

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notes Security & Enforcement Committee Meeting

Monday, 21 December 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				VOTES
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve mtg notes
Ann	Kesler	X		Yes
Bob	Simms	X		Yes
Brittany	Mulla McGovern		X	
Bryan	Drude		X	
Frances	Hegenberger	X		Yes
Gail	Cavett	X		Yes
Glade	Bilby	X		Yes
Matthew	Emory	X		Yes
Robert	Watters	X		Yes
Steve	Caputo	X		Yes
Vincent	Marcello		X	

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Eric	Smith	City CAO FQTF Analyst
Ross	Bourgeois	City NOHSEP
Leslie	Alley	FMC
Paul	Rioux	BGR
Bridget	Neal	Consultant to Lt Gov
Jane	Cooper	Commissioner
Erin	Holmes	VCPOA

- II. Public Comment
Attached
- III. Approval of previous meeting notes (action item)
Mr. Caputo made the motion to approve the previous meeting notes. Mr. Watters seconded motion and it was approved.
- IV. Committee Chair's Comments
Mr. Emory thanked the committee for all of their work and asked that everyone work together as the committee endeavors to move forward.
- V. Report on Board of Commissioners Motions by Karley D. Frankic
MOTION 1: Approved the November 2020 regular and special meeting minutes
MOTION 2: Approved the November 2020 Treasurer's report
MOTION 3: Approved amended budgets for 2020
MOTION 4: Approved the budgets for 2021

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MOTION 5: The Board Chair send a Letter Agreement to the Mayor to extend the expiring Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for a term not to exceed six months or whenever FQMD’s funding expires, whichever comes first.

MOTION 6: The FQMD supports placing the French Quarter Economic Development District sales tax be put on the April 24th ballot for the purpose of funding programming of supplemental POST Certified patrols and public safety initiatives in the French Quarter administered by the French Quarter Management District.

MOTION 7: the French Quarter Management District Board of Commissioners plays no role in the public comments of any elected official and any of our stakeholder organizations.

MOTION 8: The French Quarter Management District celebrates and recognizes Bob Simms’s years of dedicated service to the French Quarter, its residents, businesses, and visitors, and to the safety of everyone involved.

VI. Report on French Quarter Crime Stats by Robert Simms

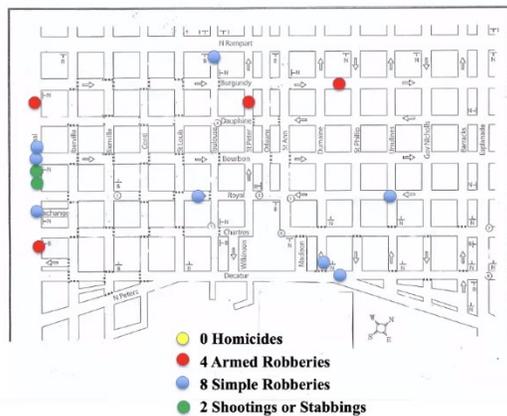
FQ Task Force Summary

- **Budget Cuts & Impact on NOPD & FQTF are Minimal at the Moment:**
 - Officers Working 9 days per 2-week Period (was 10)
 - Staffing for FQTF Shifts are Impacted but Fills Ins are Available
- Overall Staffing for November was 96%
- LSP Troop N Staffing Reductions Continue:
 - Working 5pm to 3am Wednesday to Saturday (6 Officers)

FQ Task Force Summary – 4Q 2020

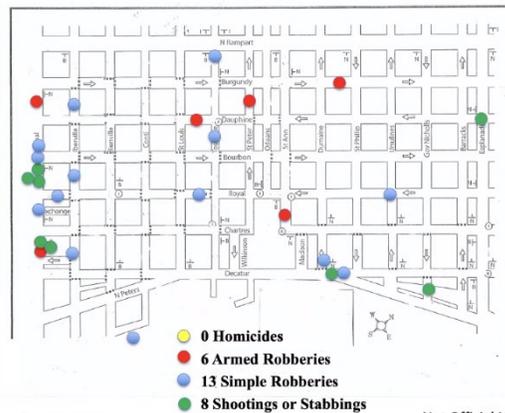
	Oct	Nov	Dec
App Calls	184	161	0
Dispatch Calls	26	17	0
Self Initiated Calls	1281	1373	0
Total Calls	1491	1551	0
Arrests	1	4	0
Apprehensions	5	6	0
Summons?	2	3	0
Traffic Citations	0	3	0
# of O/size Vehicles	0	0	0
Subjects Moved	187	156	0
Miles Driven	4280	4288	0

FQ Robberies, Shootings & Homicides – 4Q 2020



Status: Oct 31, 2020

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Status: Dec 19, 2020

Not Official NOPD Data

Mr. Simms discussed his resignation from the committee effective 31 December 2020. The committee members thanked Mr. Simms for his years of dedication and hard work on public safety in the French Quarter.

VII. Review 2020 committee goals

It is our desire to develop quantifiable goals, determinable targets and measured outcomes

1. Restore the New Orleans Police Department 8TH District officer count to the pre-Hurricane Katrina count of 165 fulltime officers
2. Increase FQTF revenue via consolidating security services
3. Launch legal and/or material initiatives to reduce illegal guns within the district

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4. Ensure that the crash rated impact bollards on Bourbon Street and traffic barricades on Royal Street are deployed on a daily schedule and on emergency basis
5. Release Security Assessment for public consumption
6. Develop list of actionable items from Security Assessment and execute items on the list

VIII. Discuss 2021 committee goals

The committee discussed rolling forward several goals from 2020 as well as working with the 8th District to continue to improve the Bourbon Street Promenade, expand the foundation of data related to economic impact of the French Quarter and homeless assistance needs that can inform needed programming for that population.

IX. Discussion of the French Quarter Economic Development District

Mr. Emory read into the record public comment from Ms. Williams-Jones, attached. Ms. Cooper apologized for her behavior and committed to working hard to move forward. Mr. Emory acknowledged Ms. Cooper for her apology and noted that volunteers work hard for their neighborhood and that all committee members should be mindful of working in a positive manner that moves the committee forward on its important work.

The French Quarter Economic Development District met on December 17th to approve the Notice of Intent to reintroduce the Quarter for the Quarter and hold a meeting no later than January 14th to approve ballot language.

While stakeholders hold that POST Certified officers are a priority for the FQ EDD, most calls to the FQTF user app are related to issues arising from the neighborhood's homeless population. To address the underlying systemic causes that need to be addressed for this population's mental health and physical wellbeing is a critical component in addressing public safety. The discussion with stakeholders has been that the first \$2M of sales tax revenues be administrated by the FQMD, as the consistent body that represents all of the stakeholders in its make up, to provide programming for NOPD overtime proactive patrols with one fulltime sergeant as the coordinator, on the neighborhood security district model. Above that \$2M threshold, additional tax revenues would be split 50/50 between growing the patrols and other public safety/quality of life programming that addresses the homeless population, such as LEAD and the Homeless Assistance Unit, which are embedded in the NOPD and are national models for diverting chronic misdemeanor offenders from revolving through the system by addressing their underlying systemic issues of mental health and physical wellbeing.

The idea is that all of the sales tax revenues are programmed to go through the NOPD 8th District with a small admin fee to FQMD to be the fiscal agent. The budget would be created by the Agreement Monitors: FQMD, District C, and the mayor's office, and ratified by the Council. This addresses the mayor's concern that not just the resident voters pay the tax. There would be Key Performance Indexes to assure that FQMD and the NOPD 8th District are performing as intended to assure the mayor that we will do what we say, which was her other big concern. Cm. Palmer's big driver was unified command and by centralizing programming in the 8th, this addresses her interest. The sales tax will never cover the \$6.7M that was going to supplemental patrols prior to COVID, but this proposal maximizes the amount of NOPD POST Certified patrols, while providing social support programs within that department.

The committee discussed assuring that all parties work together to assure the voters that there is a clear plan well ahead of the election this time.

X. New Business

Ms. Cavett recommended BB St. Roman be invited to a committee meeting to discuss opportunities for helping the existing programs serve the homeless population of the French Quarter.

XI. Next meeting date:

The next scheduled meeting of the committee is 25 January 2020

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Cavett made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Bilby seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.

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Karley Frankic <kfrankic@fqmd.org>

Public Comment for todays meeting

Jasmine Williams-Jones <jasminewilliamsjones.nola@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 21, 2020 at 2:10 PM

To: publiccomments@fqmd.org

Name: Jasmine Jones
Address: 1400 Milton St
Not being compensated
Agenda: Viii - FQEDD

Comment:

I hope that the security and enforcement committee takes the necessary action to remove Jane Cooper from this committee. While I think she should be removed from the entire board, I think she should be removed from this committee at the least due to her illegal actions that she hasn't been held accountable for yet

Jasmine