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## LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

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### Meeting Notes

Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 3:00 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 3:00 pm and the agenda was read into the record.

ROLL CALL: COMMITTEE MEMBERS							
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve Meeting Notes	Approve the Glass Half Full Proposal	Approve the N. Rampart Infrastructure and Safety Budget	Approve trash receptacle acquisition budget
Madison	Charleston	x		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rene	Fransen		x	-	-	-	-
Mamie	Gasperecz	x		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Erin	Holmes	x		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Christian	Pendleton		x	-	-	-	-
Graham	Williams		x	-	-	-	-
Antonio	Carbone	x		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	FQMD Executive Director
Shelby	Ursu	FQMD Coordinator
Eric	Smith	CAO's Office
Jane	Cooper	FQMD Commissioner
Jessica	Dietz	SEC Committee Member
Glade	Bilby	FQMD Commissioner
Alex	Dunkenberger	CAO's Office
Gretchen	Byers	VCPOA

2. Public Comment

No written public comment was received.

3. Motion – Consider a motion to approve the previous meeting notes

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Antonio Carbone motioned to approve the previous meeting notes. Erin Holmes seconded the motion, and it was approved.

#### 4. Committee Chair Comments

Chair Mamie Gasperecz thanked Rheneisha Robertson and Melissa Tyler of Covenant House for hosting the Livability Committee meetings throughout 2023 and encouraged Committee members and guests to donate toys to the Covenant House Holiday Toy Drive. Ms. Gasperecz thanked the Committee members, French Quarter Management District (FQMD) staff, regular guests of the Committee meetings, and the guests attending on the City's behalf for the hard work accomplished this year. She noted that the Covenant House Outreach request of the 2024 FQEDD Budget was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the November Board meeting.

##### a. Progress made by Livability Committee in 2023

See attached document. Ms. Gasperecz reviewed the 2023 Work Plan with the Committee, stating that the Committee did amazing work through the year.

#### 5. Discussion – Discussion by Committee of Livability Committee 2024 Work Plan

Ms. Gasperecz encouraged the Committee members to email her their ideas, thoughts, or plans for the oncoming year so that she can create a report for 2024. She noted that plans for the Committee are dependent on votes from the Board of Commissioners next week and stated that she is available to meet and talk with any Committee members regarding their thoughts on the 2024 workplan.

#### 6. Presentation – Presentation of Glass Half Full Proposal for State Appropriation. To present: Jane Cooper

See attached document. Jane Cooper discussed the details of the proposed Glass Half Full recycling program with the Committee. Ms. Cooper pointed out that the proposal presented today may have some final revisions, but encouraged the Committee members to ask any questions they may have about the program. Mr. Carbone asked where the recycling drop-off sites are located. Ms. Cooper answered that the locations are not decided yet but will be in residential areas of the French Quarter. She noted that these locations will have drop-off bins that are staffed by Glass Half Full employees. Ms. Gasperecz requested a photo of the drop-off bins to show to the Board of Commissioners at Monday's Board meeting. Maddie Charleston asked if a bar on Bourbon Street could host a drop-off site. Ms. Holmes replied that the focus with this program would be more for residents to be encouraged to recycle, noting that the drop-off sites chosen should be convenient for residents. Ms. Gasperecz reported Committee member Rene Fransen's comments into the record, stating that he is in support of the Glass Half Full proposal, but would prefer a drop-off site to not be placed close to Habana Outpost as this would impact his quality of life. She informed the Committee that Glass Half Full was founded by two Tulane grad students, noting that this keeps the funding local. Karley Frankic stated that the proposal is calculated for a whole year of services. **Ms. Holmes made a motion to support the Glass Half Full programs for the State appropriation. Ms. Charleston seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

#### 7. Presentation – Presentation of North Rampart Infrastructure and Safety Budget for State Appropriation. To present: Erin Holmes and Antonio Carbone

See attached document. Mr. Carbone reviewed the proposal with the Committee, reporting that he has been in discussion with the Department of Public Works (DPW) refining the details of what the FQMD can execute within this program, and what would be required to be performed by the DPW. He reported that the DPW is already making progress with the Project 735. Mr. Carbone stated that this program proposes that the FQMD implements enhanced crosswalk signage, enhanced flex-posts or bollard protections for curb extensions, and methyl methacrylate (MMA) resin coloring for bike lanes and curb extensions. He noted that the stoplight at St. Ann Street that was previously considered is not feasible at this time due to the high cost of the installation. He informed the Committee that the DPW stated that the FQMD would be responsible for maintaining and/or replacing the listed items. Ms. Cooper asked how

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these items will be installed. Mr. Carbone answered that a contractor would need to be hired. Ms. Charleston asked if this could be a liability for the FQMD if any issues arise with cyclists or drivers. Eric Smith said there was existing case law that should protect the agency and will speak with legal counsel, and report back to the Committee. Ms. Gasperecz thanked Mr. Carbone and Ms. Holmes for their hard work and dedication on this project. **Mr. Carbone motioned to approve the North Rampart Safety Initiatives for the State appropriation. Ms. Holmes seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

## 8. Discussion – Presentation of Additional Trash Receptacle Proposal for Louisiana State 2023-2024 Appropriation Supplemental Sanitation Program. To present: Erin Holmes and Karley Frankic

See attached document. Ms. Holmes reviewed the proposal with the Committee stating that earlier this year the Committee discussed what the appropriate number of trash receptacles per block would be throughout the French Quarter. She stated that she would like to use the GIS map to field verify the existing receptacles in the neighborhood as well as map out locations that would benefit from additional cans. Ms. Holmes stated that the pricing for this proposal is a smaller investment and noted that the City made a written agreement with the FQMD stating that if the FQMD purchases additional trash receptacles, the City will service them through KBS. Jessica Dietz suggested locking mechanisms for the cans to prevent the liners from being removed and discarded. Ms. Frankic replied that this has been approached with KBS previously and can be revisited in conversation with Jennifer Garin from Clean Force. Ms. Holmes added that liners and doors are the most damaged items and may need to be factored in as additional costs. Mr. Smith will get a specific figure for the additional liners and receptacle doors to Karley. **Ms. Charleston motioned to approve the Additional Trash Receptacle Proposal for the State appropriation. Ms. Holmes seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

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

Ms. Gasperecz asked Ms. Frankic to update the Committee on the status of the Rapid Rehousing Program. Ms. Frankic summarized the progress with the Committee, stating that a compromise was made at the November French Quarter Economic Development District (FQEDD) Agreement Monitors meeting between the CAO's office and the FQMD to lower the requested budget to \$365,000. She stated that a supplemental 2024 FQEDD budget that included the Rapid Rehousing Program was approved by the Finance and Development Committee and will be moving to the Board of Commissioners for a vote on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carbone asked how many individuals will be housed in the pilot program. Ms. Frankic replied that 20 individuals will be signed up for rapid rehousing, but if these individuals move onto the permanent long-term housing vouchers before the year ends, the funds will go back to the Trust Fund to help other individuals, pointing out that this pilot could potentially house more than 20 people. Mr. Smith added that currently TASGNO has a list of 67 individuals in the French Quarter who would qualify for the Rapid Rehousing Program.

Ms. Charleston stated that the Plessy Community School will not be returning to the school building in the French Quarter but noted that renovations are still being performed on the school as of this morning. She asked the Committee if anyone knew why the building is still being renovated as a school. Ms. Holmes stated that some of the current renovations being made to the building are weatherproofing the windows. She added that there are current ongoing discussions of zoning protections for the building to prevent its conversion into multifamily housing or other inconsistent use.

## 10. Next meeting date

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

## 11. Adjournment

**Mr. Carbone made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Charleston seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm.**

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## 2023 WORK PLAN

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Improve existing assessment programs and develop new programming with partners to address challenges with infrastructure in the French Quarter

### SIDEWALKS

- Update 2019 Sidewalk Assessment and expand to include
  - Curb study/survey
  - ADA Compliance Assessment
  - Street signs survey
- Develop relationships with the Regional Transit Authority and Downtown Development District to improve user experience with public transit in the French Quarter

### N RAMPART

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety: Work with partners in transportation planning and funding for North Rampart Street traffic calming measures designed and implemented to reduce multi-modal collisions.
- Work with the New Orleans Water Collaborative on opportunities to improve stormwater management

### LIGHTING

- Work for lighting improvements that offer historically appropriate installations that provide a sense of security and place.
- Support Security & Enforcement Committee's focus on repair and maintenance of existing streetlights

### CLEANLINESS

Work for improved sanitary conditions throughout the French Quarter

### SANITATION SERVICES

- Continue to work with the City's contractor, KBS, to improve services and provide transparency on Key Performance Indices
- Work with the City to monitor new contract negotiation and bidding
- Work with stakeholder partners on a Sanitation Services Best Practices Study

### KEEP THE QUARTER CLEAN

- Complete the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Affiliate Program Registration
- Grow investment in litter abatement and beautification with outreach events with strategic partnerships
- Support VCGAP as lead on graffiti abatement in the French Quarter

## HOMELESSNESS

Identify opportunities to build on existing partnership and create new partnerships that will benefit the District.

