



Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 31 December 2020

10:00 am – 10:49 am

Via Teleconference:

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Commissioners Present:

Susan Klein
Heidi Raines
David Bilbe
Frank Zumbo

Jane Cooper
Jeremy DeBlieux
Christian Pendleton

Steve Caputo
Gail Cavett
Mamie Gasperez
Matthew Emory (Arv. 10:10)

Commissioners Absent: Juliet Laughlin

Executive Director: Karley Frankic

Guests:

Bob Simms, FQTF
Bridget Neal, Lt. Gov. Consultant
Dave Minsky, Quarter Rat Blog

Eric Smith, CNO, CAO
Ross Bourgeois, NOHSEP

- I. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL: INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES at 10:01 am. Ms. Frankic read the Agenda as noticed.

- II. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Pendleton announced all signed in via the RingCentral teleconferencing application. Everyone was asked to mute their phone when not speaking, and do not speak over anyone. Also, to the best of our knowledge, FQMD is in full compliance of the Governor's COVID-19 directive regarding teleconferencing as it applies to Louisiana Open Meetings Law. He noted only Mr. Bob Simms requested to address the agenda item and he introduced Mr. Simms

Mr. Simms thanked the Mayor's office, especially Mr. Joshua Cox and Mr. Eric Smith for all their efforts regarding the French Quarter Task Force (FQTF) Supplemental Police Patrol Program (SPPP) Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) extension. He noted this agreement is important in eliminating Board and volunteer liability regarding the SPPP by unifying French Quarter public safety under an NOPD central command. He shared as stated in the FQMD Security and Enforcement Committee (SEC) there are many initiatives FQMD could undertake versus policing. He asked the Board to approve

the CEA to allow the FQTF and its “app” to continue and to continue, and to work with the City on a long-term solution.

Ms. Frankic checked and noted there were no other requests to address the Board.

- III. COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT: Chairman Pendleton thanked the City and the Commissioners that worked so expeditiously to craft this six month extension of the SPPP CEA. Mr. Pendleton noted FQMD shall continue to honor the wishes of the voters to fund the SPPP and keep the FQTF patrols running as funding permits and until a new ballot measure can be put forth.

Mr. DeBlieux motioned (**M1**) to “approve the Board Chair to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the French Quarter Management District (FQMD) and the City of New Orleans to allow the FQMD to continue to fund and operate the Supplemental Police Patrol Program for six months, as more fully set forth in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof; and otherwise provided with respect thereto...”.

Mr. Watters felt the New Orleans & Company should be a party to the CEA, since the escrowed funds were generated by them. Mr. Caputo believed this was not a problem.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gasperecz and unanimously approved.

- IV. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Watters motioned (**M2**) to “adjourn the FQMD Special Board Meeting at 10:46 am....”, seconded by Mr. DeBlieux and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Klein (signed original available)

Susan Klein, Secretary