good as they have been previously. Many column lights are not operational at the entryway to Armstrong Park. Fulk shared correspondence Daniel McElmurray, Chief Landscape Architect with the Department of Park & Parkways, who indicated that the current scope of work for repairs is only inclusive of the column lights on either side of the arch at St. Ann, due to available funding. As soon as possible, the Dumaine gate column lights will be replaced.

Fulk reported and showed photos of unfinished sidewalk work around SWBNO work and announced her intention to find out what the procedure is regarding it.

Guillot discussed the speed of the trucks going down his residential road and how much it shakes his home. He suggested weight limits and additional stop signs. Pendleton said that Matt Torri had sent him a list of sanitation contracts in the French Quarter; Pendleton asked each of the operators to be mindful of the weight of their trucks and the speed at which they drive. Most were responsive. Pendleton said the easiest fix was to add stop signs. Guillot suggested smaller vehicles; Pendleton suggested that smaller vehicles would not be able to handle the volume of debris the French Quarter produces.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.

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