

LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes
Wednesday, 6 July 2022
2:00 pm

Covenant House, Board Room
 611 N. Rampart Street
 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 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	-
Madison	Charleston	X		yes
Rene	Fransen		X	-
Mamie	Gasperecz	X		yes
Erin	Holmes	X		yes
Dave	Jorgensen		X	-
Christian	Pendleton	X		yes
Frank	Perez	X		yes
Graham	Williams		X	-

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Shannon	Muschalek	Coordinator
Jessica	Dietz	Resident, Business Owner
Glade	Bilby	FQC
Dare Rose	Haven	VCPORA

2. Public Comment

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

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3. Approval of previous meeting notes

Mr. Pendelton made a motion to approve the previous meeting notes. Ms. Holmes seconded the motion and it was approved.

4. Committee Chair Comments by Mamie Gasperecz

a. 2022 Mid-year Committee Work Plan review

- i. Reports to KBS/Empire are being added quickly and responded to adequately. The 311 system is being updated to add new categories for reporting. Feedback has been positive due to the quick response KBS/Empire has recently provided.
- ii. The lighting survey is to be pushed back another 30 days due to extreme heat conditions and complications with Covid-19. The new deadline goal is August 1st.
- iii. Ms. Gasperecz reached out to the North Rampart Mainstreet for information on drainage and flooding; waiting to hear back.
- iv. Discussion to hold firm in sound ordinance and add flooding, ADA compliance, and graffiti abatement to the 2022 work plan.
- v. Monthly meetings with the Downtown Development District will begin starting next week.

b. Thank you to Keep Louisiana Beautiful and other potential partners

- i. Ms. Gasperecz thanks Keep Louisiana Beautiful for funding the hotel/rack cards.
- ii. Ms. Gasperecz commends Ms. Frankic on her involvement in the speaking circuit over the last month and her dedication in promoting the Keep the Quarter Clean campaign.
- iii. Ms. Gasperecz requests the committee to be on the lookout for press and award opportunities for the Keep the Quarter Clean campaign.

c. Tour Guide Association to give out KQC rack cards

- i. Thank you to Frank Perez and the Tour Guides Association for agreeing to hand out Keep the Quarter Clean hotel/rack cards.

5. Report – Update on the 2022 Lighting Assessment to present Mamie Gasperecz

- a. The lighting assessment due date has been pushed back to August 1st.
- b. There have been no replies from 311 on the 100+ lighting outage requests. Eric Smith will investigate further.

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- c. Eric Smith reported at the June 20th, 2022 Agreement Monitors meeting that the light poles in Allstar Lighting and Electircal's yard belong to the City and should not be in Allstar's Possession. Mr. Smith will meet with the Department of Public Works to discuss this topic on Friday, July 8th.
6. Report – Update on homelessness services partners to present Mamie Gasperecz
 - a. Ms. Cooper, Ms. Frankic, and Ms. Gasperecz will have a phone meeting on Friday, July 8th with Travelers Aid (TASGNO) to go over the contract and determine if/how FQMD needs to be involved.
 - b. Ms. Gasperecz will inquire about capacity on intake availability on behalf of Covenant House.
 - c. Ms. Gasperecx expects to have a matrix of services available for the next Committee meeting.
 7. Report – Update on Graffiti Abatement in the French Quarter to present Erin Holmes
 - a. There was a stakeholder meeting on June 8th with VCPORA, FQMD, FQC, VCCF, FQBA, and VCC to discuss possible solutions for graffiti on private property and the possible revival and upgrade of the Vieux Carre Graffiti Abatement Program (VCGAP).
 - b. Ms. Holmes will organize another stakeholder meeting to go over a proposal to revive an upgraded version of the VCGAP.
 8. Discussion – Discussion by Committee on pedestrian and bike safety initiatives.
 - a. The Committee is continuing to reach out to pedestrian bike safety initiatives
 9. Report – Update on Keep the Quarter Clean launch and new opportunities to present Karley D. Frankic
 - a. Ms. Frankic reported on the hotel information cards to provide guests with reporting resources:
 - i. Free for all hoteliers interested in engaging with the Keep the Quarter Clean initiative.
 - ii. There are 35,000 cards available for distribution, provided by Keep Louisiana Beautiful.
 - b. YLC/FQBM joint membership event meeting on 29 July, 2022:
 - i. Happy hour to get YLC and FQMD members together to hand out Keep the Quarter Clean decals to business owners on Bourbon street and promote the campaign.
 - ii. Mr. Pendelton offered to host the event at Brennan's.
 - c. Keep the Quarter Clean Decals and Magnets
 - i. Ms. Frankic will see if she can get decals that mount on the inside of windows.
 - ii. Ms. Charleston is waiting to hear back from Councilman King to see if he will help fund the next print of decals/magnets.

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

a. Mr. Pendelton reported the sobering center is due to reopen this month

11. Next meeting date – 3 August 2022

The correct date of the next scheduled meeting of the committee is Wednesday, August 3rd at 2:00pm

12. Adjournment

Mr. Pendelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm