

# SECURITY & ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

## Meeting Notes

Monday, 23 January 2023, 11:00 am

*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 11:01 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				VOTES	
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve mtg notes	Allocating \$4,500 for HLT Program
Joshua	Grippio	X		Approved	Approved
Frances	Hegenberger		X	-	-
Jessica	Dietz	X		Approved	Approved
Glade	Bilby	X		Approved	Approved
Jane	Cooper	X		Approved	Approved
Steve	Caputo	X		Approved	Approved

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Shannon	Muschalek	Coordinator
Matt	Pincus	UQP Supervisor
Jonny	Brumfield	NOPD
Bronson	Gettridge	NOPD
Robert	Simms	Commissioner
Mamie	Gasperecz	Commissioner

2. Public Comment:  
No Public comment was received by the beginning of the meeting.
3. Approval of previous meeting notes

Mr. Bilby motioned to approve the 20221219 Security and Enforcement Committee meeting notes, Mr. Grippio seconded the motion, and it was approved.

## 4. Committee Chair's Comments

Ms. Cooper asked the Community Liaison Officers if they could provide information on additional officer presence for Mardi Gras. Officer Gettridge reported that there will be additional officers from various agencies to assist the 8<sup>th</sup> District. With the additional officers, street closures will flow more smoothly. He also reported that there will be approximately 20 NOPD to assist with street closures in the French Quarter; they will primarily be responsible for manning the barricades. Officer Gettridge reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> District should be receiving vehicles passes in the upcoming week to allow workers and residents through the barricades.

### a. Update on Downtown Development District partnership

- i. Sanitation Coordination - The January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting hosted representatives from the French Quarter's sanitation company, KBS, and the DDD's sanitation company, Block by Block to discuss efforts on the 100 blocks and Iberville Street. There is a shared focus in improving scheduling of pressure washing and flushing. Logistics for adding coordinated deep cleaning efforts were discussed. The two companies are going on a walk about to figure out the logistics and decipher who will be responsible for what aspects of the deep cleaning.
- ii. Code enforcement officers - The DDD has a dedicated code enforcement officer hired by the City. The Committee approved implementing a similar program paid for by the FQEDD Trust Fund but need more clarification from the City as to what the violations can be enforced by a code enforcement officer compared to a sanitation ranger. Ms. Cooper and Ms. Frankic have asked the City for a side by side comparison. Mr. Caputo reported that the hotel he manages received a citation for graffiti on the building. The graffiti has been removed, but they still have to attend a hearing regarding the original citation. Someone will come out 5 days prior to inspect. Ms. Frankic will review the citation with Mr. Caputo. Mr. Bilby reported that Mr. Ed's had their sidewalk blocked both ways and urged the committee to focus on infractions that businesses are responsible for as opposed to victimized by, like graffiti.
- iii. Big Belly Trash Can Removal – Many of the Big Belly trash cans have been removed and replaced around the City. There are currently 180 Big Belly trash cans remaining. The attendees discussed the possibility of adding additional trash receptacles on Bourbon Street and other high traffic areas in the French Quarter.

b. Update on Hide, Lock, Take

Hide, Lock, Take (HLT) is a program that is aimed to prevent car break ins. HLT has signs available for purchase that could be posted around the French Quarter to remind everyone to put valuables in a safe space where they are hidden, to lock your vehicle, and to take your keys with you. Ms. Muschalek created an expenditure budget to implement signage on every block and intersection of the French Quarter. The committee will discuss in subsequent meetings a full program plan for HLT signs. **Mr. Bilby made a motion to allocate \$4,500 towards purchasing and installing HLT signage in the French Quarter, Ms. Dietz seconded the motion and it was approved.**

c. Obstruction of Public Right of Way

The Committee discussed the City Ordinance 146-494 on Obstruction of Public Right of Way in regard to the challenges of managing the street performers and barricades on the Royal Street promenade. Ms. Cooper and Ms. Frankic will reach out to Grounds Patrol, under Homeland Security, to see if they can manage that responsibility for mobilizing barricades on the pedestrian mall.

5. Presentation – Presentation on the monthly report of the Upper Quarter Patrol. To present: Matthew Pincus  
See Report Below. Mr. Pincus attributes the decrease in subjects moved to the cold weather throughout December as the homeless population seeks shelter. Mr. Pincus reported that a lot of businesses are not pressing charges for shop lifting incidents occurring on their premises. Mr. Pincus reported that they are working diligently to prepare adequate staffing for Mardi Gras.

Key Performance Indicators	3/8-	4/3-	5/1-	6/1-	7/1-	8/1-	9/1-	10/1 -	11/01-	12/01-	Year to Date
	4/2	4/30	5/31	6/30	7/31	8/31	9/30	10/31	11/30	12/31	
Business Checks	1,619	1,910	2,063	1,407	2,136	1,958	3,151	2,652	2,823	3,012	22,731
Citizen Contacts	1,017	873	897	819	913	933	1,413	1,512	1,216	1,421	11,068
NOPD Assists	25	39	42	27	33	26	21	18	15	16	262
Subjects Moved	312	412	452	471	587	615	738	693	593	387	8,154
Medical (EMS Notified Rendered Aid)	7	5	9	11	9	9	12	8	7	5	82

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

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See attached report. Sgt. Boudreau reported that onboarding new staff and filling shifts for the SPPP has been increasing. There has been an interest from new recruits as word has gotten around about the increase in pay for the SPPP overtime shifts. Sgt. Boudreau reported that they were near 60% staffing for the month of December yet filling weekend shifts remains challenging. The application call response time was 14.4 minutes in December. Ms. Cooper asked if there was any progress in the GPS errors the SPPP application was experiencing last month. Sgt. Boudreau reported that they are still waiting for Verizon to troubleshoot. Though Verizon has reported that the installation of the 5G towers should not interfere with signal, there is some speculation that the towers may be responsible for the interference in signal. Ms. Cooper asked Sgt. Boudreau if there has been any progress in hiring civilians for traffic control and accident investigations. Sgt. Boudreau reported that they work with on scene services, who are experiencing staffing issues also. There is a big focus on streamlining in the department and managing the services they have the bandwidth to provide. Officer Gettridge reported that the Community Liaison Officers have conducted business checks to confirm proper licensing. He also reported that parking enforcement was conducted last weekend resulted in 87 vehicles being ticketed and 9 towed in just under 3 hours. This enforcement was mostly conducted on Esplanade Street in the neutral ground. Officer Gettridge reported that they typically do this type of sweep every Friday and Saturday night, depending on staffing.

## 7. Discussion – Discussion by Committee of the French Quarter Economic Development District Trust Fund Cumulative Allocations

Ms. Frankic prepared a spreadsheet to display the FQEDD cumulative allocations from the 2022 budget, the 2022 Mid-Year Adjustment, and the 2023 budget. The goal of this spreadsheet is for the committee to see what has been allocated and what is left to spend in the budget moving forward. There is currently \$219,000 in the budget dedicated to vehicle procurement. Mr. Simms reported that informal bids for up to \$75,000,000 for procurement was passed though City Council.

## 8. Discussion – Discussion of the French Quarter Economic Development District Key Performance Indices

The Agreement Monitors are meeting Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to further discuss the KPI's for the new programs rolling out in 2023. Ms. Dietz asked if there is a date set for the homelessness case management project to begin; the two recently hired case workers with TASGNO began on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 in coordination with the DDD. Ms. Angela Owczarek will be introduced to the NOPD CLO officers, SPPP, and UQP for reporting new homeless encampments and individuals.

## 9. Update on City Safety Coordination. To present: Jane Cooper

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a. Crash Bollards Removal on Bourbon Street

The crash bollard task force has not met recently to discuss any further plans or developments. Ms. Frankic will follow up with the task force to discover when the next meeting will take place and if there have been any updates in the meantime.

b. Replacement and Repair of Street Lights

Ms. Frankic received a spreadsheet for repairs from DPW and will go over the data with Mr. Grippo to decipher how the information matches up with the recently completed streetlight survey. Mr. Simms reported that Toro Blanco will start installing lights on the 5G poles this week.

c. Travelers Aid Society of Greater New Orleans Case Management

Please see above, under agenda item eight.

d. Request For Proposal for the Supplemental Police Patrol Program Application

No one from the CAO's Office was in attendance therefore there was no update from the City on the SPPP application.

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

No New Business to report.

11. Next meeting date: 27 February 2023

12. Adjournment

**Mr. Bilby motioned to adjourn the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Security and Enforcement Committee meeting, Mr. Grippo seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.**