

# French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Notes

### Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 7 July 2021

2:00 pm

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Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, Esplanade Room  
621 St Louis Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

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#### 1. Call to order, Reading of the Agenda, and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm and the agenda was read into the record.

ROLL CALL: COMMITTEE MEMBERS				VOTES
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve Notes
David	Bilbe	X		Yes
Mamie	Gasperecz	X		Yes
Erin	Holmes	X		Yes
Dave	Jorgensen	X		Yes
Brittany	Mulla McGovern	X		Yes
Christian	Pendleton	2:18 pm		-
Frank	Perez	X		Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Lee	Tucker	
Frances	Hegenberger	

#### 2. Public Comment:

No written public comment was received.

#### 3. Adoption of previous meeting notes

Mr. Perez motioned to approve the previous meeting note. Ms. Mulla McGovern seconded the motion, and it was approved.

#### 4. Committee Chair Comments

Ms. Gasperecz welcomed the committee back to the first inperson meeting in almost a year and a half. She invited the members to introduce themselves and their role in the French Quarter. She noted that she set highly ambitious goals for 2021 and she is revisiting. The committee gotten free interns to sign up as the national trend is toward paid internships. She will expand the internship program into the fall semester and expand to more schools and programs. She will also make a call for volunteers in the neighborhood to assist with the committee's programs. Ms. Gasperecz notified the committee that there is a joint committee meeting of the City Council scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm to hear from the City CAO's office regarding inconsistencies in sanitation services.

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## 5. Discussion by Committee of Sanitation Contract Position

The Committee discussed the attached draft position paper and recommended edits to be presented at the July Board meeting.

## 6. Update on Lighting Assessment: To present Karley D. Frankic

Ms. Frankic reported that the years work of Ms. Beverly Fulk is being built upon as the Committee Vice-Chair brings the advanced data compilation of the updated sidewalk assessment to the lighting assessment. She reported that she is working with a GIS analyst to create a public portal for accurately confirming locations of the street lights in the field and allow for data entry of the light pole conditions. Mr. Jorgensen reported that he is currently assessing the accuracy of the GIS portal using Google Earth and will begin field work next month.

## 7. New business

Mr. Pendleton asked about the status of the 5G Small Cell towers. Ms. Mulla McGovern, Mrs. Holmes, and Ms. Frankic provided a brief update that Verizon and AT&T have submitted applications for a combined total of approximately 200 poles in the French Quarter. Those companies are working through the various reviews and Cm. Palmer is meeting with telecom providers to assess the impact of the new design standards and desire for collation of the applicants. They will provide more information at the next meeting of the committee.

Mr. Pendleton commended Ms. Sarah Porteous of Roadwork NOLA for doing a good job communicating on the Conti Street construction which has been delayed again.

Mr. Bilby asked if the City is considering more permanent infrastructure to replace the orange and white plastic barriers. Ms. Mulla McGovern noted that the City is continuing the waive the fess on parklets for a short period. Mr. Perez noted residents strongly do not like the parklets. Ms. Holmes added that where legal non-conforming uses exist close to houses there is not an appreciation for the parklet. Further they want to see appropriate design guidelines. Mr. Tucker asked that the sidewalk tables around Jackson Square be kept from blocking pedestrian traffic.

## 8. Next meeting date

The next scheduled meeting of the committee is Wednesday, 4 August 2021, at 2:00pm at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel.

## 9. Adjournment

Mr. Pendleton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Holmes seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm

# LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

## Sanitation Contract Position Paper

### Priorities for New Sanitation Contract

1. Request for Proposal response evaluation for Lowest Qualified Bidder to include a weighted review matrix to establish terms beyond cost
  - a. Past Performance – including performance in other municipal contracts.
  - a.b. Local ownership
  - b.c. Disadvantaged Business certification
  - e.a. ~~Past Performance – including performance in other municipal contracts.~~
2. Collection
  - a. Provide option for~~Require all~~ smaller garbage carts that will fit in narrow spaces available in the district
  - b. Provide option for larger residential properties~~residents~~ and small businesses to opt into City contract with competitive pricing~~elect to switch from garbage carts to heavy mil. bags-~~
  - c. Reduce times for collection i.e. hours carts and garbage bags can be on curb to 4:30 pm - 8:30 to 7:00 am\*
  - d. Require manual sweeping behind garbage collection trucks
3. Require nighttime manual sweeping and emptying of public trash cans in heavily trafficked commercial areas, including Bourbon Street
4. Include weight limits on garbage trucks
  - a. Create incentive for appropriately sized~~small~~ garbage trucks
5. Require administrative costs for fulltime coverage of Sanitation Ranger in the French Quarter & Downtown
6. Include performance standards for accountability
  - a. Measurable and trackable
    - i. Standards for pressure washing technique
    - ii. Water temperature for street washers
    - iii. Biodegradable cleansers for street washing
    - iv. Deodorizer for street washing
    - v. Include weed killer in pressure washing cleanser
    - iv-vi. Consistent litter abatement and public can emptying
    - vii. Maintain locks on public trash cans
  - b. Procedure for public feedback
  - c. Enforceable penalties for non-performance

### Priorities for Ordinances/City Charter Amendments

#### EXISTING LAWS

- RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE

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- Place garbage in an approved, closed, roll cart, or in at least .8 mil black bags in front of your property. White plastic or paper bags and boxes are prohibited. Garbage in unauthorized containers will not be collected. §138-38,39,42,43,47
  - Provide option for residents and small businesses to elect to switch from garbage carts to heavy mil. bags
- Properties containing more than 4 units must hire private service. §138-45
  - Create opportunity for larger residential properties and businesses to opt into public collection with charge back to user.
- COMMERCIAL GARBAGE
  - Hotels, restaurants & bars; and businesses generating more than 35 gal per pick up must hire private service. §138-45
    - Create opportunity for larger businesses to opt into public collection with charge back to user.
  - Haulers must pick up 4-8am and/or 4-6pm. §138-42(b)
    - Revise hours to 5-~~8:30-7:00~~ am\* and/or ~~4-6pm~~5:30-7:30 pm
- GARBAGE PLACEMENT
  - No garbage carts on public property 9am-3:30pm. Carts must be stored on private property. §138-42(a)
    - Revise times to ~~8:30am - 4:00~~7:00am - 5:30 pm\*

## New Laws Related to Sanitation

- Establish weight limits within the oversized vehicle ordinance.
- ~~Activate~~ Create location for garbage transfer on City owned property close to the French Quarter & DowntownDDD to accommodate smaller garbage trucks. Locations ~~undert~~ consider with early conversation with surrounding neighbors.
  - ~~Gov. Nicholls/Esplanade Wharves screened space behind the floodwall~~
  - ~~Other City owned properties in the vicinity~~

## Department of Sanitation Coordination

- Increase Sanitation Ranger capacity in the French Quarter & DDD for fulltime coverage.
- Provide Sanitation Ranger with citation writing authority.

\* Committee members to discuss proposed times with the four private haulers operating within the French Quarter as to the necessary window of time for them to complete their contracted pickups.