



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Historic New Orleans Collection, Boyd Cruise Room  
410 Chartres Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70130  
Monday 13 December 2021

2: 03 – 3:00 pm

Via Teleconference:

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### Commissioners Present:

Susan Klein

Heidi Raines

Steve Caputo

Bob Simms

Gail Cavett

Matthew Emory

Christian Pendleton

**Commissioners Absent:** David Bilbe, Mamie Gasperecz, Jane Cooper, Brittany Mulla McGovern, Robert Watters, Frank Zumbo

**Executive Director:** Karley Frankic

**Guests:** Glade Bilby, FQC

Eric Smith, CNO, CAO

David Jorgensen, Livability Committee

- I. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL: INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES – Chairman Pendleton called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Ms. Frankic read the Agenda as noticed and Ms. Klein called the roll.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT: The Public Comment Policy can be found at <https://www.fgmd.org/public-comment-policy>. Written public comment may be submitted electronically via email to [publiccomments@fgmd.org](mailto:publiccomments@fgmd.org). Live comment requests should be registered on comment cards and submitted to the Board Chair. *There were no public comments received.*
- III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8 and NOVEMBER 29, 2021 MEETING MINUTES: Ms. Klein noted both Board Minutes were circulated with one typographical error corrected on the November 29, 2021 minutes. Mr. Caputo motioned (M1) to “approve the November 8, 2021 and the November 29, 2021 Board Minutes as submitted and corrected...”, seconded by Mr. Simms and unanimously approved.
- IV. NOVEMBER 2021 TREASURER’S REPORT: Ms. Frankic presented the submitted Treasurer Reports for Mr. Zumbo and the submitted 2022 Annual Operating Budget was presented by Ms. Raines.

- a. Treasurer Reports - Ms. Klein motioned (**M2**) to “approve the November Treasurer Reports as submitted...”, seconded by Ms. Raines and unanimously approved. **ANNEX I**
- b. 2022 Operating Budget - Mr. Emory motioned (**M3**) to approve the FQMD 2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures...”, seconded by Ms. Cavett and unanimously approved.

V. **BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS:** Mr. Pendleton

- a. Board of Ethics - Mr. Pendleton reminded the Board to fulfill the Louisiana Board of Ethics requirements for financial disclosures and ethics training for the current year. The ethics training requirements by Board resolution must be fulfilled each year by January 31<sup>st</sup> or within 30 days of a new Commissioner’s appointment. The financial disclosure is due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. FQMD Meeting Calendar – this was included in the Board Packet and all meetings are posted on the FQMD website.
- c. FQEDD Tax Collection – The October collection was \$123,650.00. However, unrecorded late remittances will raise that number.
- d. MACCNO Meeting – Mr. Pendleton and Ms. Frankic met with MACCNO to discuss the preemptive media release by them of the New Orleans & Company extra patrol funding. Their concerns reflected the manner of policing to take place. They were assured that the goal was to have all required protocols followed and for them to be administered consistently. Mr. Pendleton noted all Board Meetings and Security and Enforcement Committee Meetings follow Open Meeting Law any MACCNO representative was welcome to attend or join the Committee.
- e. NOPD Chief Ferguson Meeting – On Friday December 10, 2021 he, Ms. Klein and Ms. Frankic met with Chief Ferguson and most of his leadership team regarding the Royal Steet Patrol expansion media announcement.. The Chief understood that it was preemptively made by MACCNO without any knowledge on FQMD’s part and noted he was open to all the supplement policing help he could get. His only two requests were informing dispatch of what officers were reporting for duty and where, and that any POST certified entity used be aware of specific French Quarter ordinances along with reporting procedures.

VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Ms. Frankic

- a. Administrative
  - i. Calendar - The annual meeting calendar presented by the Board Chair today will be uploaded to the agency’s website in compliance with the bylaws. All meetings this year are scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm. The Board will be receiving invites from her to populate their digital calendars.
  - ii. Legislative Audit – FQMD is on track to close the accounting books by January 15<sup>th</sup> and to prepare for the 2021 legislative audit.
  - iii. FQMD Policies - All of the board’s current policies are now located on the agency’s website.
- b. Public Safety
  - i. FQEDD – Ms. Frankic presented the FQMD Board approved FQEDD budget at the last regular meeting to the City Council’s French Quarter Economic Development District and it was unanimously approved. Today was the second meeting of the FQEDD Agreement Monitors and FQMD is in transition mode for the agreed upon programming of the Supplemental Police Patrol Program (SPPP) at the beginning of the new year.
  - ii. Royal Street Supplemental Patrols – Ms. Frankic thanked the Board for funding approval to expand the Royal Street Patrols. Work is in progress to complete the contract with the vendors to enable a pre-Christmas launch of these foot patrols. As Mr. Pendleton noted, they met with MACCNO and the public safety team for the City, along with Secretary

Klein. FQMD has received several messages supporting the expansion of these patrols.

c. Meetings Attended -

11/09	NOPD 8 <sup>th</sup> District MAX Meeting
11/11	Security & Enforcement Committee mid-month check in meeting
11/11	Meeting with Cpt. Walls and FMIA re: Hide, Lock, Take auto theft deterrent program
11/15	Meeting with Commissioners Cooper, Mulla McGovern, and Simms re: FQEDD KPIs
11/15	FQEDD Agreement Monitor kick off meeting
11/15	Security & Enforcement Committee Meeting
11/16	NOPD 8 <sup>th</sup> District MAX Meeting
11/16	City Council District C Runoff Forum
11/17	Government Affairs Committee meeting
11/18	FQEDD Budget approval meeting
11/19	Finance & Development Committee check-in meeting
11/19	Livability Committee mid-month check-in meeting
11/22	Finance & Development Committee meeting
11/29	Special Board of Commissioners meeting
11/30	NOPD 8 <sup>th</sup> District MAX Meeting
12/01	Livability Committee meeting
12/07	NOPD 8 <sup>th</sup> District MAX Meeting
12/08	Board Chair transition meeting
12/09	Security & Enforcement Committee mid-month check-in meeting
12/09	MACCNO meeting with Chair Pendleton re: expanded Royal Street Patrol
12/10	NOPD, NOHSEP meeting re: expanded Royal Street Patrol with Chair Pendleton and Secretary Klein
12/13	FQEDD Agreement Monitor meeting

VII. **FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** – Ms. Raines noted the Committee met on November 22, 2021 with the next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2022 at 2 p.m.

- a. Royal Street Patrols
  - i. Execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) with New Orleans and Company was recommended for Board approval.
  - ii. Execution of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with New Orleans and Company was recommended for Board approval.
- c. FQMD Annual Budget – A recommendation was made to submit the 2022 Operating Budget with corresponding revenues and expenditures to the Board for approval.

VIII. **LIVABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT** – Ms. Frankic reported for Ms. Gasperez. The Committee met on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 with the next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2022 at 2 p.m.

- a. Sanitation Contract – The committee reviewed a correspondence between Chair Gasperez and Mr. Ramsey Green from the City regarding the City’s renewal of the Empire contract for another year. There will be a request for proposal (RFP) in the second quarter of 2022. Ms. Frankic shall invite Mr. Eric Smith and Ms. Tara Richard, per Mr. Matt Torri’s directive to work through this issue at the next Committee meeting.
- b. 5G – Ms. Mulla McGovern reported that sixty-eight poles are permitted for instillation. The Vieux Carré Commission (VCC) allowed for only seven to be installed as a review period. Due to nationwide supply chain issues installation has been piecemealed. Currently incomplete poles are installed in the French Quarter with temporary lighting. The Department of Utilities is reviewing the product which is against the VCC approved design.

- c. Lighting – Toro Blanco will lend a lumen meter for the lighting assessment but suggested an app in the interim. Mr. Jorgensen will begin work the assessment between 8 and 10 pm when the businesses are open and provide ambient lighting. It is darkest between 2 and 4 am when the businesses are closed. He suggests putting together a 3-person team that can assess the existing light pole conditions as well as collecting lumen readings. NOPD will be notified when the team is in the field. The Committee would like to reuse the poles removed for the 5G poles for lighting. Mr. Jonathan Rhodes will be contacted for a complete inventory of the removed poles. Funding for the re-installation is needed. All Star is the only allowed City contractor who can reinstall the removed light poles. Mr. Simms noted the temporary lights are motion activated and vey inadequate. Mr. Smith said he would contact the proper person at City Hall to address this public safety issue.
- d. Committee 2022 Goals – The 2022 draft goals, including incomplete 2021 goals will be carried forward and shall be presented at a later date.

IX. SECURITY AND ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - Mr. Emory noted the Committee met on Monday, November 15, 2021 with the next meeting to be December 20, 2022 at Hotel Monteleone. He thanked Mr. Pendleton for his leadership as Chairperson.

- a. Bollards – Mr. Emory noted they are non-functional because they are not maintained and the City should be contacted to determine how they shall address this through the various FQMD committees.
- b. Illegal Vehicular Racing – Mr. Caputo noted the public safety problem of racing by motorcycles and other vehicles on our District streets. These occur with police in vehicles watching, but they cannot be chased. Not only speeding but driving against traffic flow occurs. Mr. Emory noted these are organized events that seek populous venues and the Mayor and other influential leaders should reach out to these community groups to moderate their actions, seek other venues, and not violate the law which is a serious detriment to public safety. Mr. Simms pointed out this is a city-wide problem.
- c. Final Four Tournament – Mr. Pendleton noted this world-class event will put a spotlight on New Orleans and public safety, sanitation, lighting, sidewalks, cell phone towers, et cetera must be on the forefront for our City to address. FQMD should assist anyway possible.
- d. Eighth District Updates - The 8th District arrested one individual for seventeen burglaries. There has been a decrease in violent crime overall. At least seven hundred tickets were issued on Esplanade Avenue and the NOPD needs a device for digital ticket writing, and signage for photo enforcement prior to engaging in such. The 8th District now has two officers trained on speed radar to enforce the 15 mph reduced speed limit.
- e. French Quarter Task Force - Sergeant Mark Boudreaux has replaced Lieutenant Jamie Roach following her promotion and reassignment.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Recommendations by Mr. Simms – He noted our participation was greater with virtual meetings. Also, public comment can be limited depending on how agenda items are listed and the given the timeframe available. He suggested as funds are available to have a more interactive web experience for comment. Finally, he noted that perhaps Executive meetings could occur as public committee meetings as we move forward.
- b. Chair Leadership - Mr. Caputo noted FQMD has come a long way, thanked Mr. Pendleton for his leadership and welcomed Ms. Raines as the 2022 Chairperson. Ms. Raines also thanked Mr. Pendleton for his efforts especially during the eighteen month FQEDD negotiation process.

- c. 2022 Chair Focus – Ms. Raines shall focus on organizational and contract performance. This would include the structure of vetting issues through the Executive Team and/or through Committee in advance of Board requests. The Committee Goals shall frame FQMD’s Strategic Plan.

XI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: 18 January 2022

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Simms motioned (**M4**) to “adjourn the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of the FQMD Commission at 3 p.m.”, seconded by Mr. Caputo and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed original available)  
Susan Klein, Secretary

ANNEX I – Treasurer Reports