

# French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Notes

### Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday 7 October 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 and the agenda was read into the record.

ROLL CALL:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				ROLL CALL VOTES	
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approval of the Notes	Approval of the recommendation to the Board re: Mayor's Plan for "Reimagining the French Quarter"
Adrienne	Thomas	X		Yes	Yes
Brittany	McGovern	X		Yes	Yes
Christian	Pendleton	X		Yes	Yes
Dave	Jorgensen	X		Yes	Yes
Kim	Rosenberg		X		
Lee	Tucker		X		

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Eric	Smith	City CAO FQIF Analyst
Robert	Simms	Resident
Juliet	Laughlin	Commissioner
Mamie	Gasperecz	Commissioner
Sue	Klein	Commissioner
Erin	Holmes	VCPORA Executive Director
Chad	Pellerin	Resident

- 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. Adoption of previous meeting notes (action item)  
**Ms. Mulla McGovern moved to approve the previous meeting notes. Mr. Jorgensen seconded the motion and the previous meeting notes were approved.**
- IV. Update on French Quarter Improvement Fund projects

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- a. Streetlight installation by Eric Smith  
*See attachment*

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

Ms. Holmes provided an update on the cancellation of the External Tiger team calls in early September. There is a call scheduled for next week to revisit the Mayor's Internal Tiger Team progress in relation to Outdoor Dining pilot, French Market Place pedestrian mall pilot program, and future design charettes. Ms. Holmes recapped the results of the Hospitality Workers survey done in conjunction with the District C staff, attached.

- a. Sidewalk repairs by Karley D. Frankic  
There are two open work orders for sidewalk repairs:
  1. Barracks Street (N. Rampart to river)
  2. Gov. Nicholls (N. Rampart to river)

The City anticipates doing Ursulines, St. Philip and Dumaine next (N. Rampart to river for all). Depending on the funds left at this point, will do Burgundy, Dauphine, Bourbon, Royal, Chartres, and Decatur (Esplanade to Dumaine). This scope is prone to change depending on the amount of work needed on a block-by-block basis and if additional funds become available.

There are some things that are related to sidewalk repairs such as drainage point repairs that are only done when the drainage issue is determined to be impacting the sidewalk quality. The work on Barracks is around \$300K. Assuming similar levels of work on the other streets, the remaining budget will allow the City to address all the way to Dumaine then address some issues on upriver-downriver streets if funding is still available. If the City encounters more needs on other streets, this will impact cost of repairs and how far the existing budget will carry us.

It is a standard specification that historic street name tiles being retained, or reinstalled, when sidewalks are repaired in all of City contracts including Hard Rock's contract.

- b. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners (action item)  
**Ms. Mulla McGovern made the motion to approve the *attached* recommendation by the Livability Committee to the Board of Commissioners regarding the Mayor's plan for "Reimagining the French Quarter". Ms. Thomas seconded the motion, and it was approved.**
- c. French Quarter Loading Zone Permit  
One of the recommendations of the mayor's plan is to restrict delivery times within the District. It has been discussed over time the possibility of creating a delivery parking pass. In conversation with the Louisiana Restaurant Association president. This may be a possibility if the revenues from such a parking pass were used to pay for parking enforcement in loading zones to assure that delivery vehicles are not impeded by illegally parked vehicles from using those spaces.
- d. RTA Circulator Bus  
The \$1M Katrina Relief CDBG-DR appropriation from the spring special session of the state legislature could be used for replacement of the RTA Circulator Shuttle. Ms. Frankic has spoken with the planning department at RTA and they are working up a budget for operations. Once a budget is done, identifying a source for the startup operations would be the next step before going back to the Office of Community Development.

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- VI. Update on Sidewalk Assessment by Dave Jorgensen and Kim Rosenberg  
*See attachment*
- VII. Update on 4G and 5G small cell tower installations by Brittany Mulla McGovern  
A map of the first round of Verizon poles was presented, *see attached*. Ms. Mulla McGovern provided an update on small cell tower installation:
- Established a connection with the State Historic Preservation Office representative who is overseeing 5G pole installation in the French Quarter
  - A planned prototype viewing at a couple of French Quarter locations has been postponed due to Hurricane Delta, new dates/times forthcoming
  - A public records request was submitted to the Vieux Carré Commission for AT&T's package
- VIII. New business  
No new business was discussed.
- IX. Next meeting date  
The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 4th
- X. Adjournment  
Mr. Jorgensen moved the adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pendleton seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm