



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Monday, 13, July 2020

2:10 pm

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All Commissioners Present:

Sue Klein
Heidi Raines (Lv. 4:15)
Steve Caputo (Arv. 2:20)
Robert Watters (Lv. 5:10)

Juliet Laughlin
Jeremy DeBlieux
Christian Pendleton
Frank Zumbo
David Bilbe (Arv. 2:15)

Jane Cooper (Lv. 5:10)
Gail Cavett
Mamie Gasperecz
Matthew Emory (Lv. 5:10)

Commissioners Absent: None

Executive Director: Karley Frankic

Guests:

Andrew Sullivan, District C, Chief of Staff
Chris Young, FQ Business League
David Jorgensen, Livability Committee
Eric Smith, CNO, CAO, FQIF
Lt. Anthony Caprera, NOPD
Glade Bilby, FQC

David Speights, NRMSI
Ross Bourgeois, CNO, Homeland Security
Bob Simms, FQTF
Brittany McGovern, FQBA
Erin Holmes, VCPOA
Capt. Dean Behrens, LSP Troop N Commander

- I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL at 2:12 pm. Ms. Frankic read the agenda.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT: Anyone who wishes to comment on actionable items must announce their name for the recording and indicate the item(s) on which s/he wishes to comment. It was announced all signed in via the RingCentral teleconferencing application and anyone wishing to comment on actionable items must announce themselves prior to commenting. Everyone was asked to mute their phone when not speaking, and do not speak over anyone.
- III. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2020 MEETING MINUTES: Ms. Klein noted a date correction which changed March to May on the draft minutes for the IV. Treasure’s Report. There were no other corrections submitted. Mr. DeBlieux motioned (**M1**) to ”approve the June Board Meeting Minutes...”, seconded by Mr. Emory and unanimously approved.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. DeBlieux reviewed the reports distributed via email. The Balance Sheet as of June 20,2020 shows the SPPP account at \$ 373,811.83, the General Operating account at \$ 308,122.00, and the FQMA account at \$8,985.64 for a total of \$ 690,919.47. There is \$17,487.27 in Account Receivables, and Total Liabilities and Equity at \$705,671.47. All expenditures are acceptable with no odd or irregular entries and FQMD is saving money wherever we can. Ms. Frankic's salary is secure through some point in 2021. Ms. Klein motioned (M2) to "approve the June Treasurer's Reports...", seconded by Ms. Raines and unanimously approved. Annex I: Treasurer's Reports enclosed.

The audit is complete and reflects the transparency of FQMD finances and its adherence to State requirements.

V. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

- a. Board Parity - Commissioner Cavett and others are passionate about Board Parity, therefore some resolution must be sought. Parity must include voting, stewardship of funds, and proper representation. Ms. Klein, Ms. Gasperecz, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Bilbe and Mr. Caputo shall address this over the next 60 days. A report shall be made at the September Board Meeting.
- b. FQ EDD (Economic Development District) – Last week VCPORA (Vieux Carre' Property Owners and Renters Association) passed a motion to support the EDD if the generated revenues come to FQMD and the supplemental patrol is the current SPPP and not the City's ground patrol. The City wants the EDD revenue going to the City versus FQMD and to use their grounds patrol. Mr. Pendleton noted in the meeting with the City Ms. Frankic did a good job expressing our position and why FQMD is in the best position to manage this money. As of last Friday, the City could not support this. The City offered the establishment of a special committee comprised of the representing Boards. Commission Raines said she understands each sides position and common ground must be found. Ms. Frankic was commended on her legislative efforts for the EDD. Mr. DeBlieux noted at the original meeting the City gave he and Ms. Frankic five options which are noted in the Government Affairs Committee Report in the following Section VII. a. ii.

The Government Affairs Committee met and approved the EDD renewal with generated revenue going to FQMD and to consider the other aspects of the EDD as talks progress with the City.

The City's latest position is that they control the money which would go the dedicated "French Quarter Economic Development District Trust Fund" and could be used for safety and quality of life issues, depending on the final language on the ballot and the CEA. Mr. Emory felt the City would appoint a representative committee to oversee this trust fund. Further this committee would demand that funding be suspended if it is not allocated according to FQMD's wishes. However, Mr. DeBlieux pointed out this model makes it like the FQIF (French Quarter Improvement Fund) which FQMD has no control over. The EDD legislative language would have to be very specific regarding collection, allocation approval, distribution, and oversight. Also, criteria for any possible suspension of funds should be delineated.

