

Notes Security & Enforcement Committee Meeting

Thursday, 24 September 2020

2:10 to 3:10pm

Via Teleconference:

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm and the agenda was read into the record.

ROLL CALL:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approval of the meeting notes
Ann	Kesler	X		Yes
Bob	Simms	X		Yes
Brittany	Mulla McGovern	X		Yes
Bryan	Drude		X	
Frances	Hegenberger	X		Yes
Gail	Cavett	X		Yes
Glade	Bilby	X		Yes
Matthew	Emory		X	
Robert	Watters	X		Yes
Steve	Caputo		X	
Vincent	Marcello		X	

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

First	Last	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Bridget	Neal	Lt. Gov Consultant
Juliet	Laughlin	Commissioner
Erin	Holmes	VCPORA
Sam	Palumbo	NOPD 8 th District
Chris	Finch	Fox 8 Reporter
Chad	Pellerin	Resident
Aldeane	Valentino	NOPD 8 th District

- 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.
- III. **Approval of previous meeting notes (action item)**
Ms. Mulla McGovern moved to approve the previous meeting notes. Ms. Hegenberger seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- IV. **Committee Chair's Comments**
Ms. Cavett led the meeting in Mr. Emory's absence. She noted that there are crowds beginning to gather in the French Quarter as the City is starting to reopen in Phases following the full shutdown caused by the public health crisis of COVID-19.
- V. **Lt. Palumbo guest speaker**
New Orleans Police District 8th District's second in command, Lt. Sam Palumbo, reported that the NOPD 8th District can enforce all laws, however there is a directive to issue summons in all instances of misdemeanors when possible. addressed questions from the committee in relation to the current enforcement policies of the NOPD under the Mayor's directives related to the phases of

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reopening the City. In the past two weeks enforcement on Bourbon Street has been increased. The Bourbon Street Promenade is on patrol from 8:25 pm to 5:00 am, totally 15 patrol officers and 2 rank, with 66% working per day. Officers are utilizing vehicles more than in the past but do not remain in the vehicle. The officers have passed out hundreds of masks. Working with community liaison and quality of life officers during the day to address concerns. Lt. Palumbo reported that there are 110 complement in the 8th District with 78 officers on active patrol, not counting rank & detectives. The vagrant sweeps were pulled back during COVID because of health risk to officers. They are looking to ramp this back up. NOPD can move vagrants along at this time. It is not possible to enforce truancy during the day due to the nature of school being virtual currently. Curfew can be enforced. NOPD is engaged with permit-less sales. Officers are monitoring social media for locating invitations to drag racing. The telephone number to the desk sergeant at the 8th District is 658-6080.

VI. Report on Board of Commissioners Motions by Karley D. Frankic

French Quarter Economic Development District Sales Tax Referendum

Ms. Frankic reported that board made a motion to support the FQ EDD sales tax if the funds come to the FQMD to fund public safety and quality of life. The FQ EDD Governing Authority (City Council) approved three motions on August 20th 1. To approve the renewal ballot language, 2. To appoint Cm. Gisleson Palmer as the signatory, and 3. The intent of the FQ EDD to enter into a CEA with FQMD to administrate the FQ EDD Trust Fund for public safety programming. FQMD launched a public engagement campaign to gather feedback from stakeholders on the priorities for inclusion in the forth coming CEA. *Summary attached*

VII. Report on French Quarter Crime Stats by Robert Simms

Mr. Simms showed his briefing from the September Board Meeting but did not provide a copy to the Committee. Sgt. Rhodes was reassigned to another district and Lt. Blackman has been assigned to the FQMD-SPPP as the new Supervisor. September 14th was the end of the G4S service. Smart Cars are expensive to repair and he estimates they will only go to 90,000 miles of usable life. There were two recent hurricanes that caused staffing issues. For the month of August there were 92 app call, 31 dispatch calls and 1190 dispatch calls, 3 arrests, 4 apprehensions, 3 traffic citations, 127 subjects were moved, and 4,354 miles driven.

The August crime statistics provided by the Captain of the 8th District show compared to 2019 property crime is down 21%, person crimes are down 33%, and all crime is down 23%. Lt. Palumbo added that all major crimes in the French Quarter are getting solved and are not reoccurring. There has been an uptick in burglaries.

VIII. Discussion of Supplemental Police Patrol Program Deployment Plan & Budget

G4S ceased services this month based on the board decision to terminate the month to month engagement.

IX. New Business

Mr. Simms is concerned about perception of The Lens article related to the FQMD Board's position. Mr. Bilby noted that the important take away from the article is that the voters will make the decision in the voting booth and the voters want NOPD and not civilian people on patrol.

X. Next meeting date

The next regular meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, October 19th.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Simms moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bilby seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm