

LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes
Wednesday, 7 December 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 2:00pm and the agenda was read into the record.

| ROLL CALL: COMMITTEE MEMBERS | | | | MOTIONS |
|------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|
| First Name | Last Name | Present | Absent | Approve Meeting Notes |
| Madison | Charleston | X | | Yes |
| Rene | Fransen | | X | - |
| Mamie | Gasperecz | X | | Yes |
| Erin | Holmes | X | | Yes |
| Dave | Jorgensen | X | | Yes |
| Christian | Pendleton | | X | - |
| Frank | Perez | | X | - |
| Graham | Williams | X | | Yes |

| INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS | | |
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| First Name | Last Name | Role |
| Karley | Frankic | Executive Director |
| Shannon | Muschalek | Coordinator |
| Dare | Rose Haven | VCPOA |
| Jessica | Dietz | SEC |
| Max | Steitz | Glass Half Full |

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Approval of previous meeting notes

Ms. Holmes made a motion to approve the 20221102 meeting notes, Mr. Jorgenson seconded the motion and it was approved.

4. Committee Chair Comments by Mamie Gasperecz

Ms. Gasperecz introduced Max Steitz from the non-profit organization, Glass Half Full, to determine with the committee if a partnership on recycling can be formed in 2023. This organization was started three years ago to prioritize glass recycling and utilize the materials for coastal rehabilitation and disaster relief. The recycled materials are also used for sandbags and other projects. Glass Half Full recycles nearly 2 million pounds of glass per year and offers a glass pick up service for both residential and commercial patrons. Residential services cost anywhere from \$22-\$25 per month and Commercial services cost between \$45-\$50; more pick-ups can be added depending on the needs of the patron for an extra cost. Mr. Steitz reported that the pick up service has cut down waste pick up significantly, especially for commercial patrons. Their pick up completion rate is 99% and proof of pick-up is delivered to patrons by photo. Ms. Holmes asked if they have determined central pick up locations; ones that the neighborhood could all participate in and have easy access to. Mr. Steitz reported that there is currently not a formalized group pick up option, but many residents naturally share costs to lump their recycled glass together in one bin. Ms. Gasperecz would like the committee to brainstorm some ideas for this partnership and will bring this information to the Board of Commissioners.

a. 2023 Work Plan Discussion

Please see the attached work plan. The following topics were discussed:

- i. Sanitation Services: the committee had a general consensus that Organic Waste calls to service should also include mule waste.
- ii. Homelessness: Mr. Smith confirmed that the Unity plans will be ready in January of 2023. Mr. Williams asked what will be required of the newly hired case manager. Ms. Gasperecz reported that they will be going out on the street to meet with people and connect them to resources. Mr. Jorgenson presented a plan to the committee to relocate and house the homeless in a camp that has access to services. Ms. Gasperecz reported that this is the mission of Unity; this project is too big for the committee to take on alone. Ms. Gasperecz will introduce Mr. Jorgenson to Unity representatives so he can establish a partnership.

b. Meeting Date Adjustments for 2023

Meeting dates in 2023 will be moved to the first Monday of each month starting at 3:00pm. Unless that meeting falls on a holiday, then the meeting will take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm.

5. Report – Sanitation Contract Monthly Key Performance Indices

The following November KPI's were delivered to FQMD staff:

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- 92% of three per week and daily pressure washing completed; incompletions due to construction, crime, movie filming, and other unforeseen detours.
- Graffiti removed from 1673 spaces of public property in November.
- 100% of monthly pressure washing blocks completed.
- 3 instances of speeding five plus miles per hour over the speed limit over 120 routes.
- 93% of street flushing completed.
- 865 detail litter can cleanings by the supplemental crew.

6. Report – Update on Keep Louisiana Beautiful Affiliate Formation by Shannon Muschalek

Ms. Muschalek gave an update on the two Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) trainings she recently attended:

- a. Report on Conducting a Litter Survey: This training was conducted on November 30th, 2022 to go over how to properly conduct a litter survey in the French Quarter. The survey is designed to give the affiliate committee a better understanding of the severity of litter in the area, and to report the findings to KLB. Conducting a litter survey is a requirement of the affiliate formation process and the survey results are to be submitted to KLB by the committee no later than February 28th, 2023.
- b. Report on the KLB Grant Webinar: This training was conducted on December 5th, 2022 to review the process of applying for the Trash Receptacles Grant and the Beautification Grant. The deadlines for both of these grants is on December 16th, 2022. Ms. Muschalek informed the committee that there is a lot of preparation needed with other partners and agencies to make these grants viable. She reported that there likely will be other opportunities for these grants later in the year when they have more time for preparation.

Ms. Muschalek also gave an update on the next steps of the affiliate formation process:

- a. A mission statement / statement of purpose, bylaws / organizational guidelines, or an ordinance / resolution is due by January 30th, 2023.
- b. Ms. Msuchalek will also be attending the next mandatory training on January 11th, 2022 to go over applying for upcoming KLB grants and how to conduct a “Love the Boot Week” activity.

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

No new business.

8. Next meeting date – 4 January 2023

9. Adjournment