

## Notes Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 5 January 2022  
2:00 pm

Via Teleconference:

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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		X	-
Mamie	Gasperecz	X		Yes
Erin	Holmes	X		Yes
Dave	Jorgensen	X		Yes
Brittany	Mulla McGovern	X		Yes
Christian	Pendleton	2:05		-
Frank	Perez		X	-

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

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. Mrs. Holmes seconded the motion, and it was approved.

4. Committee Chair Comments

- a. Presentation 2022 Work Plan

Chair Gasperecz presented her work plan that she will present to the Board of Commissioners on January 18<sup>th</sup>, see pages 3 and 4 below. Commissioner Cooper noted that the Security & Enforcement Committee would like to partner with the Livability Committee on lighting. Mr. Jorgensen reported that he was ready to begin the first phase of data collection and he welcomed the assistance.

b. Strategic Partnerships for Homeless Services

Chair Gasperecz noted that she is working with Security & Enforcement Committee Chair Cooper to schedule meetings with potential partners for moving forward action items resulting from the needs assessment. There is a meeting scheduled with the French Market Corporation and she is working to schedule a meeting with Covenant House.

5. Discussion by Committee of Sanitation Contract

Chair Gasperecz reported that Eric Smith missed his meeting with her and neither he nor Tara Richard had not responded to the invitation to attend this meeting of the committee as they were invited per the guidance of Matt Torri, Director of the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Pendleton asked that the committee chair consider working with the new Board Chair on sending a letter to the City (Mayor Cantrell, Mr. Ramsey Green, and Mr. Matt Torri) detailing the concerns about Empire's performance as Mr. Torri had said at the Council's budget hearing that he had not heard any complaints from FQMD on the contract performance.

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

Ms. Mulla McGovern reported that there had not been much progress since the last committee meeting. Sixty-eight 5G streetlight poles have been permitted for installation. The Vieux Carré Commission (VCC) allowed for a number to be installed for a review period. One outcome of that review period was that the VCC asked that the poles be changed from fiber glass to cast iron. Due to nationwide supply chain issues and COVID-19 installation has been delayed.

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

Mr. Jorgensen noted that the sidewalk assessment had been completed two years ago and while there was work done in the lower Quarter, the majority of the hazards remained and have deteriorated further. He would like to take another pass on the field conditions this year to help with moving progress forward.

8. Next meeting date – 2 February 2022

The next scheduled meeting date of the committee is Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Pendleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mulla McGovern seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm

# LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

## 2022 WORK PLAN

### CLEANLINESS

Work for improved sanitary conditions throughout the French Quarter

### SANITATION CONTRACT

Work with the City's Sanitation Department, Department of Public Works and City Council to proactively monitor programming that best services the unique nature of the French Quarter.

### KEEP THE QUARTER CLEAN CAMPAIGN

The intent of the program is maintaining a higher level of cleanliness, with all stakeholders feel a sense of ownership in promoting the Keep the Quarter Clean campaign and driving concerns to the survey tool to inform future programming. Keep the Quarter Clean will utilize a multi-pronged campaign to be rolled out in collaboration with our appointing entities, political partners, and friends throughout our community.

Launch with a full breadth of physical and virtual installations including:

- Social media
- Billboard
- Light pole banners
- Streetcar stop advertisements
- Store window decals
- Bumper stickers/magnets
- Balcony banners

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Improve existing assessment programs and develop new programming with partners to address challenges with infrastructure in the French Quarter

### SIDEWALKS

Build on 2020 Committee Work to implement solutions to identified problems

- Promote the improved 2020 Sidewalk Survey to build awareness of deteriorated conditions
- Pursue funding to repair the findings of the 2020 Survey

# French Quarter

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- Work with the Vieux Carré Commission and its Foundation to assure installation of proper historically appropriate sidewalk materials

## LIGHTING

Work for lighting improvements that offer historically appropriate installations that provide a sense of security and place.

## STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT

- Work with volunteers/interns to have an experiential education in practical application of historic preservation and urban plan by surveying existing lighting condition.
  - Assess existing lighting conditions
  - Identify locations which would benefit from additional lighting, reusing the historic light posts removed to accommodate small cell poles.
- Revisit Vieux Carré Commission Lighting Assessment for recommendations that overlay with the output from the intern program

## DRAINAGE

Investigate storm drain scoping and repair options to address the increased flooding throughout the French Quarter.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Identify opportunities to build on existing partnership and create new partnerships that will benefit the District.

## HOMELESS NEEDS

Work with the Security & Enforcement Committee to identify actionable items from the Travelers Aid Society's Homeless Needs Assessment that improve the livability of the District in coordination with the French Market Corporation and the Downtown Development District.

## SOUND

Bring the stakeholders together with the City's Department of Health to improve the existing sound ordinance into a fair and enforceable instrument.

## TRANSPORTATION

Work with partners in transportation planning and funding for North Rampart Street traffic calming measures designed and implemented to reduce multi-modal collisions.