Ms. Raines noted that looking at the 2015 EDD ballot, there were about 3,200 voters in the District; given poor turnout at minor elections, 320-480 voters could decide this issue. Therefore, it would behoove FQMD to include VCPORA and French Quarter Citizens (FQC) to ensure a good result. Ms. Cooper shared that there are now 2100 voters in the District. Ms. Laughlin noted that the FQMD includes a small section of Treme' and Faubourg Marigny. The

Basis for the call to the Mayor’s office was to investigate how a new EDD would be passed by the electors.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Ms. Frankic noted some of the projects she worked on shall be further discussed in the Committee Reports.

- a. 4G and 5G Cell Tower Deployment Update – She has continued working with representatives from VCPORA, French Quarter Business Association, VCC Foundation, and the Preservation Resource Center. They have been meeting with the Mayor’s Director of Utilities and the Vieux Carré Commission staff on providing constructive feedback to assure any rollout of new 4G and 5G cell towers are compliant with the Federal Section 106 process and are properly designed to have minimal impact on the tout ensemble of the French Quarter. The consortium worked diligently with Toro Blanco to design an alternative 5G pole that looks like a historic lamp French Quarter lamppost. The next steps are having public meetings hosted by the City, which she will inform FQBA members of, and the designs presented to the VCC and the City Council. 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 seventy-four existing fifteen-foot 4G towers that exist in the French Quarter. The four major mobile carriers currently roll in additional cell towers into the 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 is for open air wireless usage only. The carriers proposed installing 100 new 35’ - 40’ 5G cell towers within the French Quarter Management District boundaries. AT&T and Verizon submitted applications to the City and T-Mobile/Sprint have discussed plans for applying. In total, approximately 100 towers are proposed for the French Quarter. That would be one pole located at almost every intersection as 5G towers need to be located within 300 feet of each other and unobstructed line of sight to be effective. For full coverage in the French Quarter that could be 200 towers. 5G poles can incorporate 4G antennas, but they include two cabinets measuring 5 feet tall and 2 feet wide and deep. The next step would be to have a public meeting.

- b. City of New Orleans FQ Pedestrianization Update – Ms. Frankic has continued to participate in the City’s external working group of French Quarter advisors representing French Quarter Business Association (FQBA), FQC, VCPORA, French Quarter Festivals, Stay Local, the Vieux Carré Commission Foundation (VCCF), and FQMD which are meeting via teleconference weekly. The City created a survey that was pushed out to the mailing lists of the external working groups. As of this time there have been 1793 responses. The demographic breakdown of responses are:

I live in New Orleans, but visit the French Quarter.	635
I live in the French Quarter.	580
I own a business in the French Quarter.	181
I work in the French Quarter.	406
I own one or more properties in the French Quarter.	363
Other	272

The vast majority utilize their private vehicles to travel to the French Quarter and 40 % use street parking, with 33% using private lots being the runner up. The biggest concerns about the French Quarter, by far, are public safety and quality of life. 42% support more pedestrian malls, 49% do not, and 9% are neutral on the subject. Improved sanitation and sidewalks are by far the most sought-after improvements desired in the French Quarter. The survey will remain open through the weekend, and then the full results will be shared by the City. The unifying themes from

feedback on the newspaper article, the survey, and conversations with individuals, residents and business organizations on positive actions that can be taken to improve the pedestrian experience include the items listed below (*suggested action Items in italics*). This is a work in progress and Ms. Frankic sees FQMD's role as taking FQ residential and business input back to the working group for proposed implementation.

1. Improved sidewalk conditions
 - a. *Meet ADA regulations*
 - i. FQMD sidewalk assessment in process identifies hazards and major hazards that require repair to meet ADA requirements
 - b. Funding to repair
 - i. FQMD sidewalk assessment in process includes high level budget
 - ii. Assessment will require third party verification of budget numbers
 - iii. City has identified \$2,000,000.00 in bond funds for FQ sidewalk repairs
 - 1) *Prioritize hazards and major hazards repairs*
 - 2) *Enforce utility company permits and contracts performance clauses requiring permittees to repair the cuts at their expense*
2. Reducing Speed Limits
 - a. *15 mph on interior streets: Council ordinance required*
 - b. *25 mph on perimeter streets: Council ordinance required*
3. Improved pedestrian safety
 - a. *Improved signage, pavement markings, and crosswalk signalization*
 - b. *Installation of stop lights on N. Rampart*
 - c. *Traffic calming measures at 17th entry points*
 - d. *Installation of bollards/greening/bicycle racks at intersection 7s (triangles)*
4. *Complete Streets pilot program*
 - a. Protected bicycle lanes on perimeter streets
 - b. Improved connection to Lafitte Greenway
 - c. Incorporate bicycle racks where locking to fences/galleries/balconies is reported regularly
5. Residential/Business Parking priority
 - a. *Streamline residential parking pass application process*
 - b. *Identify safe & affordable parking options for FQ workers*
 - c. *Institute RTA circulator shuttle for perimeter lots*
 - d. Preserve access to parking lots, garages, and passenger zones
6. Delivery to businesses
 - a. *Review best practices of comparable cities to assure businesses can receive deliveries of necessary goods*
 - b. Consider implementation of delivery parking passes that would include an educational component related to vehicle sizes and hours of permitted deliveries
7. Institute programming to address nuisance issues with pedestrian malls
 - a. *Move forward with Health Department revision to the sound ordinance that is:*
 - i. Vetted by stakeholders
 - ii. Enforceable
 - iii. Administered with increasing penalties for repeat offenders
 - b. *Invest in LEAD and other wrap around services that assist those who find aggressive panhandling as the best option for their livelihood*
 - i. *Work with La Department of Health to identify services for mental health assistance*

- ii. *Prioritize security initiatives that include bias free policing*
 - c. *Security to have mixed modality for patrolling within bollard restricted areas*
 - i. *Mobilize bollards without exception by NOPD/NOHSEP*
 - ii. *Future bollards to utilize designs that are site appropriate and not manipulatable by unauthorized actors*
 - d. *Invest in sanitation & code enforcement*
 - i. *Sanitation rangers, Safety & Permits, DPW, VCC, Termite, Mosquito & Rodent inspectors dedicated to the French Quarter*
 - 1) *Garbage cart storage*
 - 2) *Sandwich signs*
 - 3) *Sidewalk furniture*
 - ii. *Revise Sanitation contract to include GPS tracking for street sweepers, pressure washers, and sidewalk deep cleaners*
- 8. *French Market Place Concept*
 - a. *Gather feedback from adjoining property & business owners to confirm viability*
- c. *New Orleans and Company Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Cancellation Letter Update*
 - 1. *Cancellation of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Orleans & Company – On Monday, June 29th, we received a letter from the President of New Orleans & Company (NO&Co) to the City of New Orleans canceling the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) that governs the French Quarter Improvement Fund (FQIF), payments to the FQMD Supplemental Police Patrol Program (FQMD-SPPP), and a \$500,000 payment towards the \$5,500,000.00 LA State Police (LSP) budget. In the last paragraph of the letter NO&Co cites Section 15 of the CEA which states that if the CEA is terminated, the CVB [NO&Co.] is entitled to obtain the return of assessment proceeds remaining in the French Quarter Improvement Account (FQIF) and they request that all funds held in the account be returned to them as soon as possible.*
 - 2. *Both FQMD and the City were aware that NO&Co planned to send this letter a couple of months ago. Knowing that NO&Co was not generating enough money from the voluntary hotel self-assessment to continue the monthly payments for the FQMD-SPPP and leaving FQMD with a \$1,000,000.00 gap in our budget, was the reason the FQMD Board elected to reduce the FQTF patrols at the March 26th special meeting. This decision stretches the fund balance to cover patrols through the end of the 2020.*
 - 3. *This CEA cancellation letter will have a direct impact on the FQIF proposed projects. In March NO&Co had requested that the City revisit the budget to prioritize paying for the existing security patrols (LSP and FQMD-SPPP). This budget which the City proposed instead created a new security patrol utilizing New Orleans Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (NOHSEP) grounds patrol security guards for blue light patrols to replace the FQMD-SPPP. With the claw back of the FQIF fund balance there will be no funds to pay for this new grounds patrol concept. As of this time the Mayor's staff has indicated that the City plans to put forth a ballot measure to have the French Quarter Economic Development District (EDD) sales tax renewed to pay for the NOHSEP Grounds Patrol and eliminate both the LSP and the FQMD-SPPP patrols.*
- d. *Discussion on Pedestrianization – Ms. Klein requested that the internal and external tiger team review successful international historic center models of traffic gates with access to residents, 1st responders, service vehicles, et cetera with possible tolls for non-permitted entry.*

Mr. Simms said there are seventeen FQ entry points that could be gated with technological permitted access and this has been sent to both teams. Also, exclusive pedestrianization of the

FQ after 5pm is very unpopular with people he has spoken to, since it will in effect expand the entertainment zones and negatively impact residential quality of life and visitor experience for our fine dining establishments. He sees this as the biggest threat to the FQ since the City wanted to run the expressway along the FQ Riverfront.

Ms. Laughlin asked where this idea came from and what is it supposed to solve. Ms. Frankic said she found about “FQ Pedestrianization” when invited to join the external team; it is an idea coming from the City and it is their job to socialize it. The City developed the survey distributed by the team. Ms. Laughlin stated that the current plan would totally change life in the French Quarter, and it would not for the better.

Ms. Holmes noted when the external team was initially approached, they were told this was an opportunity to increase walkability and expand options for businesses. Mayor Cantrell is looking at other national and international models that expand business footprint by limiting vehicles. She also stated there are many concerns regarding the approach to mitigate vehicular traffic and the current City plan being promoted to address this issue. The FQ is crumbling under the weight of all the vehicles given access now.

Mr. Pendleton shared that Councilperson Palmer has been discussing this casually for over a year and now Mayor Cantrell is engaged as well. Vehicular overuse, and the size and weight of some vehicles is a definite problem, and this must be addressed to prevent further damage to our infrastructure and buildings.

Ms. Klein stated she opposes closing any streets and pointed out that the current plan closes Iberville and Conti Streets. This means the only Upper Quarter commercial delivery route will be Toulouse Street, tripling traffic, vibration, noise and decreasing first responder time.

Mr. Caputo said hotel guests need access to those properties. So, there could not be a total ban on vehicles, but definitely limiting the number of vehicles. He noted to his knowledge, the City has not presented this project to the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association (GNOHLA). Mr. Bilbe verified GNOHLA was not invited to participate on the external tiger team. The hoteliers raised pedestrianization with the Mayor’s her team on their weekly call and she stated this was very preliminary and more discussion is yet to come.

Mr. Pendleton shared the main concern of the Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA) is American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and how this current proposal would limit access for their guests. Mr. Emory noted that during high visitor events there are caravans of limousines and shuttles transporting clients to restaurants and there must be sensitivity to those needs.

Ms. Cavett noted the quadrant being discussed has 18 parking facilities and over thirty restaurants that require drop-off. Also, it was suggested in the external team the recommendations of French Quarter residents, businesses and workers should be considered before a plan is proposed for these stakeholders. The external team was brought in on the back end and the community would be better served by engaging them at the beginning of a significant project like pedestrianization.

Ms. Cooper shared that the City said the sidewalk and street repairs would be completed before this plan was launched and the City should be held accountable to that. Also, businesses do not need construction or lack of access at their site as they are trying to recover revenues lost to COVID restrictions.

Ms. Laughlin referenced Ms. Gasperecz’s succinct comment of “not putting a permanent fix on a temporary problem”. Mr. Pendleton noted that he does not know when the City will have the money to repair the sidewalks and streets.

d. Meetings attended:

16 June City External Tiger Team teleconference re: pedestrianization French Quarter Business Association Quality of Life Committee FQMD Security & Enforcement Committee Vieux Carré Commission meeting re: 5G Cell Towers	26 June Call with Ross Bourgeois NOHSEP District C Neighborhood Leadership Call
18 June Call with Elizabeth Ogden of French Quarter Museum Assoc. Teleconference with FQBA & VCPORA re: pedestrianization	29 June Executive Team Meeting
19 June District C Neighborhood Leadership Call	30 June City External Tiger Team teleconference re: pedestrianization Keep the Quarter Clean meeting with Commissioners Cooper, Gasperecz, and Raines Call with New Orleans & Company
22 June Call with District C & SEC Chair re: illegal carry laws	1 July FQMD Livability Committee meeting
23 June City External Tiger Team teleconference re: pedestrianization Meeting with City re: EDD renewal ballot measure Teleconference with DPW re: FQ pedestrianization feedback ED working group	2 July Teleconference with FQBA, VCC Foundation, & VCPORA re: 5G
24 June Government Affairs Committee meeting	7 July City External Tiger Team teleconference re: pedestrianization City Webinar: Marigny & French Quarter Transportation Network
25 June City Age Webinar: Bringing Back Our Sports & Entertainment Districts	10 July District C Neighborhood Leadership Call Teleconference with City re: EDD renewal ballot measure Projects Teleconference with New Orleans & Company

e. Scheduled Upcoming Meetings:

14 July City External Tiger Team teleconference re: pedestrianization	July 28 City External Tiger Team teleconference re: pedestrianization
17 July District C Neighborhood Leadership Call	July 31 District C Neighborhood Leadership Call
July 20 FQMD Security & Enforcement Committee	August 3 French Quarter Museum Association
July 21 City External Tiger Team teleconference re: pedestrianization FQBA Quality of Life Committee	August 4 City External Tiger Team teleconference re: pedestrianization
July 24 District C Neighborhood Leadership Call	August 7 District C Neighborhood Leadership

VII. REPORT BY CHAIR, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Ms. Raines

The Committee did not meet in June.

Next Meeting – Monday, August 24, 2020 at 4:10

VIII. REPORT BY CHAIR, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Mr. DeBlieux

The Committee met on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

Next Meeting – To be determined

a. French Quarter Economic Development District Sales Tax, “Quarter for the Quarter” Report following City of New Orleans (CNO) meetings.

- i. Mr. DeBlieux, Ms. Raines, Ms. Frankic and Mr. Pendleton attended for FQMD with Mr. John Pourciau, Mr. Jonathan Harris (Law Department), Mr. Joshua Cox, Ms. Courtney Story, Ms. Tara Richard, Mr. Chad Brown, and Mr. Jason Smith representing the CNO.
- ii. The five proposals by the City were:
 1. Renew the EDD and keep status quo.
 2. Renew the EDD with phased in changes to CEA considering decreases in tax Revenue, New Orleans & Company (\$1,500,000.00) and the New Orleans Convention Center (\$1,000,000.00).
 3. Hybrid renewal I with \$1,200,000.00 to CNO Homeland Security grounds patrol and the remainder to LSP with reduced staffing.
 4. Hybrid renewal II with \$1,200,000.00 to CNO Homeland Security grounds patrol and the remainder to NOPD 8th District for overtime.
 5. Do nothing – let the EDD go away.
- iii. The Committee proposed that FQMD support renewal of the EDD sales tax, with FQMD administering the fund.
- iv. Discussion:

Chairman Pendleton noted that the current City administration has been saddled with prior administrative decisions that have gone unfulfilled; all the current well intentions may not be honored by future administrations, so the language of any agreements entered into must be specific. Therefore, FQMD should act in a manner that supports good stewardship of our French Quarter community.

Ms. Cavett stated that FQMD should consider a hybrid with CNOHS ground patrols utilizing the FQTF app, and FQMD administering the funds with compliance and performance reporting. This reporting would also include financial accounting reporting, all of which is currently reported monthly and has total transparency to the public and meets all State audit criteria. A CEA with the City would state these operational details.

Mr. Emory questioned burdening Ms. Frankic with additional tasks. Ms. Cavett noted the current trust fund has no accountability now and voters would be less inclined to vote on an EDD controlled by the City. Ms. Cavett believes most want the FQTF preserved, while Mr. Emory thinks it should go to NOPD. Ms. Cavett said what is known, is that the FQTF is a successful public safety tool that has been perfected over the last five years. This does not mean that FQMD would be in the policing business, but that FQMD would administer the EDD fund pursuant to the CEA. Mr. DeBlieux said the City is firm in wanting to control the EDD fund. Mr. Watters noted his organization opposes any EDD renewal unless the language is very broad and money goes to the City for the NOPD 8th District with FQMD oversight and City transparency with some allocations to the root causes of crime (homelessness, Sobering Center, LEADS program, etcetera). Ms. Cooper said VCPORA will take a position after they can review the language in the

legislation. Ms. Copper shared VCPORA supports the FQTF. Ms. Gasperecz asked that in addition to changing the motion to state public safety versus security, it also includes quality of life. Mr. Simms noted until we know what the language is, it is hard to vote on anything. His feedback from the FQ community supports keeping the FQTF and the LSP irrespective of what entity controls the funds. Mr. Pendleton agreed and noted that FQMD's goal is to negotiate a document that the City is comfortable with while giving assurances to the FQ stakeholders that concerns are heard; transparency with accountable actions. Mr. Emory feels an EDD would be an additional burden to businesses. Mr. Pendleton noted this renewal EDD sales tax would sunset in five years.

Mr. DeBlieux motioned (M4) that "the French Quarter Management District (FQMD) supports the renewal of the EDD if the funds come to the FQMD and they are used in support of public safety and quality of life..." seconded by Mr. Caputo and approved with Mr. Zumbo and Mr. Watters dissenting, and Mr. Emory abstaining. The motion passed.

Ms. Cavett motioned to change the EDD renewal to a three year sunset. There being no second, the motion failed.

- b. The Committee recommended a suspension until after the first of 2021 to renew efforts on an ad valorem tax.
- c. Ms. Laughlin reported that with the assistance of Ms. Cavett and Mr. Bilbe of French Quarter Citizens, Louisiana State Senators Jimmy Harris and Cameron Henry, FQMD was approved for a \$1,000,000.00 Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) in the State package to their Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) request. Final approval is determined by HUD. This would be a one-time disbursement. The Committee continues to work with Lt. Governor Nungesser's office to establish annual funding.

IX. REPORT BY CHAIR, LIVABILITY COMMITTEE –

The Committee met on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 2:10 pm

- a. Sidewalk Assessment Update – Mr. Jorgenson and Ms. Rosenberg are working their way through the French Quarter. Mr. Jorgenson sent an update; most of North Peters, Decatur, Chartres, Royal and Bourbon Streets have been done with the remaining streets to follow. The City has \$2,000,000.00 in bond funding to repair sidewalks. Ms. Frankic noted Mr. Jorgenson's experience allows for the compilation of information to promote data-driven decisions.

X. REPORT BY CHAIR, SECURITY AND ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee met on Wednesday, June 16, 2020.

Next Meeting – Monday, July 20, 2020 at 2:10 pm

- a. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners by the Security & Enforcement Committee to support motion of the Committee at the June 16th meeting – by Mr. Emory

Mr. Emory read the following: "The phrase black lives matter is an inclusive assertion, black lives matter has an implicit too at the end of the phrase, black lives matter too. And when one asserts black lives matter, it is not suggesting that black lives are more important than any other lives. It is instead simply pointing out that black lives are relatively undervalued in the U.S. In our country it is a fact supported by history and centuries of racial bias, discrimination at the

State, Federal and social levels there is an overall disregard for the black community. We have an opportunity to visibly and vocally to address this as a body and taking a position as a Board. The Committee feels it is our place to take this position as it falls under FQMD's mission of quality of life for the French Quarter." He further noted that the French Quarter was the epicenter of the slave trade with fifty-three slave exchanges throughout the City. Also, that FQMD should express this, is important to our organization.

Discussion: Ms. Klein shared she had a previous discussion with Mr. Emory on this issue. On that discussion he noted this issue was a matter of asserting equity, which she feels every Commissioner would be supportive of. However, when she researched the BLM website, it was learned that their primary platform was the "Defund the Police" movement and were raising funds for that. She had concerns about that aspect of their movement, since so much of FQMD's work and funding is for public safety and therefore, seems incongruent with our program of work, and asked for Board input.

Mr. Emory responded that he was asking for support of a movement of equality and not the Black Lives Matter organization. Also, FQMD must look forward to improving the life of residents, employees, and visitors. Ms. Klein stated she did not believe in defunding the police and could only support a motion if it included "with the exception of defunding the police".

Mr. DeBlieux requested that the term "Black Lives Matter" not be used, because it is a term people do not distinguish from the BLM organization.

Ms. Laughlin noted at the June 16 SEC meeting Mr. Emory read the mission of the BLM organization. He stated this was in respond to her request for more information. He said the motion that was passed in the meeting was "the FQMD Security and Enforcement Committee supports the black lives matter movement and dedicate ourselves to promoting racial equality and abide by bias-free policing within our Supplemental Police Patrol Program."

Mr. DeBlieux believes that most people make no distinction between the black lives matter movement and the Black Lives Matter organization and their position to "Defund the Police". He had no problem supporting his motion, if the Black Lives Matter moniker is struck.

Mr. Emory said as a black man he chose to educate himself on the difference. Further, it should be FQMD's responsibility to educate others that question this since we support equality.

Mr. DeBlieux noted he was just trying to avoid confusion and he thinks using that term creates confusion and eliminating that term will still carry the essence for support of equality.

Ms. Gasperez felt most people will know the difference between the black lives matter social movement and the Black Lives Matter organization and we should express our position of bias-free policing. Mr. Watters agrees with the motion proposed in Committee.

Ms. Laughlin pointed out that the motion is not inclusive because Asians historically and currently are discriminated against, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. As an Asian-American she believes other ethnic groups should be noted in the motion.

Ms. Klein requested that the motion include "excluding defunding the police". Mr. Emory felt this was not the focus now. Mr. Christian reiterated we are voting to support a social movement, not an organization. Ms. Laughlin stated she could not support a motion that in not inclusive of all races. For example, to state in the motion "...promoting racial equality of all races...", which she could support. Mr. Emory did not agree to the motion change. Mr. Watters suggested she

make that a separate motion.

Mr. Watters motioned (M4) that “FQMD supports the black lives matter movement and dedicate ourselves to promoting racial equality and abide by bias-free policing within our Supplemental Police Patrol Program...”, seconded by Mr. Matthews and passed by a majority of the Board with Ms. Laughlin voting against since Asian Americans aren’t included in the motion and Ms. Klein abstaining due to FQMD’s policing funding efforts.

b. Report on Supplemental Police Patrol Program – Mr. Simms reporting

1. Staffing

- 23 NOPD officers covered the 56 shifts each week
- 14 are assigned to the 8th District for their regular duty assignment
- 9 are assigned to other Districts (SOB, 1st, 2nd, 5th, & 6th)
- 94% shifts were staffed
- Temporary fill-ins average 15-25%
- One officer succumbed to the heat and required medical assistance.

