



Notes Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6 May 2020

2:10 to 3:10pm

Via Teleconference:

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LIVABILITY COMMITTEE			
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
Christian	Pendleton		x
Gail	Cavett		x
Beverly	Fulk		x
Brittany	McGovern	x	
Kim	Rosenberg	x	
Adrienne	Thomas		x
Dave	Jorgensen	x	
Lee	Tucker		x

GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director

Committee Chair, Christian Pendleton, was unable to attend and designated committee member Kim Rosenberg to lead the meeting.

- I. Call to Order at 2:15
- II. Adoption of March 2020 meeting notes
Lack of quorum therefore notes were not approved
- III. Update on French Quarter Improvement Fund
Ms. Frankic reported that the City has informed FQMD via email that they do not plan to support funding for the French Quarter Management District Supplemental Police Patrol Program, aka the French Quarter Task Force (SPPP), via the French Quarter Improvement Fund (FQIF). She recapped an email to that effect and a memo from the City on the proposed replacement of the FQMD-SPPP by New Orleans Homeland Security Grounds Patrol (see attachment). The City is working with LA State Police Troop N (LSP) to continue funding with monies from the FQIF. The FQMD-SPPP is operating on a reduced deployment of one officer 24/7 and a second officer at night. This will deplete the SPPP account by February 7 of next year. FQMD has not received a revised FQIF budget from the City.
- IV. Sanitation Laws and Services Flyer

The French Quarter Management District is a state entity created by the Louisiana Legislature as a means for the residential and business communities to work together to protect, preserve, and maintain the world famous French Quarter as a safe, clean, vibrant and friendly neighborhood for residents, businesses, and visitors.



The committee discussed the Sanitation Laws & Services flyer and provided feedback on revisions to provide clarity and detail to the bullet points. The committee discussed the rollout of the flyer as part of a larger public campaign called Keep the Quarter Clean as a social media and temporary banner program to capitalize on the Quarter being the cleanest it has been due to cleaning up during the COVID shutdown. Ms. McGovern suggested waiting until the City is at least into Phase 1 of reopening and made suggestions as for social media rollout.

V. Discussion of bi-annual surveys

a. Sidewalk assessment

The City's budget is facing shortfalls and infrastructure may be impacted and the revising FQIF budget has not been received yet. The survey will allow FQMD to have a baseline inventory of sidewalk damage. Utility cuts need to be addressed by the City to hold those companies responsible and therefore dollars can be focused on other repairs. Having the assessment complete will allow FQMD to have an estimated budget for possibly starting a sidewalk grant program in the future. Ms. Frankic reported that Dave Jorgensen was assisting Gail Cavett is helping with the sidewalk assessment. Trying to create a reporting platform in SurveyMonkey, but they are using a spreadsheet. Mr. Jorgensen reported that they started the survey about a month ago and were making good progress. He is adding a column with cost estimates. He noted that pressure washing by the City was an opportunity to have a crew follow behind to make repairs to the mortar in the slate sidewalks. He is also trying to include the notation of when the damage is a utility cut. He noted that when utility cuts were made, when they are repaired, they are not properly mortared around and deterioration is exacerbated. He will have a sample ready in about a week. Ms. Frankic said it would be helpful to mark up a map with which streets have been surveyed so then we can extrapolate what a total cost for repairs in the Quarter would cost. Mr. Jorgensen said he could have those graphics included. Ms. Rosenberg inquired about concrete sidewalks need to be ground down to be made even. Mr. Jorgensen noted that there is little concrete sidewalk and the factors that affect unevenness as less prevalent than the brick and slate unevenness. Ms. McGovern noted that the sidewalks on St. Ann Street would need to be redone along with the street reconstruction. Ms. Rosenberg recommended that when the City sanitation contract is renewed in December that the sidewalk repair be included with the pressure washing line item. She asked Mr. Jorgensen if he needed help to complete the leg work. He responded that it would be helpful to complete the long streets by the end of May. Each half street takes a day of a person's time ~ 10 days to complete. The short streets is the other half of the work that needs to be done. Ms. Rosenberg asked that he send a detailed list of the data points he needs to complete the spreadsheet. Mr. Jorgensen noted that Ms. Cavett is leading the effort for on the ground surveying.

b. Streetlight conditions



Beverly Fulk has led the streetlight and was not on the teleconference to report. Ms. Frankic reported that the lamp posts that were in the 2019 FQIF budget have been ordered and are being manufactured at this time so should be installed soon.

VI. New business

Mr. Frankic reported that the DDD is promoting a concept of allowing expanded restaurant capacity during the Phase 1 Opening utilizing additional sidewalk and possibly parking lane or street seating. Ms. McGovern noted that the smaller restaurants cannot open at 25% capacity and operate sustainably. Need to consider the effect on the residents with hours of operations and ADA compliance. Perhaps the City could give up some parking spots to allow additional seating. It would give comfort to customers to be in the open air instead of in the confined space inside. Ms. Rosenberg said that she would walk around and see what she thinks about recommendations to send to the City. Mr. Jorgensen noted that expanding the pedestrian mall hours would allow restaurants to expand seating. Ms. Frankic noted that with the demolition of the Hard Rock Hotel Royal Street will be able to be closed again for pedestrian mall. Ms. McGovern observed that there will be challenges to make this fair to all businesses not just those on Royal and Bourbon Streets.

The next meeting date is June 3rd

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21