

## SECURITY & ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes  
 Monday, 20 June 2022  
 2:00 pm

Bienville House, Vieux Carré Room  
 320 Decatur Street  
 New Orleans, LA 70130

1. Call to Order, Reading of the Agenda, and Roll Call

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 mtg notes
Ann	Kesler		X	-
Frances	Hegenberger	X		Yes
Gail	Cavett		X	-
Glade	Bilby	X		Yes
Jane	Cooper	X		Yes
Matthew	Emory		X	-
Steve	Caputo	X		Yes
Joshua	Grippio	X		Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Matthew	Pincus	Public Safety Services Corp
Marc	Boudreau	SPPP Supervisor
Bob	Simms	Commissioner
Eric	Smith	CNO, CAO
Suzette	Toledano	
Jessica	Dietz	
Ethan	Ellestad	MaCC NO

2. Public Comment:

No public comments were received at the conclusion of the reading of the agenda.

3. Approval of previous meeting notes

**Mr. Caputo made a motion to approve the previous meeting notes. Ms. Hegenberger seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

4. Committee Chair's Comments - Jane Cooper

Committee Chair Jane Cooper welcomed the members and attendees to the meeting.

a. Welcome Joshua Grippo

The Board of Commissioners recently approved Joshua Grippo's nomination to the Security and Enforcement Committee at the last Board of Commissioners meeting on June 13, 2022. Ms. Cooper welcomed Mr. Grippo to the committee. She also welcomed Shannon Muschalek as FQMD's new coordinator.

b. 2022 Work Plan Review

- There have been a number of illegal guns confiscated this year by the NOPD, particularly on Bourbon Street.
- The crash bollards remain on the agenda as a topic of discussion.
- The Intraforce Study (2019) includes many topics that align with SEC work plan goals which include:
  - Additional boots on the ground in the French Quarter - hopefully as the heat dissipates we can get more NOPD foot patrols.
  - Allocating resources to increased bicycle patrols - there are currently several officers being trained.
  - Coordination training between all the police and enforcement agencies.
  - Integration with the DDD.
  - Additional work done on aggressive solicitation and illegal vending.
  - Lighting - Working on a survey of every single light pole in the French Quarter. The City has gone out with an RFP to maintain light poles due to current contractor unresponsiveness. Eric Smith will see if the All-Star contract is still in force.
- There has been effective oversight of the SPPP as well as the Upper Quarter Patrol
- The Government Affairs Committee is going to take up the efforts to locate and share the data on the economic impact of the French Quarter
- The Homeless Needs Assessment has been discussed as an ongoing issue: responsibility on this issue will continue to be shared with the Livability Committee. FQMD is considering funding Case Workers with the French Market Corporation.

c. Meeting with the Downtown Development District to talk about enhanced integration

Ms. Cooper, Ms. Frankic, and Ms. Raines met with the DDD's Executive Director Davon Barbour, Chairman of the Board Gregory Curtis, and Director of Operations Hunter Herbert to talk about enhanced integration. There seems to be an energetic response from the DDD on taking action, specifically on:

- Working together on lighting opportunities on the 100 Blocks - both artistically and functionally.
- Sanitation Solutions - Livability Committee to look into doing a sanitation survey to better understand the scope of work to be done in the French Quarter.
- Graffiti Removal - the DDD currently has their own graffiti abatement program that includes the French Quarter between Canal Street and Iberville Street.
- Sidewalk Repair
- Increasing Security Personnel

Ms. Frankic reiterated that the DDD's Graffiti Abatement Program is a 50% reimbursable fund, and the DDD is enthusiastically pushing that resource to their residents and business owners as well as to those in our shared jurisdiction between Canal Street and Iberville Street. This provides FQMD with another resource of funds to provide to applicable French Quarter citizens.

Mr. Bilby brought up the importance of lighting efforts in regards to public safety in the French Quarter. His concern was avoiding the mismanagement seen with the 5-G poles. He noted that the poles take away from property value as well as provide limited to no lighting. Ms. Cooper reminded the Committee and guests that Dave Jorgenson has composed a detailed lighting survey plan and volunteers are all working together diligently to complete those data entries with the hope that this data will spark interest in City legislation involvement. The Livability Committee and its volunteers hope to have the lighting survey complete by the end of July. Ms. Frankic also reminded the Committee and guests that there has been a large effort to retrieve removed light poles and have them reinstalled where there are lighting gaps throughout the French Quarter. Mr. Smith reported that the situation with the 5-G poles and their lighting capabilities were taken out of the hands of City representatives due to it being a Federally ran project.

5. Presentation – Presentation of the Eighth District Crime Statistics and Supplemental Police Patrol Program.  
To Present: Sgt. Marc Boudreau

See attached stats report. Sgt. Boudreau reported that the biggest issue they are facing in the 8th district is the automobile burglaries. As far as the SPPP is concerned they have set up designated areas for officers to patrol. Of violent crimes (21 for the month) a vast majority have been solved with SPPP officers making apprehensions on many of those cases just after receiving the BOLO. Sgt. Boudreau addressed several of the attached statistics to include app calls and response times, noting that shift changes could be what is driving up response times. He also noted that the "persons moved" statistic has noticeably increased. This could be due to the recent clean out of several encampments.

Sgt. Boudreau also informed the Committee and guests that the patrol vehicles have had some recent issues; two of which shut down in the middle of patrols. This could be due to the extreme heat and quality of gas. They plan to get fuel injector cleaner to try and troubleshoot the issue. It was confirmed that we have 4 cars on the street right now. FQC has worked closely with NO&co. to provide additional vehicles.

Mr. Simms noted that there have been some helpful calls coming into the app that provide pictures and probable cause to the officers. Sgt. Boudreau reiterated how valuable these photos are in building a case for court.

6. Presentation – Presentation on the monthly report of the Upper Quarter Patrol. To present: Matthew Pincus

Mr. Pincus provided the report below:

Key Performance Indicators	3/8-3/19	3/20-4/2	4/3-4/30	5/1-5/31	Year to Date
Business Checks	249	1,370	1,910	2,063	5,592
Citizen Contacts	158	913	873	897	2,841
NOPD Assists	2	23	39	42	106
Subjects Moved	15	297	412	452	1,176
Medical (EMS Notified Rendered Aid)	2	5	5	9	21

Mr. Pincus reported that they are maintaining 340-350 patrol hours per week. Public Safety Services successfully submitted the UQP detail to the Office of Secondary Police Deployment; so they are now listed as an additional detail unit. Mr. Pincus hopes that the SPPP can receive some of their services upon being listed. Mr. Pincus reports that the 100 blocks continue to be a hotbed for the homeless and vagrants. There is also a slight up-tick in shoplifting as well.

Ms. Tolendano addressed her concerns for the excessive drug use on the 500 block of Iberville Street. Sgt. Boudreau reported that he did not see an excessive amount of reports through the app. The previous task force, now known as the District Community Action Team, would take those concerns and complaints and address them accordingly. Sgt. Boudreau gave his information to concerned parties to contact him so he can forward complaints to the District Community Action Team. Jessica Dietz reported that she also has seen excessive drug use on Iberville and Chartres and occasionally on Clinton. She also has observed dealers using homeless people to run narcotics and bringing users into Clinton Street to use drugs. She is going to look into gaining video footage to forward to Sgt. Boudreau.

Ms. Cooper asked Sgt. Boudreau to share recent parking enforcement statistics for the first weekend of June over a two night span. These enforcement actions were done with the assistance of the Quality of Life officers and Parking Enforcement officers (ticketers, booters, tow trucks). The following are the statistics Sgt. Boudreau shared:

- 178 parking tickets
- 30 vehicles towed - availability of tow trucks hindered this event. The yard on 400 N. Claiborn was closed so they had to utilize the yard on Almonaster.

Ms. Cooper thanked all of the involved officers for all of their hard work, especially in the extreme heat conditions.

7. Presentation – Presentation on City Safety Coordination. To present: Eric Smith, City CAO Analyst

Mr. Smith is still waiting for an updated report on the crash bollards.

8. Presentation – Presentation on the French Quarter Economic Development District. To present: Jane Cooper
  - a. June Agreement Monitors Meeting discussed in the next section.
9. Discussion – Discussion by Committee on the French Quarter Economic Development District Fiscal Year 2022 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

There has been \$1.8 million collected for the FQEDD tax revenue. Part of this \$1.8 million was a lump sum of \$386,000 dollars that the City received from the State. Mr. Smith is trying to identify if the figure is accurate. This sum is reported as online sales from anyone who orders anything online in the French Quarter. We are still well on track to reach the 2 Million dollar tax revenue funding and could potentially reach 3 Million.

Due to Juneteenth observance in the city, the SEC was unable to obtain the numbers from NOPD representatives on the crime cameras, license plate readers, radar, ect. as previously proposed. NOPD officers were not permitted to work on the day of the meeting and therefore were not able to present that information. They are hoping to obtain that information in the next week as Sgt. Boudreau will remind Lt. Palumbo to send that information. Once that information is received it will be added to the mid-year adjustment.

Ms. Cooper reported that there will be a letter for property owners (residential or business) to provide authorization to the NOPD and the UQP to remove subjects from the property. This will act as a sort of blanket authorization and mitigate the previous back and forth seen in the past when trying to move subjects off of private property. Sgt. Boudreau reports that they are working out the logistics of how exactly that will work, how the renewal process will work, and how to determine if the property is still owned by the owners who submitted the original authorization.

Ms. Cooper also reported that the Sobering Center is due to open back up in mid July.

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

Mr. Bilby reported that the City Council is considering unlimited vending within the city. The concern is that this would open the door to illegal vending opportunities.

Jessica Dietz gave an update on the 200-300 blocks of Decatur Street.

11. Next meeting date: 18 July 2022

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is Monday, July 18th at 2:00pm.

12. Adjournment

**Mr. Bilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Caputo seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.**

**Supplemental Police Patrol Program Goals**

DESCRIPTION	INCREMENT	January	February	March	April	May	Average Year to Date	KPI
SPPP Officers Trained in FQ Specific Laws	Within 30 days of joining SPPP officer pool	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
App Response Time	10 minutes	12	38	18	27	23.5	24	10
Miles Patrolled	Month	5595	4200	6416	6483	6,398	5818	10000
Citizen Contracts	Month	477	285	561	535	467	465	700
Business Checks	Month (10/Day)	368	253	441	344	364	354	300
Percentage of Shifts Filled	CEA Obligated Shifts	44.0%	30.8%	48.2%	45.2%	47.50%	43%	90%
	Scheduled Shifts	77.0%	57.0%	90.0%	68.0%	71%	73%	
<b>Categories Tracked</b>								
Responsible Party	Description	January	February	March	April	May	Year to Date At	5-Year Avg
SPPP Supervisor	App Calls Received	120	146	192	233	303	199	371
SPPP Supervisor	Dispatch Calls Responded to	57	37	74	72	95	67	100
SPPP Supervisor	Arrests & Apprehensions	1	3	6	9	10	6	33
SPPP Supervisor	Summons / Traffic Citations	24	24	56	97	Jun-58	4308	58
SPPP Supervisor	Subjects Moved	126	80	255	262	407	226	1328
SPPP Supervisor	SPPP Vehicles Available for Patrol	2	2	3	4	4	3	
8 <sup>th</sup> Commander	Officers Assigned to the 8th District	87	84	85	83	85	85	98 (2021/10/01)
8 <sup>th</sup> Commander	Person Crimes in the FQ	10	19	16	26	21	18	
8 <sup>th</sup> Commander	Officers: Bourbon Promenade	15	14	14	14	16	15	