

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notes

Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 1 December 2021

2:00 pm

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

1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm and the agenda was read into the record.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Madeleine	Jorgensen	

2. Public Comment:
No written public comment or request for live comment were received at the conclusion of the reading of the agenda.
3. Adoption of previous meeting notes
Ms. Mulla McGovern made a motion to approve the previous meeting note. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and it was approved.
4. Committee Chair Comments
Vice-Chair Jorgensen led the meeting in Chair Gasperecz's absence.
5. Update on Sanitation Contract by Mamie Gasperecz
The committee reviewed a correspondence between Chair Gasperecz and Ramsey Green from the City re: the City's renewal of the Empire contract for another year and will revisit the RFP in Q2 2022. The committee ask Ms. Frankic to invite Eric Smith and Tara Richard, per Matt Torri's directive that they were the appropriate parties for FQMD to work through, to January meeting.
6. Update on 5G small cell tower installations by Brittany Mulla McGovern

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Ms. Mulla McGovern reported that 68 are permitted for install. VCC allowed for 7 to be installed as a review period. Due to nationwide supply chain issues installation has been piecemealed. Currently incomplete poles are installed in the FQ with temporary lighting. The Department of Utilities is reviewing the product vs. the approved design.

7. Update on Lighting Assessment by Dave Jorgensen

Toro Blanco will lend a lumen meter for the lighting assessment but suggested an app in the interim. Mr. Jorgensen will begin work on starting the assessment between 8-10 pm when the businesses are open and providing ambient lighting. 2-4 am when businesses are closed is when the Quarter is the darkest. He suggests putting together a 3-person team that can assess the existing light pole conditions as well as collecting lumen readings. Should notify NOPD when the team is in the field.

Want to reuse the poles removed for the 5G poles. Need to identify funding for the re-installation. Vertical Bridge or Entergy are candidates. All Star is the City's contractor and has custody of the old poles. Ms. Mulla McGovern noted that All Star is the only allowed City contractor who could reinstall the removed light poles. What is the length of the All Star maintenance contract? All Star has will let DPW and VCC into their storage yard. Talk to Jonathan Rhodes about getting a complete inventory of the removed poles.

How much was paid per pole out of the FQIF? Those poles need to be reinstalled in the French Quarter. Compare the mapped locations with the 5G locations. Some locations the posts are missing with only four bolts remaining.

Ms. Holmes asked Mr. Jorgensen if it would be helpful he was sent notice of when lights are out. He was amendable and grateful to receive that information.

- 1000 block of Dumaine is completely dark.

8. Discussion – Discussion by Committee to review of 2021 Goals

The committee reviewed progress on the Chair's goals from 2021.

9. Discussion – Discussion by Committee to set 2022 Goals

The Committee discussed the Chair's draft goals for 2022 and made suggestions for carrying forward select 2021 goals.

10. New business – To consider and take action upon any other matters that may properly come before the French Quarter Management District Livability Committee

No new business was discussed.

11. Next meeting date – 5 January 2022

The next scheduled meeting date of the committee is Wednesday, January 5th, at 2:00 pm.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Homes seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm