

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notes Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 3 November 2021
2:00 pm

Via Teleconference:

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Call to order, The meeting was called to order at 2:02 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	-
Dave	Jorgensen	X		Yes
Brittany	Mulla McGovern	X		Yes
Christian	Pendleton	2:15		Yes
Frank	Perez	X		Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Jane	Cooper	Commissioner

1. Public Comment:

No written public comment or request for live comment were received at the conclusion of the reading of the agenda.

2. Adoption of previous meeting notes

Mr. Jorgensen made a motion to approve the previous meeting note. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and it was approved.

3. Committee Chair Comments

Chair Gasperecz thanked the members for their dedication to the committee and the French Quarter. While her goals were ambitious for this year she is proud of the work the committee has accomplished.

4. Update on Sanitation Contract by Mamie Gasperecz

Chair Gasperecz reported that since April there have been meetings, call and numerous correspondence with the City about the expiring sanitation contract for the French Quarter. Besides thanks for the committee's Sanitation Contract Position Paper, only Cm. Palmer has followed up. There has been no response from the Administration since she met with Josh Cox prior to Hurricane Ida when he said that they did not have issue and RFP and could extend the contract with

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Empire. Members of the committee noted that the issues with sanitation in the French Quarter pre-date Hurricane Ida and Empire has not been held to the performance requirements in the contract. Chair Gasperecz shall reach out to the two Mayoral appointees to the Board of Commissioners to implore them to assist with opening a dialogue with the Administration on the importance of sanitation in the French Quarter.

5. Update on 5G small cell tower installations by Brittany Mulla McGovern

Ms. Mulla McGovern reported that Verizon's revised design for a 4G/5G combo pole was so like the original Toro Blanco design that it does not have to go before the VCC. Installation of 68 AT&T poles has begun. Toro Blanco has been utilizing Hernandez as the contractor and must use All Star per the City's contract. Toro Blanco will utilize two local contractors starting next week (instead of Hernandez): John Cooper and Todd Detlenger. The working group meets with John Cooper this afternoon to discuss installation strategies to minimize disruption. Taking down our current lampposts to installing the new 5G lampposts takes about 48 hours (so we will have some dim spots in the French Quarter). Ms. Mulla McGovern has connected Toro Blanco with NOPD 8th District rank, so they will be notified whenever a lamppost with a security camera is removed so they will know when that coverage goes dark.

6. New business

Dave Jorgensen reported that he will be back in town midmonth to work on the lighting assessment and Ms. Frankic noted that there will be a call for volunteers to assist with the fieldwork.

7. Next meeting date

The next scheduled meeting of the committee is Wednesday, 1 December 2021, at 2:00pm

8. Adjournment

Mr. Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pendleton seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

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Sanitation Contract Correspondence Timeline

4/16

- FQMD ED emailed city Council District C request to begin working on the RFP for the expiring Sanitation Contract

7/27

- FQMD ED emailed District C. Livability Committee Sanitation Contract Position Paper
 - District C Chief responded: *"Only update I have is that the City will provide an update on the FQ/DDD sanitation services contract at the end of August. Will let you know as I hear more."*

8/9

- FQMD ED remailed Sanitation Contract Position Paper to Council District C

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- Liv. Chair emailed Sanitation Contract Position Paper to City Council Public Works Cmte Chair
 - Cm. Giarusso responded: *"Thanks much for passing along. Joe"*

8/16

- Liv Chair email Sanitation Contract Position Paper to Department of Sanitation Director, Matt Torri
 - NO RESPONSE

8/19

- Liv Chair met with Mayoral Advisor, Josh Cox, & City CAO Analyst, Eric Smith, and emailed Sanitation Contract Position Paper
 - NO RESPONSE

10/19

- FQMD ED remail Matt Torri with Sanitation Contract Position Paper
 - NO RESPONSE

10/20

- FQMD ED remail Sanitation Contract Position Paper to District C Livability Committee
 - District C Chief responded: *"The admin sent me the below message: "Discussions about a RFP for the French Quarter Sanitation Contract will be delayed as the Sanitation Department and City work toward stabilizing solid waste collections." We've asked them to please let us know when they're ready to start working again on the downtown*

10/20

- FQMD ED remail Livability Committee Sanitation Contract Position to City Council Public Works Cmte Chair Paper.
 - Cm. Giarusso responded: *"Amanda, will you please check with Alison Poort on this? Thanks."*

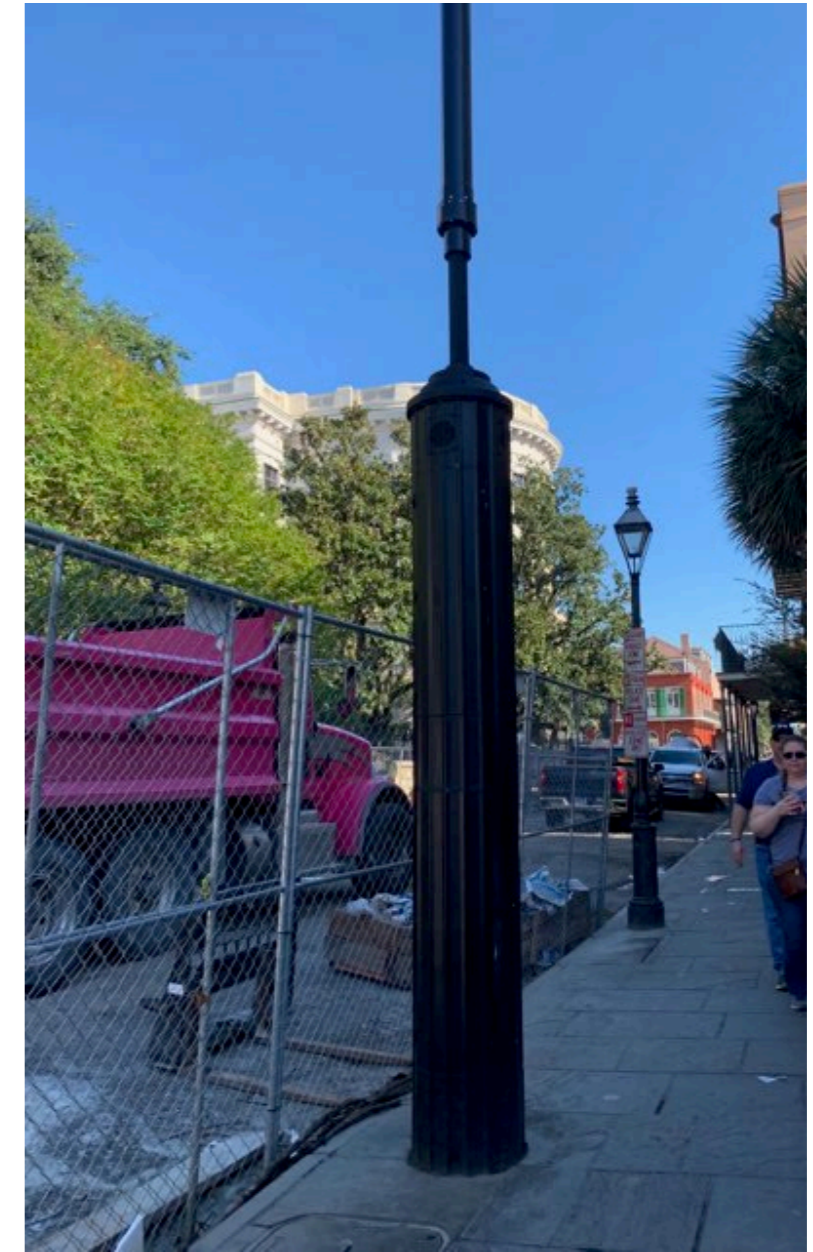
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- FQMD ED remail Matt Torri requesting any updates on the status of the expiring sanitation contract
 - NO RESPONSE

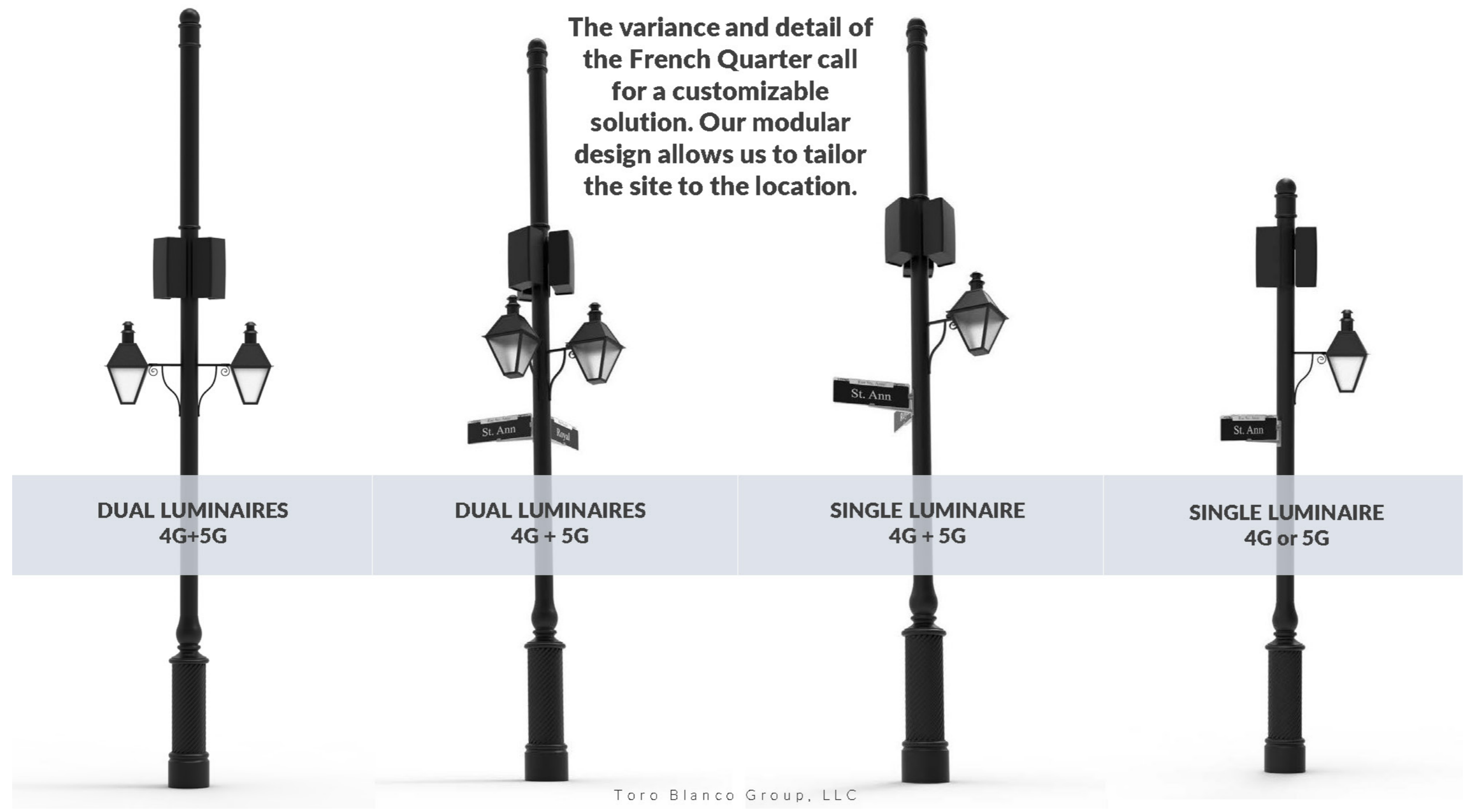
11/02

- FQMD ED remail Council District C requesting any updates on the status of the expiring sanitation contract.
 - District C Chief responded: *"Cm Palmer called the administration about this yesterday. They have promised us an update and timeline on the sanitation contract and RFP soon. We'll let you know as soon as we get any additional info."*

Crown Castle 4G Poles



Toro Blanco Approved Small Cell Design



Installation of New Small Cell Poles

