

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notes Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 16 December 2020
2:10 to 3:40pm

Via Teleconference:

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

ROLE CALL:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS					
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approval of the previous meeting notes	Adopt 2021 Goals
David	Bilbe	X		Yes	Yes
Sherry	Cannon	X		Yes	Yes
Jane	Cooper	X		Yes	Yes
Jeremy	DeBlieux	X		Yes	Yes
Brian	Furness	X		Yes	Yes
Juliet	Laughlin		X		
Brittany	McGovern	X		Yes	Yes
Christian	Pendleton	X		Yes	Yes
Kim	Rosenberg	X		Yes	Yes
Frank	Zumbo		X		

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Bob	Simms	
Michael	Stein	The Lens
Dave	Pinsky	The Quarter Rat
Bridget	Neal	
Gail	Cavett	Commissioner
Heidi	Raines	Commissioner

- II. Public Comment
No public comment was received
- III. Approval of previous meeting notes
Mr. Pendleton made the motion to approval of the previous meeting notes. Ms. Cannon seconded the motion, and it was approved.

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IV. Review 2020 committee goals

1. Lobby state legislature for permanent funding

The committee will carry this over to the new year

2. Renegotiate sunseting CEAs

a. New Orleans & Company and FQMD "General Operating Funds" (Shall incorporate the former New Orleans Tourism & Marketing Corporation contract income for general operations) expiration date: 1/22/2020

Was not renewed due to financial impact of COVID-19

b. City of New Orleans, Convention & Visitors Bureau (New Orleans & Company) and FQMD expiration date: 12/31/2020 for expenditures of the Hotel Assessment

Was not renewed due to financial impact of COVID-19

c. French Quarter Museum Association expiration date: 12/31/2020

The Board Chair is extending the terms of the existing CEA until 6/30/2021 or until a new CEA can be negotiated.

2. Resolve next steps with Louisiana Civil Service enrollment requirements

Was completed this year

V. Discuss 2021 committee goals

1. Reintroduce the French Quarter Economic Development District sales tax for supplemental safety with the funds coming to the FQMD through a ballot initiative in April

2. Work on state funding through the Lt. Governor's office

3. Work towards permanent state funding through the legislature

4. Explore grant opportunities for additional funding

5. Negotiate a new Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the French Quarter Museum Association

Ms. Rosenberg made a motion to adopt these committee goals for 2021. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

VI. Update on the French Quarter Economic Development District

The French Quarter Economic Development District has called a special meeting to approve the Notice of Intent to reintroduce a sales tax of .00245% for programming for POST Certified proactive patrols and homeless assistance programs embedded within the New Orleans Police Department.

VII. New Business

The FQMD Board Chair is sending a Letter Agreement to the Mayor today to extend the terms of the expiring Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for six months or until the Supplemental Police Patrol Program account is exhausted, whichever comes first, to keep the SPPP running.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 pm.