

SECURITY & ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes
Monday, 19 September 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 Cal. The meeting was called to order at: 2:00

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				VOTES
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve mtg notes
Joshua	Grippio	X		Yes
Frances	Hegenberger	X		Yes
Jessica	Dietz	X		Yes
Glade	Bilby		X	-
Jane	Cooper		X	-
Steve	Caputo	X		Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Karley	Frankic	FQMD Executive Director
Shannon	Muschalek	FQMD Coordinator
Eric	Smith	City CAO Analyst
Sgt. Marc	Boudreau	NOPD 8 th District / SPPP Coordinator
Matt	Pincus	UQP Supervisor
Lt. Sam	Palumbo	NOPD 8 th District
Cpt. Hans	Ganthier	NOPD 8 th District Commander
Marvin	Arnold	Eye of Surveillance
Bob	Simms	FQMD Commissioner
Erin	Holmes	VPORA Executive Director

2. Public Comment:

Public comment - Old Business: I brought up at the last SEC meeting that the FQ Patrol SPPP is not intended to be a foot patrol. Mr. Smith stated that the CEA does not require the patrols to be in vehicles. I disagreed and said I would look at the CEA. Here's what Article IV of the CEA states in Section C.13.a: C. Obligations of the City, through the Superintendent of the NOPD. 13. Implement the Project and ensure that the essential duties and patrol responsibilities for the SPPP are performed, as follows: a. Provide 24/7 proactive crime deterrent "Blue Light"

patrols of the District in small black vehicles that will be unique to the SPPP. Bob Simms, 615 Dumaine St., 504-220-3704

3. Approval of previous meeting notes

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

4. Committee Chair's Comments

Chair Jane Cooper was absent, but in her stead, Vice-Chair Steve Caputo welcomed Jessica Dietz to the Security and Enforcement Committee.

5. Presentation – Presentation on the French Quarter Economic Development District September Agreement Monitors Meeting. To present: Steve Caputo

Mr. Caputo asked Ms. Frankic to present on his behalf. Ms. Frankic reported that the Agreement Monitors discussed several key performance indicators within the FQEDD trust fund monthly report. She also reported that the City is working with DPW to place signs similar to the ones in Latrobe Park and French Market Place around various areas of the French Quarter to do regular sanitation sweeps with the Quality of Life officers. The Agreement Monitors discussed traffic calming signs and initiatives being considered for North Rampart Street.

The Agreement Monitors also discussed creating a new overtime rate with City Civil Service for the SPPP to attract more officers to the program.

SPPP Supervisor, Sgt. Marc Boudreau, reported at the Agreement Monitors meeting that since the authorization letter to remove trespassers was disseminated, 17 property owners have sent in signed letters.

Ms. Frankic reported that the Agreement Monitors discussed locations for the crime cameras and indicated that the Real Time Crime Center may be able to assist with the data infrastructure. This would potentially allow the Committee to afford more crime cameras to be placed throughout the French Quarter.

Ms. Frankic reported that the Livability Committee is finishing the lighting survey by the end of the month and further discussion about light pole placement will ensue once the survey is completed.

NOPD representatives Captain Ganthier and Lt. Palumbo also gave suggestions for the 2023 budget to include traffic ticketing machines, LEAD, and dedicated sanitation and code enforcement officers. There will be more discussion on the 2023 budget at following public FQMD meetings in October.

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

See attached report

Sgt. Boudreau reported that August was the strongest month in filling shifts so far in 2022. Sgt. Boudreau reported that the officer photographed sleeping in his vehicle has been relieved for 30 days from the SPPP and may be reevaluated after the suspension period if NOPD internal review approves. The officer cited fatigue from long shifts. Sgt. Boudreau noted that foot patrols in pedestrian areas netted 2 arrests, 3 summons, 1 traffic citation. There were two gun arrests on Bourbon Street and one marijuana arrest on Canal Street in August.

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

See attached report

Ms. Frankic thanked Matt Pincus and his officers for assisting with the lighting survey by providing security on the nighttime portions of the survey and for the UQP's diligence in consistently filling their shifts with 9,250 patrol hours

recorded to date. Mr. Caputo asked for more clarification on business checks. Matt Pincus reported that business checks include any time officers engage with business owners and staff in the French Quarter.

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

a. Crash Bollards

Eric Smith reported that there has been no progress since the City approved a contract for the Department of Public Works to engage Mott Macdonald to create a deconstruction and fill plan for removing the crash bollards.

b. Vehicle Procurement

Commissioner Bob Simms reported that the four new vehicles New Orleans and Company is donating to the SPPP should be delivered by the end of the week when they will be outfitted with wraps and lights. The SPPP is hoping to have them in service the first week of October. The NOPD additionally has two vehicles that have been approved and are in the process to go out for bid through the City's Office of Procurement. These additional vehicles would round out the number of vehicles donated or purchased to 10 for 2022. There has been some discussion to potentially add two more electric vehicles, but it is unlikely to occur in 2022.

c. Travelers Aid Society CEA with French Market Corporation

Eric Smith reported that he received an email from the attorneys involved and that the CEA will go out for execution this week.

d. RFP for the Application

Eric Smith reported that the RFP for the application is presently on hold. He expects the RFP to go out this year. There is a shortage of personnel at City Hall and other procurement has been prioritized.

9. Presentation – Presentation on the mid year budget adjustment line items by FQEDD. To Present: Eric Smith, city CAO Analyst

Mr. Smith reported that the variances in the budget approved by the FQMD have already been paid for by the NOPD; so the line items are slightly different. The streetlights have to be put out for bid by DPW and the earliest installments would occur in 2023. Mr. Grippo asked how light pole placement and maintenance is prioritized by the City. Lt. Palumbo reported that they prioritize lighting by overlaying outage with crime maps. Commissioner Bob Simms made a comment that several years ago FQMD was able to contract directly with AllStar Electric and suggested obtaining private donations to install light poles.

10. Presentation - Update from Joshua Grippo on SPPP data

Mr. Grippo obtained data from the SPPP reporting application. This data spans a period from August 14th through August 20th of 2022. Mr. Grippo ran this data through geolocation technology and created a heat map to analyze calls for service. Mr. Grippo reported a 40 percent increase in calls for service between 3:00 am and 8:00 am with "disturbances" being the highest reported category. Mr. Grippo noted that the reports fluctuate based on events happening in the French Quarter and hopes to track this information over a larger period of time. Sgt. Boudreau sent Mr. Grippo data from the application to represent quality of life issues and noted issues with Mr. Grippos analysis. Sgt. Boudreau and Mr. Grippo will work further on this collected data to ensure that it is represented accurately.

11. 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

Marvin Arnold from Eye on Surveillance made a public comment – He asked why the FQEDD mid-year budget adjustment did not go to city council last week. Mr. Smith responded that there was procedural hold ups with council staff. Mr. Arnold asked if budget adjustments were common? Mr. Smith responded in the affirmative. Mr. Arnold raised questions about the effectiveness of crime cameras and claimed to have overlapped data on calls for service

for violent crime and stated the average distance from the reported crime to a camera is 33 yards. He also made several public comments about the procurement of crime cameras and their use in the City of New Orleans. Ms. Frankic offered to meet with Mr. Arnold to discuss his concerns.

12. Next meeting date: 17 October 2022

13. Adjournment

Ms. Hegenberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Grippo seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm