

# French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Notes

### Finance & Development Committee Meeting

Monday 1 March 2021

4:10 pm

Via Teleconference:

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1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm and the agenda was read into the record.

#### ROLL CALL:

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE				VOTES
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve notes
Jeremy	DeBlieux		X	
Sue	Klein	X		Yes
Heidi	Raines	X		Yes
Robert	Watters	X		
Frank	Zumbo	X		Yes

#### INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Jane	Cooper	Commissioner
Robert	Simms	Commissioner
Chuck	Bracht	

1. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

2. Approval of previous meeting notes

Ms. Klein Motioned to approve the previous meeting notes. Mr. Zumbo seconded motion and it was approved.

3. Discussion of the French Quarter Economic Development District Supplemental Police Patrol Program Budget  
The Committee discussed the need to be able to budget for the variable of the sales tax revenues; including the recovery of the hospitality industry looking forward, seasonal sales, and the 1-3 month arrears payments to the City and then to the FQMD as administrator of the FQ EDD Trust fund as defined by the ballot language. It will be necessary to plan for the year and hold high volume months in reserve to provide full patrol coverage in low volume months. Mr. Watters and Simms noted that the Security & Enforcement Committee has a working team that has been meeting with the NOPD 8<sup>th</sup> District commander, Captain Caprera. Instead of a patrol plan update, they were working on an operational plan to establish what are the principles of the program. It was discussed the vehicle purchase needs to be increased as the Smart Cars are coming to the end of their useful life and are expensive to repair beyond 80,000 miles.

4. Discussion of French Quarter Economic Impact Study

The French Quarter Management District is a state entity created by the Louisiana Legislature as a means for the residential and business communities to work together to protect, preserve, and maintain the world famous French Quarter as a safe, clean, vibrant and friendly neighborhood for residents, businesses, and visitors.

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Ms. Frankic reported that she had met with GNO Inc. to discuss their assistance with a French Quarter Economic Impact Study. They recommended against a \$45,000 academic study and instead hire a professional company at around \$150,000 - \$200,000 that will provide a more comprehensive, rigorous, and accurate study. While GNO Inc cannot directly fund the study, they are going to make introductions to potential funders that have an interest in economic development and a strong interest in the French Quarter. More information will be provided at the next committee meeting.

## 5. Update on CDBG-DR Katrina Recovery Appropriation

Ms. Frankic reported that Staff is close to completing the pre-application for the Office of Community Development with assistance from the NORTA. The pre-application will allow OCD to release the Notice to Proceed to Pan American Engineers to complete the application to the federal government. This is done at no cost the FQMD. The draft pre-application outlines the purchase of 4 sprinter buses with FQMD's \$1M appropriation and about \$6.4M for start up and operational costs for NORTA. We hope to have the pre-application done shortly with the hopes for having service up at the new year.

## 6. New Business

No new business was discussed.

## 7. Next meeting date

The next scheduled meeting of the committee shall be Monday, 1 April 2021 at 4:10 pm

## 8. Adjournment

Ms. Klein motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zumbo seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.