



Security & Enforcement Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, 20 April 2020
2:10 to 3:10pm

Via Teleconference:

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First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
Ann	Kesler		X
Beverly	Fulk		X
Bob	Simms	x	
Brittany	McGovern	x	
Bryan	Drude		X
Frances	Hegenberger	x	
Gail	Cavett	x	
Glade	Bilby		X
Matthew	Emory	x	
Robert	Watters		x
Steve	Caputo	x	
Vincent	Marcello		x

Guests	
Karley	Frankic
Sue	Klein
Juliet	Laughlin
Leslie	Alley
Ross	Bourgeois
Eric	Smith

- I. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL: INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES
The meeting was called to order at 2:13 pm by Mr. Emory and roll was taken.
- II. Public Comment: Anyone who wishes to comment on actionable items must sign announce their name for the recording and indicate the item(s) on which s/he wishes to comment.
- III. Chairman's Comments
Mr. Emory thanked everyone for being available during this troubling time.
- IV. Approval of February 17th meeting notes (action item)
The notes were not approved because a quorum was not present on the teleconference meeting.
- V. Deliverables with respect to the FQTF (Bob Simms)
 - a. Licensing Agreement for Task Force App
Mr. Simms did not have the licensing agreement available to present. He indicated that plan was to continue operations under the current structure under the reduced deployment. Ms. Frankic agreed, but asked that Licensing Agreement be sent to the FQMD to review for future use. It needs to be reviewed by the Finance & Development Committee for the terms and the Security & Enforcement Committee for services. Ms.

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Klein reported that at the last Board meeting Mr. Simms had committed to providing the agreement. Mr. Simms said that he would talk with SDT Productions about providing the legal language of the agreement as soon as possible.

b. Research on new vehicle purchase

Mr. Simms and Ms. Frankic discussed the state of the maintenance budget of the current FQMD-SPPP vehicles with the reduced deployment due to the COVID-19 shutdown. Mr. Simms then presented (attached) the condition of the current fleet of vehicles and his research on vehicles that he indicated were optimal for patrolling the French Quarter. After reviewing the required capabilities for patrolling in the French Quarter, he recommended that the replacement vehicles be a Polaris, or similar type ATV, that is adapted to be enclosed for all-weather use. This would cost ~\$14,000-\$18,000 each. He indicated that best practice would be to start with the purchase of one vehicle this year and plan on two next year. Mr. Caputo agreed with Mr. Simms recommendation based on the expected return of tourists to the French Quarter.

Ms. Klein asked about the donation of the two Smart Cars to the City. Ms. Frankic reported that the city attorney that had been handling donations passed away and she was working with the City to identify the best contact for moving forward.

VI. Potential Security Consolidation and Action Required to Achieve

Mr. Emory discussed the need to review the consolidation of security forces in the French Quarter along with a Financial Impact Analysis as funding for security has been impacted by COVID-19 reduction in tourism revenues. There was a discussion of how to incorporate the DDD French Market Corporation security into the FQMD-SPPP and there would be have to be significant legislative changes required. Ms. Frankic recommended that FQMD SEC work cooperatively with our partners at this time. Mr. Emory stated that efficiencies need to be identified with the help of Mr. Caputo to find a means for consolidating forces. Mr. Caputo said that he did not feel that this was likely but was happy to explore the options. He said that he had not heard any of the owners in the 100 blocks had expressed a desire to take over the DDD but would support propping up the FQMD-SPPP. Mr. Simms said that they had discussed if the DDD would not share monies with FQMD, then we could negotiate that they focus on their footprint within the District and the SPPP reduce patrols in that area. Mr. Emory suggested that FQMD SEC needs to take an aggressive position in this new economic reality and would work with the City and Ms. Frankic to move this effort forward, referencing the sunset of the French Quarter Economic Development District (FQ EDD). Ms. Frankic reported that she had spoken with Ross Bourgeois at the City's Homeland Security and Leslie Alley at the French Market Corporation to realign their grounds patrol to find efficiencies within the legislative obligations within their enabling legislation. They plan to have these grounds patrol officers the capabilities to write summons and citations. The City is working to increase law enforcement within the constraints of the federal consent decree which has been credited for the slow growth of the NOPD cadets. Ms. Frankic said that there is a great need to explore alternative funding for the FQMD-SPPP both locally and at the State level. Mr. Emory tasked all committee members with going back to the subgroups to assess their support for renewing the FQ EDD, considering their appreciation of the service and concerns about the transparency of the security program provided by the LA State Police. Ms. McGovern asked for clarity on the dates for the ballot process. Mr. Emory indicated that he would have to inquire of the Government Affairs Committee. Mr. Simms said that he recalled that it was in May last time the FQ EDD was voted upon. Mr. Smith reported that he did not have additional information from the City, except that the measure would have to move forward over the summer to get back on the ballot. Ms. Cavett reported that the FQ EDD has to be voted on by the residents of the French Quarter. She would reach out to the Executive

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Director of French Quarter Citizens with the renewal requirement information. Mr. Emory said that he would follow up with Ms. Cavett and work with the Government Affairs Committee to assure that the measure gets renewed with making revisions required within the next 60 days. Ms. Cavett said she would report back at the next SEC meeting. Mr. Emory reported that he was working on an economic impact analysis with FQMD staff as an effort to garner support for the French Quarter as it reopens and gets the services it needs.

VII. Next steps to address firearms in the French Quarter

Mr. Emory indicated that he was going to work with the Chair of the Government Affairs Committee about working with Cm. Palmer about improving illegal firearm laws around Alcohol Beverage Outlets. Wants to assure that this is nationally recognized so as the offenders know that the French Quarter is off limits for illegal firearms.

Mr. Simms stated that Project Exile is a federal program that says if you are a felon caught in possession of a firearm you go to federal prison not to state prison.

VIII. New Business

No new business was discussed.

IX. May meeting date

The next meeting of the Security & Enforcement Committee will be May 18th.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm