

Notes Livability Committee Meeting

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				VOTES
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	<i>Approval of Mtg Notes</i>
Adrienne	Thomas	X		Yes
Brittany	McGovern	X		Yes
Christian	Pendleton	X		Yes
Dave	Jorgensen	X		Yes
Erin	Holmes	X		Yes
Kim	Rosenberg		X	
Lee	Tucker	X		Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Eric	Smith	City CAO FQIF Analyst
Cpt.	Caprera	NOPD 8 th
Ethan	Ellestad	MACCNO

ROLL CALL: INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

- I. **Public Comment:** Written public comments and live comment requests should be submitted electronically via email to publiccomments@fqmd.org. Emailed public comments will be accepted from the time the agenda is released until conclusion of its reading. Emailed public comment received after the reading of the agenda will not be considered. Each submission must contain: (i) the commenter's first and last name, (ii) the commenter's address, (iii) whether the commenter is being paid in connection with his or her comments, and (iv) the agenda item to which the comment pertains. Any public comment submission or live comment request missing this information will not be read aloud or recognized for live comment. Live comment during a teleconference meeting via the following formats shall be accepted:
 - a. Electronically raise their hand to request to comment. Upon being recognized to speak by the chair their microphone should be turned on. After speaking the microphone shall be returned to mute.
 - b. Post comments relevant to the action item in the 'Chat Box'
 - c. Live comment speakers will be given two minutes to comment. The speaker may be muted by the moderator at the conclusion of the two-minute limit.
- II. **Adoption of previous meeting notes (action item)**

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Ms. Thomas moved to approve the previous meeting notes. Ms. Mulla McGovern seconded the motion and the previous meeting notes were approved.

III. Welcome 2021 Committee Chair, Mamie Gasperez, and Vice-Chair, Dave Jorgensen

Mr. Pendleton welcomed the new leadership team of the committee and thanked the committee for all of their hard work over the past year.

a. Review 2020 Livability Committee Goals

Mr. Pendleton reviewed the 2020 committee goals

- i. Secure allocation of funding and contracts to repair damaged sidewalks*
- ii. Wear and tear damage by City of New Orleans*
- iii. Sewerage & Water Board, Entergy, and Cox sidewalk cuts by the perpetrating utility company*
- iv. Play and active role in renegotiating City contract for sanitation services*
- v. Secure allocation of funding and contracts to scope catch basins and storm drains for blockages and collapses*
- vi. Secure funding and verify installation and repair of streetlights*
- vii. Secure funding and verify implementation of Sanitation Ranger and Quality of Experience Officer for the French Quarter*

Mr. Pendleton noted that while COVID had an unfortunate impact on the committee's funding for scoping drainage, the sidewalk assessment that was led by Mr. Jorgensen was hugely improved in its scope and data presentation. He also thanked Mr. Smith for his work to liaise with the City on the installation on the new light poles. Mr. Pendleton recognized that the introduction of committee priorities of 5G small cell tower installation and the Mayor's plan for pedestrianization had taken precedence for the committee. He thanks Ms. Mulla McGovern and Mrs. Holmes for all of their hard work to represent the neighborhood's interests and share information with the stakeholders.

b. Discuss 2021 Livability Committee Goals

Ms. Gasperez and Mr. Jorgensen reviewed a long list of ambitious goals for 2021 which included:

- i. CLEANLINESS: Work for improved sanitary conditions throughout the French Quarter**
 1. Work with the City's Sanitation Department to proactively develop programming that best services the unique nature of the French Quarter by updating and improve the expiring Sanitation Contract and identifying means to supporting robust enforcement by Sanitation Ranger
 2. Keep the Quarter Clean Campaign: The intent of the program is maintain a higher level of cleanliness than before the COVID-19 shutdown with all stakeholders feel a sense of ownership in promoting the Keep the Quarter Clean campaign and driving concerns to the survey tool to inform future programming. Launch with a full breadth of physical and virtual installations including
- ii. SOUND: Identify opportunities to address challenges related to sound impacts on the diverse cross-section of stakeholders in the French Quarter**
 1. Work with the City's Department of Utilities and Vieux Carre Commission to assure that new Small Cell technology installations proceed through the appropriate historical reviews and complement the toute ensemble of the French Quarter
 2. Bring the stakeholders together with the City's Department of Health to improve the existing sound ordinance into a fair and enforceable instrument.
- iii. FOOTPRINT: Identify opportunities for new partnerships that will benefit neighborhood**
 1. Work with the Downtown Development District to complete a full assessment of the 100 blocks to include Building use types, Occupancy status, Infrastructure conditions, and Opportunities for activation
 2. Façade: Work with our partners to activate vacant storefronts to provide a feeling of activity and safety to pedestrians. Use Main Street model for activating commercial storefronts with art and lighting to provide ambient sidewalk lighting and provide a sense on vitality on the street. Work with the State Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Arts Council and French Quarter

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Museum Association to provide well lit, gallery style installations inside vacant storefront and provide opportunities to local artisans.

- iv. INFRASTRUCTURE: Improve existing assessment programs and develop new programming with FQMD's partners to address challenges with infrastructure in the French Quarter
 - 1. SIDEWALKS: Build on 2020 Committee Work to implement solutions to identified problems by promoting the improved 2020 Sidewalk Survey to build awareness of deteriorated conditions, pursuing funding to repair the findings of the 2020 Survey, and working with the Vieux Carre Commission and its Foundation to assure installation of proper historically appropriate sidewalk materials
 - 2. LIGHTING: Work for lighting improvements that offer historically appropriate installations that provide a sense of security and place.
 - a. Street Light Assessment by working with university interns to have an experiential education in practical application of historic preservation and urban plan by surveying existing lighting condition. And revisiting VCC Lighting Assessment for recommendations that overlay with the output from the intern program
 - b. Vestibule lighting grant program
- v. TRANSPORTATION: Develop opportunities for fair and equitable transportation for those who live, work and visit the French Quarter
 - 1. Work with the Regional Transportation Authority and the Downtown Development District to reestablish shuttles/mini-bus route
 - 2. Work with Bike Easy and New Orleans Complete Streets to identify opportunities to improve bicycle safety infrastructure
 - 3. Work with the Department of Public Works to identify practical, implementable initiatives for the French Quarter Slow Zone

IV. Update on French Quarter Improvement Fund streetlight installation by Eric Smith

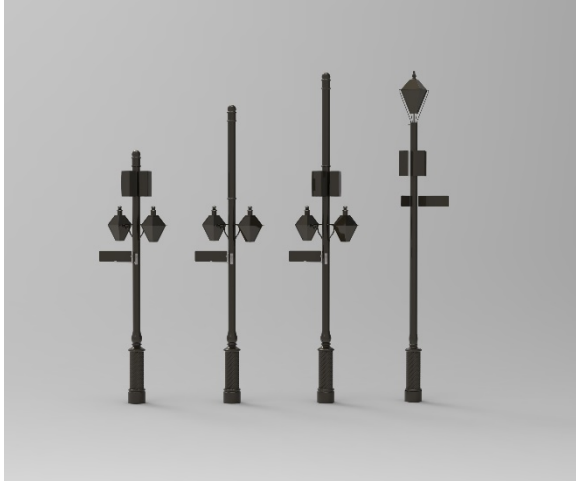
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V. Update on the Mayor's Concepts for "Reimagining the French Quarter" by Erin Holmes

Ms. Holmes discussed the planning charette the City held re: the French Market Place pilot program and shared the attached concept presentation from the charette.

VI. Update on 5G small cell tower installations by Brittany Mulla McGovern

Ms. Mulla McGovern noted that the VCC 5G subcommittee passed a non-binding recommendation to approve the latest designs by Toto Blanco that would be selected from on a site specific basis. Ms. Gasperecz noted that the VCC subcommittee did ask that there be a gooseneck design option be made available.



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

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IX. New business

- a. Mr. Tucker asked about changes to the French Market Corporation police patrols around Jackson Square. Ms. Frankic reported that there was a plan to roll the FMC's security into NOHSEP Grounds Patrol and Ms. Alley from FMC would be best to answer questions about the status of their patrols.
- b. Mr. Tucker also asked how long Jackson Square would be locked and closed to the public. Ms. Frankic will check with Cpt. Caprera and get back to the Committee.
- c. Mr. Jorgensen asked if the committee had historically addressed the increased flooding being experienced in the French Quarter. Mr. Pendleton noted that early in the year, there had been funds dedicated to scoping drains to identify blockages requiring repair. However, with COVID those funds became no longer available. Mr. Jorgensen noted that this should be added to the list of goals for 2021.

X. Next meeting date

The next scheduled meeting on the committee is 6 January 2021

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Mulla McGovern moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Holmes seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 pm.