2. FQTF Responded to 118 calls for service (90 app calls and 28 dispatch calls)

- Most calls for service are associated with the remaining homeless and mentally ill people residing in the FQ, other QOL complaints, and calls about social distancing violations
- Very little serious crime in the French Quarter
- Pedestrian & vehicle traffic increased Significantly by the end of the month
- Some of the “normal” QOL issues returning are shoeshine scammers, bead givers, bucket kids and street people.
- Canal Street robbery and one vehicle break-in
- Car occupants throwing firecrackers at pedestrians resulted in arrest but occupied three hours of police time.
- A drunken driver was driving the wrong way on North Rampart Street at 3 am. The FQTF officer managed to pull him over and detained him until NOPD could respond.

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4. The FQTF is an invaluable proactive entity enhancing FQ public safety as demonstrated by ongoing instances like drunken driving, the firecracker incident, mental breakdowns, and first aid assistance until EMS can arrive.

5. 2nd Quarter Statistics

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
App Calls	143	95	90
Dispatch Calls	38	27	28
Self-initiated Calls	1505	1240	1096
Total Calls	1686	1362	1214
Arrests	1	0	1
Apprehensions	0	1	0
Summons'	3	2	0
Traffic Citations	6	0	0
# of Over-sized Vehicles	0	0	0
Subjects Moved	87	60	56
Miles Driven	5695	4607	4487
Shift Filled	99%	99%	94%

XI. REVIEW OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL POLICE PATROL PROGRAM (SPPP) per Board Motion on June 15 – by Ms. Frankic. The staffing was discussed. Mr. DeBlieux believes with the bars closed, FQMD should reduce the night patrol to one officer at night, also keeping the day officer to stretch the available funds. Ms. Cavett noted that it is unsafe to have only one officer on duty. With only one officer, there is still LSP and NOPD. Mr. Simms noted NOPD and LSP have different tasks to perform and it is the combination of the three security entities that keep the French Quarter safe. Ms. Cavett shared that when her home was broken into at 3 a.m. the FQTF was there in three minutes and NOPD called back at noon the next day to see if she still needed an officer; that is the difference with having a proactive officer response by FQTF.

Mr. Simms suggested that to preserve funds he would recommend dropping the G4S which is not a good use of funds, in lieu of eliminating a night officer. G4S has not been performing well and he and Ms. Frankic could easily pick up that task. Mr. Pendleton suggested the proposal to drop G4S be addressed at the next Security and Enforcement Committee. Mr. Simms said every night at midnight he does G4S's job, so this would not be an extra burden, but dropping a night officer would increase his burden. Ms. Frankic confirmed there has been problems with G4S and would support Committee investigation on continuance of G4S services or some other viable solution. Additionally, Mr. Simms would be unable to continue managing the FQTF staffing at night if there was only one officer. If that one officer could not report for duty, Mr. Simms as would have to monitor the system during those hours and as calls come in he would have to notify NOPD to dispatch an 8th District officer; this cannot be done by G4S.

Ms. Cavett recommended that the cost of G4S versus an officer be addressed by the Committee to be reported at the September Board Meeting. The current staffing shall remain in place.

XII. NEW BUSINESS – None raised.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Bible motioned (**M5**) to “adjourn to Executive Session at 3:24 p.m. pursuant to R.S. 42:17 A. (3) to discuss the development of the course of action regarding security matters of the FQMD...”, seconded by Mr. Caputo and unanimously approved by the Commissioners still present.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: The meeting was reconvened by Board acclamation at 4:48 p.m. Ms. Cooper motioned (**M6**) to “make public the FQMD Security Study Executive Summary at a time and Place as determined by Chairman Pendleton...”, seconded by Mr. Caputo and passed by a quorum of the Board present with one descent.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: 13 July 2020

XV. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. DeBlieux motioned to (**M7**) “adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m...”, seconded by Ms. Cooper and unanimously approved by a quorum of the Board present.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Klein (signed original available)

Susan Klein, Secretary

ANNEX I: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

French Quarter Management District
 For the period ended June 30, 2020
 Prepared on July 3, 2020

Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2020**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	Total
FQ SPPP account	373,811.83
FQMA general operating account	8,985.64
Total Bank Accounts	308,122.00
Other Current Assets	690,919.47
Prepaid Expenses	14,752.00
Total Other Current Assets	14,752.00
Total Current Assets	705,671.47

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	7,647.27
Total Accounts Payable	7,647.27
Other Current Liabilities	
CEA Membership Dues	9,840.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	9,840.00
Total Current Liabilities	17,487.27
Total Liabilities	17,487.27

Equity

Retained Earnings	730,541.01
Net Income	-42,356.81
Total Equity	688,184.20

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**\$705,671.47****A/R Aging Summary**

Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	
TOTAL					\$0.00

A/P Aging Summary

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
Fuelman	1,066.19					1,066.19
G4S Secure Solutions	3,547.75					3,547.75
John Wyattte Foard, LLC	448.00	988.00		1,057.33		2,493.33
LPL Financial		500.00				500.00
Tomatillo Design LLC		40.00				40.00
TOTAL	\$5,101.94	\$1,488.00	\$0.00	\$1,057.33	\$0.00	\$7,647.27

Profit and Loss

INCOME

Charitable Donations	51.15
Total Income	51.15

GROSS PROFIT

51.15

EXPENSES

Bank Charges & Fees	29.00
Conference & Meeting Expenses	
Parking	6.35
Total Conference & Meeting Expenses	6.35

Legal & Professional Fees	
Accounting Fees	1,436.00
Audit Fees	4,500.00
Website	40.00
Total Legal & Professional Fees	5,976.00

Marketing	443.00
Office Supplies & Software	1,233.50
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll	4,046.53
Processing Fees	160.10
Taxes	1,578.09
Worker's Compensation	38.08
Total Payroll Expenses	5,822.80

SPPP Expenses

Fuel	2,070.21
Licensing Fees	817.16
Mobile Data Charges	320.08
Police Patrols	16,313.44
Security Administration	4,658.95
Vehicle	
Maintenance	639.26
Washing	160.00
Total Vehicle	799.26
Total SPPP Expenses	24,979.10

Utilities

Email	6.00
Telephone	116.61
Total Utilities	122.61

Total Expenses

38,612.36

NET OPERATING INCOME

-38,561.21

NET INCOME

\$ -38,561.21

Profit and Loss by Location January - June 2020

	FQMA	FQMD Operating	FQMD SPPP	Total
INCOME				
Admin. Fees		6,000.00		6,000.00
Charitable Donations	168.88			168.88
Contract Revenue		75,000.00	300,000.00	375,000.00
Total Income	168.88	81,000.00	300,000.00	381,168.88
GROSS PROFIT	168.88	81,000.00	300,000.00	381,168.88
EXPENSES				
Bank Charges & Fees	7.55	151.00		158.55
Conference & Meeting Expenses		1,201.52		1,201.52
Parking		18.60		18.60
Travel		1,392.29		1,392.29
Total Conference & Meeting Expenses		2,612.41		2,612.41
Interest Paid		11.96		11.96
Legal & Professional Fees				0.00
Accounting Fees		4,551.99		4,551.99
Audit Fees		4,500.00		4,500.00
Website		40.00		40.00
Total Legal & Professional Fees		9,091.99		9,091.99
Marketing	1,111.10			1,111.10
Office Supplies & Software		3,251.20	307.19	3,558.39
Payroll Expenses				0.00
Employee Benefits		5,500.00		5,500.00
Payroll		30,420.39		30,420.39
Processing Fees		1,055.40		1,055.40
Taxes		5,400.62		5,400.62
Worker's Compensation		274.52		274.52
Total Payroll Expenses		42,650.93		42,650.93
SPPP Expenses				0.00
3% Administrative Fee			6,000.00	6,000.00
Fuel			7,624.34	7,624.34
Licensing Fees			6,369.72	6,369.72
Mobile Data Charges		0.00	1,920.48	1,920.48
Police Patrols			295,567.58	295,567.58
Security Administration			40,791.50	40,791.50
Vehicle				0.00
Maintenance			5,685.39	5,685.39
Washing		160.00	480.00	640.00
Total Vehicle		160.00	6,165.39	6,325.39
Total SPPP Expenses		160.00	364,439.01	364,599.01
Utilities				0.00
Copy Machine Expenses		-734.47		-734.47
Email		46.05		46.05
Telephone		419.77		419.77
Total Utilities		-268.65		-268.65
Total Expenses	1,118.65	57,660.84	364,746.20	423,525.69
NET OPERATING INCOME	-949.77	23,339.16	-64,746.20	-42,356.81
NET INCOME	\$ -949.77	\$23,339.16	-64,746.20	\$ -42,356.81

