

# French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Notes Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2 September 2020  
2:10 to 3:10pm

Via Teleconference:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm. The agenda was read into the record.

### ROLL CALL:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Notes Approval
Adrienne	Thomas		x	
Brittany	McGovern	x		Yes
Christian	Pendleton	x		Yes
Dave	Jorgensen	x		Yes
Kim	Rosenberg	x		Yes
Lee	Tucker	x		Yes

### INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Erin	Holmes	VCPORA
Eric	Smith	City CAO Analyst
Frances	Hegenberger	Resident
Bob	Simms	Resident
Juliet	Laughlin	Commissioner
Sue	Klein	Commissioner
Chris	Young	Business
Jessica	Dietz	Resident
Mamie	Gasperezc	Commissioner

- II. Public Comment: Anyone who wishes to comment on actionable items must announce their name for the record and indicate the item(s) on which s/he wishes to comment.

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### III. Adoption of previous meeting notes (action item)

Ms. Rosenberg moved to adopt the previous meeting notes as amended, Ms. Mulla McGovern seconded the motion, and it was approved.

### IV. Update on French Quarter Improvement Fund projects

- a. Streetlight installation by Eric Smith  
See attachment

- b. Sidewalk repairs by Karley D. Frankic

Sarah McLaughlin Porteous from the City informed us on Monday that there will be a need to completely reconstruct some sidewalks to address underlying issues, as well as to bring the entire French Quarter's sidewalks into ADA compliance. That figure will exceed the \$2million on bond funding they have identified for sidewalk repairs.

The City has created the work orders for the repairs of Gov Nicholls Street from N. Rampart to French Market Place and Barracks Street from N. Rampart Street to N. Peters Street. The cost came back higher than they had anticipated, and they have asked the contractor, Hard Rock Construction, to go back and reevaluate for repairs only. Once this budget is finalized work orders for additional repair work will be issued for other areas of concentrated need for sidewalk repair.

### V. Discussion of the Mayor's Concepts for "Reimagining the French Quarter"

- a. Update on stakeholder engagement by Erin Holmes

The Mayor's Tiger Team charged with "Reimagining the French Quarter" is moving forward in their outreach to various stakeholders. They will be developing discussions with hospitality workers, hoteliers, carriage drivers, neighborhood groups, and culture bearers in the coming weeks.

No new plans or concepts have been presented at this time. Since our last update, the City Council is moving forward with a recommendation to reduce the speed limit on interior French Quarter streets to 15 miles per hour. That discussion will be taken up at the Joint Transportation-Public Works, Sanitation, & Environment Committee meeting on September 9.

Additionally, a pilot demonstration of the French Market concept is coming later this month. For two to four weeks, the block of French Market Place between Gov. Nicholls and Ursulines will be closed from Thursday to Sunday with the assistance of the Department of Public Works. This is intended to test and solicit feedback for a potential parklet program by setting up street furniture and a family-friendly and interactive public art demonstration. The City will be gathering your input during this testing period to determine any future implementation. We will share more details with you as this develops.

- b. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners (action item)

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The committee will work on a recommendation for the board of commissioners to be approved at the next committee meeting that is specific to each concept and clearly addresses expansion of pedestrian malls.

VI. Update on Sidewalk Assessment by Dave Jorgensen and Kim Rosenberg

Mr. Jorgensen and Ms. Rosenberg provided an update on their progress on survey of the existing sidewalk conditions.

VII. Update on 4G and 5G small cell tower installations by Brittany Mulla McGovern

Since October 2019, the FQBA has been working with other French Quarter groups to minimize the impacts of 5G tower installation in the French Quarter. 5G, or Fifth Generation, cellular service is the newest advancement in cellular technology. It requires new transmission towers that differ from the large-scale macro towers and the 74 existing fifteen-foot 4G towers that currently exist in the French Quarter.

The four major mobile carriers currently roll in additional cell towers into the French Quarter during heavy attendance events like French Quarter Fest, Mardi Gras, etc. to keep up with wireless demand. Notably, 5G waves do not penetrate walls, and will not service residents or businesses that operate indoors. This technology is for open air wireless usage only.

The carriers originally proposed installing new 35' - 40' 5G cell towers within the French Quarter Management District boundaries. The Mayor's Office of Utilities and Toro Blanco Group, LLC consulted with the FQBA to design a more appropriate 5G tower that resembles the current streetlights installed in the French Quarter today. We are pleased to show you the Toro Blanco Group, LLC 5G design that will replace the current streetlights.

On August 12, 2020, a decision was made in the City of Portland v. United States case that was heard in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on February 10, 2020. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has defeated dozens of cities in court (including Portland, Oregon; San Francisco; New York City; Los Angeles; Boston; Chicago; Washington, DC; Las Vegas; Philadelphia; Austin, Texas; and others), with judges ruling that the FCC can preempt local fees and regulations imposed on wireless carriers deploying 5G networks.

Rather than give the FCC a complete victory, the judges' panel overturned the commission's preemption of certain aesthetic requirements that cities and towns impose on cellular installations. The FCC ruled that "aesthetics requirements are not preempted if they are (1) reasonable, (2) no more burdensome than those applied to other types of infrastructure deployments, and (3) objective and published in advance." This action reassures that the efforts of the FQBA were appropriate and ahead of our city's peers.

VIII. New business

Ms. Frankic reported that Gail Cavett and Beverly Fulk have resigned from the committee since the last meeting. Ms. Fulk was the key volunteer for completing the annual streetlight assessment.

IX. Next meeting date

The next scheduled meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup>

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X. Adjournment

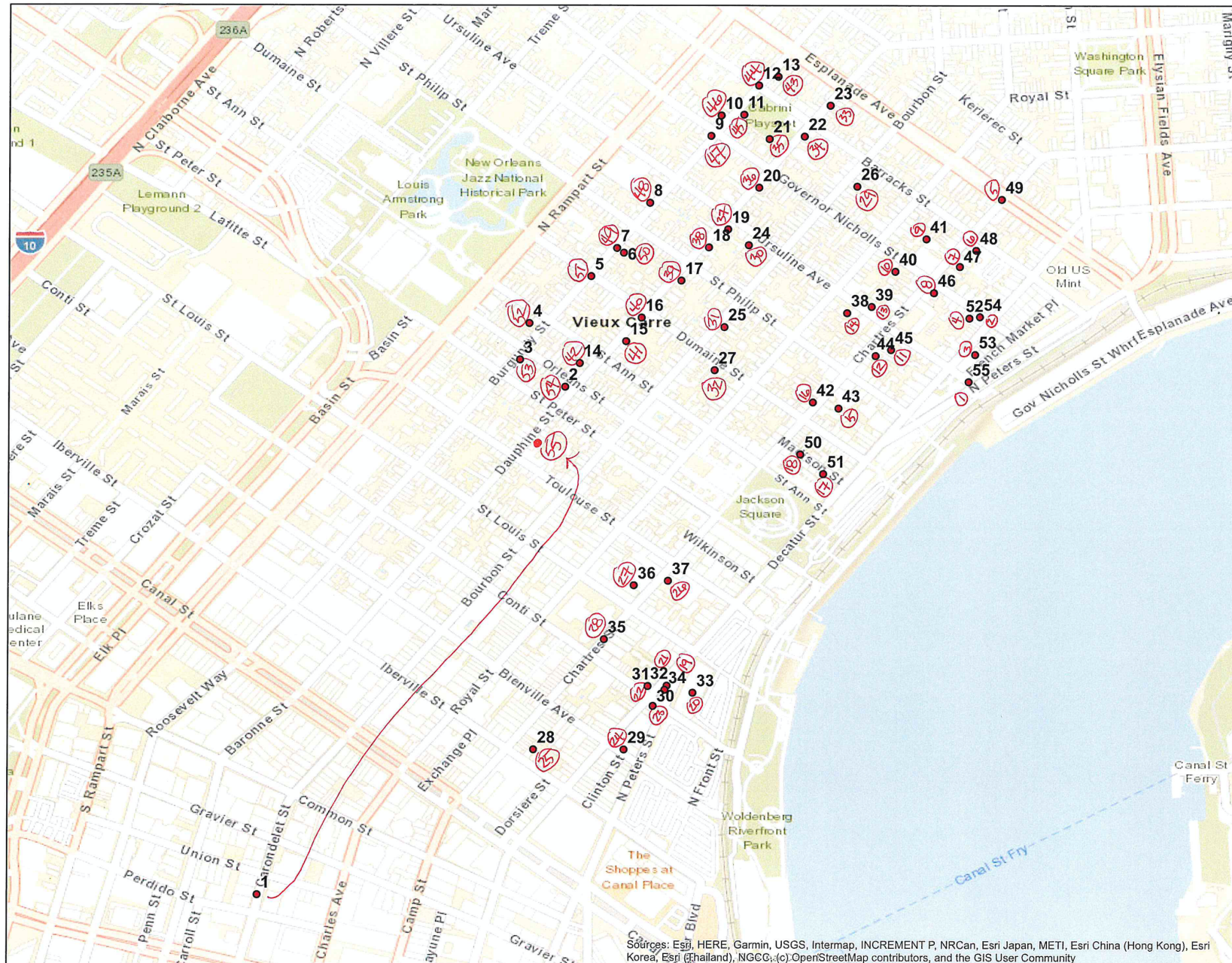
Ms. Rosenberg made the motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Ms. Mulla McGovern, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 pm.

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# **French Quarter Light Pole Installation Update**

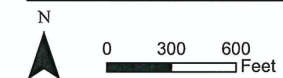
City of New Orleans  
September 2, 2020



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### Legend

- New Pole Locations (FQ)

**French Quarter -  
New Pole Locations**



Date: 3/3/2020

# Street Light Pole Overview

- 2018 VCC Survey of Lighting in the French Quarter
- Worked with DPW and created plan to add 55 new poles
- Passed in 2019 budget, proposed at \$725,000 from FQIF
- Notice to Proceed issued to All Star Electric on September 10, 2019 for estimated \$531,058 was for the poles only
- Additional labor/materials quoted at \$351,275
- Phase 1 and 2 installation began in June
- Approximately half have been installed (waves 1-3 out of 5 mostly complete)



(19) 1034 Dauphine



# Obstacles

*All-Star Electric has reported several obstacles in completing this project*

- Electric to new poles requires trenching through existing street/sidewalk
  - Sidewalks poured deeper than anticipated in some areas (10” or more)
  - Existing utilities in bore path routes that were undocumented
- Limited parking near install sites
  - Increases in pedestrian and vehicular traffic
  - On-going road construction projects
  - Requires crews to wheelbarrow materials/concrete to sites
- Pole height changes due to balcony, etc
- Small Cell overlap



# Status – as of 8/27/2020

## 1<sup>st</sup> Wave

Address	Cross 1	Cross 2	Fixture	Sidewalk	Conflict
529 Iberville	Chartres	Decatur	Done	Poured/Need Brick	None
411 Bienville	Decatur	N Peters			Alternate feed needed (approved by Entergy)
336 Decatur	Bienville	Conti	Relocate		Foundation to be relocated
401 Decatur	Conti	St. Louis	Relocated	Done	Installed at 233 Royal
408 Decatur	Conti	St. Louis	Done	Done	Multiple utilities present
400 N. Peters	Conti	St. Louis	Done	Done	Multiple utilities present
435 Chartres	Conti	St. Louis	Done	Poured/Need Slate	
509 Chartres	St. Louis	Toulouse	Done	Done	Multiple utilities present
534 Chartres	St. Louis	Toulouse	Done	Done	Exchanged for shorter pole



# Status – as of 8/27/2020

## 2nd Wave

Address	Cross 1	Cross 2	Fixture	Sidewalk	Conflict
1140 Chartres	Ursulines	Gov. Nicholls	Ready	Poured/Need Brick	Will exchange for shorter pole
1218 Chartres	Ursulines	Gov. Nicholls	Done	Done	Multiple utilities present
1238 Chartres	Gov. Nicholls	Barracks	Hold	Hold	Re-investigating other options
1398 Chartres	Barracks	Esplanade	Ready	Done	Multiple utilities present
536 Madison	Chartres	Decatur	Ready	Done	Will exchange for shorter pole
510 Madison	Chartres	Decatur	Done	Done	
502 Gov. Nicholls	Chartres	Decatur	Done	Done	
1116 Decatur	Ursulines	Gov. Nicholls	Done	Done	Will exchange for shorter pole
420 Gov. Nicholls	Decatur	French Market	Hold	Hold	Added to separate FM Place Project
	Ursulines	FMP	Done	Done	



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## 3rd Wave

Address	Cross 1	Cross 2	Fixture	Sidewalk	Conflict
636 Ursulines	Royal	Chartres	Done	Done	
617 Ursulines	Royal	Chartres	Ready	Done	
620 Gov. Nicholls	Royal	Chartres	Ready	Done	
619 Gov. Nicholls	Royal	Chartres	Done	Done	Exchanged for shorter pole
913 Chartres	Dumaine	St. Phillip	Hold	Hold	Void in sidewalk
920 Chartres	Dumaine	St. Phillip	Done	Done	Will exchange for shorter pole
1020 Chartres	St. Phillip	Ursulines	Relocate	Relocate	Hotel entrance conflict
1032 Chartres	St. Phillip	Ursulines	Ready	Done	Multi-layered concrete



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*4th Wave – Started 8/11/20*

Address	Cross 1	Cross 2	Fixture	Sidewalk	Conflict
624 Dauphine	Toulouse	St. Peter			
712 Dauphine	St. Peter	Orleans	Ready	Done	S&W Pipe (less than 4” deep)
712 Burgundy	St. Peter	Orleans	Ready	Done	
731 Burgundy	Orleans	St. Ann	Ready	Done	Found existing damaged foundation
836 Burgundy	St. Ann	Dumaine	Ready	Done	
918 Burgundy	Dumaine	St. Phillip			
946 Burgundy	Dumaine	St. Phillip			
1010 Burgundy	St. Phillip	Ursuline			



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## *4th Wave - Continued*

Address	Cross 1	Cross 2	Fixture	Sidewalk	Conflict
1132 Burgundy	Ursuline	Gov. Nicholls			
1209 Burgundy	Gov. Nicholls	Barracks			
1218 Burgundy	Gov. Nicholls	Barracks			
1299 Burgundy	Gov. Nicholls	Barracks			
1316 Burgundy	Barracks	Esplanade			
731 Dauphine	Orleans	St. Ann			
814 Dauphine	St. Ann	Dumaine			



# Status – as of 8/27/2020

## 5th Wave

Address	Cross 1	Cross 2	Fixture	Sidewalk	Conflict
832 Dauphine	St. Ann	Dumaine			
932 Dauphine	Dumaine	St. Phillip			
1012 Dauphine	St. Phillip	Ursulines			
1034 Dauphine	St. Phillip	Ursulines			
1128 Dauphine	Ursulines	Gov. Nicholls			
1215 Dauphine	Gov. Nicholls	Barracks			
1230 Dauphine	Gov. Nicholls	Barracks			
1314 Dauphine	Barracks	Esplanade			



# Status – as of 8/27/2020

## *5th Wave - Continued*

Address	Cross 1	Cross 2	Fixture	Sidewalk	Conflict
818 Ursulines	Dauphine	Bourbon			
920 Bourbon	Dumaine	St. Phillip			
1224 Bourbon	Gov. Nicholls	Barracks			
724 Dumaine	Bourbon	Royal			



# Potential Small Cell Overlap – As of 6/16/2020

North Rampart Street	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A

Burgundy Street	
Small Cell	New Light
205	712
450	731
602	836
1000	918
	946
	1010
	1132
	1209
	1218
	1299
	1316

Dauphine Street	
Small Cell	New Light
295	624
885	712
	731
	814
	832
	932
	1012
	1034
	1128
	1215
	1230
	1314

Bourbon Street	
Small Cell	New Light
155	920
408	1224
580	
712	
975	

Royal Street	
Small Cell	New Light
490	N/A
651	
850	
1311	

Chartres Street	
Small Cell	New Light
190	435
401	509
635	534
766	913
770	920
1207	1020
	1032
	1140
	1218
	1238
	1398

Decatur Street	
Small Cell	New Light
202	336
502	400 (Block)
690	400 (Block)
795	401
898	408
955	1116
1050	

North Peters Street	
Small Cell	New Light
210	N/A
350	
390	
1195	

Exchange Place	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A

Dorsiere Street	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A

Clinton Street	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A



# Potential Small Cell Overlap – As of 6/16/2020

Iberville Street	
Small Cell	New Light
135	529
395	

Bienville Street	
Small Cell	New Light
700	411

Conti Street	
Small Cell	New Light
598	N/A
804	

St. Louis Street	
Small Cell	New Light
115	N/A

Toulouse Street	
Small Cell	New Light
712	N/A

St. Peter Street	
Small Cell	New Light
490	N/A
890	

Orleans Street	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A

St. Ann Street	
Small Cell	New Light
1014	N/A

Dumaine Street	
Small Cell	New Light
990	724

St. Philip Street	
Small Cell	New Light
585	N/A
702	

Ursulines Streets	
Small Cell	New Light
705	400 (Block)
801	617
	636
	818

Governor Nicholls Street	
Small Cell	New Light
645	420
890	502
	619
	620

Barracks Street	
Small Cell	New Light
495	N/A

Esplanade Avenue	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A

Madison Street	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	510
	536

Wilkinson Street	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A

Pirate's Alley	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A

Pere Antoine	
Small Cell	New Light
N/A	N/A





**Questions?**