



Wednesday, July 2, 2019  
3-4pm  
Brennan's Restaurant  
417 Royal Street

### **Livability Committee Meeting Notes**

Members present: Gail Cavett, Beverly Fulk, Brittany McGovern, Christian Pendleton

Members absent: Albin Guillot, Kimberly Rosenberg, Adrienne Thomas

Guests: Emily Remington, Robert Simms

Meeting was called to order at 3:09pm.

Fulk offered revisions to the May meeting notes. McGovern moved to adopt the amended notes. Fulk seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pendleton read the Committee mission statement.

Pendleton updated the members on the Committee's goals for 2019. Members discussed whether the French Quarter Fest's permitted use of Jackson Square; McGovern agreed to follow up with FQ Fest.

Pendleton questioned whether anyone from the Committee had learned what the sobering center hours; Remington reported that Andrew Sullivan had promised to follow up on this issue but had not. Simms said that the van has not yet been purchased. Simms stated that they were looking to hire an administrator to account for outcomes. Simms described the process for how people will be removed from the streets and taken to the sobering center. Cavett asked when the sobering center would open; Simms opined the first of January. Odyssey House will operate the sobering center.

Attendees continued to discuss Councilmember Palmer's proposed legislation detailing French Quarter Improvement Funds. Cavett asked Remington to follow up on where the funds were. Attendees discussed current sanitation/flushing efforts.

Cavett asked if we could get a schedule of deliverables based on the proposal.

Pendleton updated attendees on the Conti Street resurfacing. Attendees discussed the benefits of concrete. Simms asked what the plan was for repairing all of the streets in the FQ. Pendleton said that DPW promised to have all streets redone by Super Bowl 2024. Cavett requested a meeting with the head of DPW. Pendleton will invite him to the next Livability Committee meeting.

Attendees discussed whether the Supplemental Police Patrol Program or LSP should be tasked with putting the bollards out at night and what is the optimal time for the bollards to close. Pendleton stated

his support of SPPP officers becoming responsible for the opening and closing of bollards on Bourbon and barricades on Royal Street. Pendleton said that he would speak to the Security and Enforcement Committee, then to Commander Baldassaro, then to the Board to consider revising the SPPP Patrol Plan.

Cavett asked what the goals for the Committee are; Remington read them.

Attendees discussed the security assessment.

Fulk reported that she spent three hours at SWBNO trying to speak with a supervisor about their efforts in the French Quarter. Fulk stated that the SWBNO keeps detailed records and described their process for repairing sidewalks. Attendees concluded that property owners need to contact SWBNO to inform them of safety hazards. Simms suggested a survey of all the sidewalks and submitting such to Councilmember Palmer and the head of DPW in an in-person meeting with both.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12pm.