

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notes Security & Enforcement Committee Meeting

Monday, 19 April 2021
2:10 pm

Via Teleconference:

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1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:10 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	
Brittany	Mulla McGovern	X		Yes
Frances	Hegenberger		X	
Gail	Cavett	X		Yes
Glade	Bilby	X		Yes
Jane	Cooper	X		Yes
Matthew	Emory	X		Yes
Robert	Watters	X		Yes
Steve	Caputo	X		

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Anthony	Caprera	NOPD 8 th Captain
Jamie	Roach	NOPD 8 th Sergeant/SPPP Supervisor
Eric	Smith	City CAO FQIF Analyst
Robert	Simms	Commissioner
Chris	Finch	Fox 8 News
Ethan	Ellestad	MaCCNO
Celeste	Cahn	
Leslie	Alley	French Market Corporation

2. Public Comment:

One written comment was received:

*Celeste Cahn
535 Barracks St., New Orleans, LA 70116
I am not being paid
Agenda Item 6.*

In the ballot language for the new FQ EDD tax to fund the French Quarter taskforce and enhanced policing in the French Quarter, it states that a certain amount of the money from this tax will be used for "homeless services." I am wondering what those services will be, what they will look like and who will be responsible for them? How

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much of the money will go to these services? And what will prevent this from not just being further policing and criminalizing homelessness rather than helping people?

3. Approval of previous meeting notes

Ms. Cooper made the motion to approve the previous meeting notes. Mr. Bilby seconded motion and it was approved.

4. Committee Chair's Comments

Mr. Emory thanked the Committee for their time. He would like to focus around economic recovery and the effect thereon of crime in the District. He would like to revisit committee goals after the election on April 24th.

5. Report on French Quarter Crime Stats and Police Deployment Updates by NOPD 8th District

See attached report. Cpt. Caprera reported that the City is providing additional overtime hours but are not filling all shifts. Focus remains on violent crime. The 8th District has 95 officers no compared to about 100 at this time last year and 165 before Hurricane Katrina. There are 1,150 officers in the department compared to 1,600 before Katrina. NOPD is having a hard time recruiting after last summer. There are a number of officers on military duty and they have an issue with attrition. The guidelines of the consent decree will remain in place in self-monitoring phase as it relates to details with OPSE. The Committee inquired is the FQEDD funds were being used for the Marigny Triangle blue light patrols and what percentage were being filled?

6. Report on the French Quarter Task Force program by NOPD Sgt Jamie Roach

See attached report. Sgt. Roach reported that blue light patrols now go to Elysian Fields with 600+ overtime hours per week. Only filling about 50% of shifts.

7. New Business

Mr. Caputo noted that none of the \$375M in American Rescue Plan dollars the City was receiving from the Federal government were going for public safety in the French Quarter.

Mr. Simms presented the attached vehicle research slide deck.

8. Next meeting date

The next scheduled meeting of the committee is May 17th at 2:00 pm.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Caputo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cavett seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.