- Travelers Aid Society of Greater New Orleans case workers for street outreach launch by establishing metrics for success and transparent reporting
- Identify new strategic partnerships through working with Unity of Greater New Orleans and New Orleans & Company in their efforts to address homelessness.

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GLASS HALF FULL, L3C  
FRENCH QUARTER RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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<b>Program #1</b>	
Community Recycling Drop-off	
Weekly recycling drop-off in FQ at 3 sub-sites.	
material dropped-off and picked-up/removed upon dropoff completion.	
Staff also educates public on-site.	
Offer glass, cardboard/paper, metal, plastics #1 & #2.	
Seperated on site (multi-stream recycling) to increase recycling rates.	
Projected Expenses	
Assumptions:	
Avg. billed hourly rate per hour (wages) CDL	\$35.50
Avg. cost per hour (wages) non-CDL	\$26.00
Avg. # of CDL personnel required	1
Avg. # of non-CDL personnel required	3
Avg. tot. billed hourly rate	\$113.50
Drop-off duration (in hours)	6
Drop-off transport, load/unload duration (in hours)	2
Total drop-off duration per week (in hours)	8
Vehicle and transport rate (per day) (incl. comprehensive insurance, fuel)	\$245.00
Frequency of drop-off (per week)	1
Drop-off events per year	52
Projected wages billed price per week	\$908.00
Projected wages billed price per year	\$47,216.00
Projected vehicle and transport billed price per year	\$12,740.00
Cumualitive price per year	\$59,956.00
Indirect cost rate	15%
Cumulative price per year	\$8,993.40
<b>TOTAL programming rate per year</b>	<b>\$68,949.40</b>
Initial set-up costs:	
100 x 64-gallon receptacles (incl. shipping (landed))	\$11,250.00
Signage and educational materials	\$4,325.00
Public awareness and education campaign	\$12,000.00
<b>TOTAL initial set-up costs:</b>	<b>\$27,575.00</b>
<b>TOTAL programming rate for one (1) year and initial set-up and costs:</b>	<b>\$96,524.40</b>

<b>Program #3</b>	
<b>Program</b>	
Provide funding for local businesses and households to incentivize local recycling	
Receptacles and initial set-up fees funded/subsidized	
<b>Commercial</b>	
Number of receptacles per business	3
Number of businesses	100
Total receptacles	300
Cost per receptacle (shipped, landed)	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL program cost</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Residential</b>	
Number of households	500
GHF discount rate	\$10.00
Assistance rate	\$10.00
Customer/household rate	\$5.00
Initial set-up and receptacles cost	\$7,500.00
<b>Total program cost (per year)</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
<b>Total program cost (per year) and initial setup cost</b>	<b>\$67,500.00</b>



<b>Program #2</b>	
<b>Mardi Gras Bead Recycling Sites</b>	
Comprehensive Mardi Gras Beads recycling options throughout the FQ	
General beaded trash throughout the FQ for both residents and tourists to recycle throughout Mardi Gras weeks	
Daily pickup and recycling servicing throughout the season	
Number of sites	5
Service per week	7
Program duration (in weeks)	5.5
Hours per site servicing	1
Total labor hours required	192.5
Total wages billed rate	\$6,834
Total vehicle and transport billed rate	\$9,432.50
Total wages and transport billed rate:	\$16,266
Indirect cost billed rate:	\$2,440
<b>TOTAL Program Billed Rate</b>	<b>\$18,706</b>

# North Rampart Pedestrian Safety Initiatives

## Goal

To further Louisiana's Goal of eliminating traffic accidents under [Destination Zero Deaths](#), and providing [Safe Routes to Public Places](#). The French Quarter Management District ("FQMD") should consider implementing several proven pedestrian safety projects along the Rampart St. Corridor near Armstrong Park:

1. Enhanced Crosswalk Signage: [Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons \(RRFB\) | FHWA](#)
2. Enhanced Flex-post or Bollard Protection for Curb Extensions
3. Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) resin coloring for Bike Lanes and Curb Extensions: [New Study Shows Streets Are Safer with Asphalt Art | Bloomberg Philanthropies](#)

## Scope



### Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons & Stop for Pedestrian Signage



Flashing beacons should be installed at St. Ann and St. Philip. Two beacons need to be placed facing each direction of traffic, so a total of four beacons are needed at each intersection. Signs are linked so that when one button is pressed, all signals will flash to warn vehicle traffic of pedestrians attempting to cross. Per New Orleans Department of Public Works ("DPW") recommendations, new installations should be hard-wired rather than relying on solar power. Previous installation costs to install across the city have ranged from \$7,000-10,000 based on location. Additional signage requires DPW permitting, but should be contracted and installed by the FQMD. Stop for Pedestrian signage can also be installed and maintained by the FQMD with DPW permit.

### Enhanced Flex-post or Bollard Protection for Curb Extensions



To prevent illegal parking at newly painted curb extensions, more substantial flex posts or bollards are needed to prevent vehicles from simply driving over or parking on top of them. Options to enhance the flex-post include sturdier materials (powder coated steel or thicker polyurethane) or enhanced anchoring methods (set in concrete rather than bolted on top). Between Toulouse and St. Philip, 21 flex posts should be upgraded at a cost between \$150-500 per post, depending on which option is selected.

## Asphalt “Paint” Project



### [Color-Safe® Bike Lanes | Transpo Industries](#)

In addition to posted street signage, pedestrian and bike spaces along N. Rampart St. should be in-filled with brighter Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) resin coloring. The coloring acts as an additional warning system to vehicle traffic of places on the street where pedestrians and bikers are likely to be present.

## Budget

Priority	Implementation Idea	Approx. Cost	Assumptions
1	Crosswalk Signage	\$85,000	8 flashing beacons for pedestrian crossings, smaller signage affixed at curb extensions
2	Enhanced Flex-post or Bollard Protection for Curb Extensions	\$15,000	Enhanced curb extension protection using steel markers or thicker polyurethane
3	Bike Lane and Curb Extension "Paint"	\$100,000	Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) resin coloring for bike lane, curb extension, and crosswalks
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	

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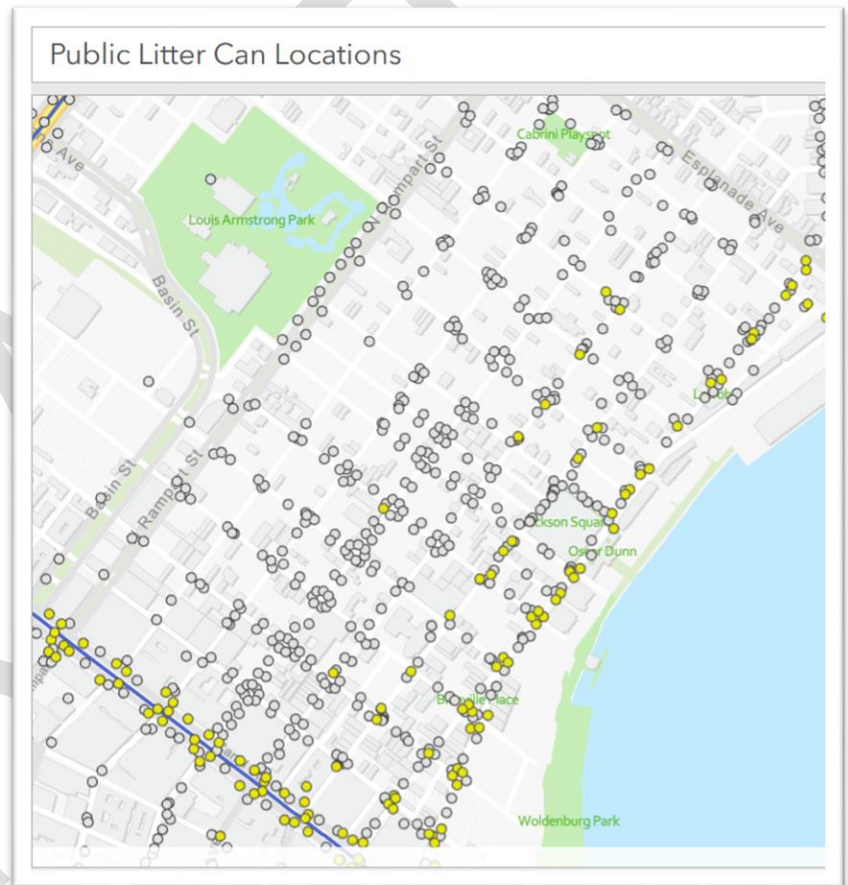
## Trash Receptacle Acquisition

Louisiana State Appropriation Program Funding Request



The French Quarter Management District's Keep the Quarter Clean initiative is an affiliate member of Keep Louisiana Beautiful. This is a statewide effort to prevent litter, reduce waste, increase recycling, and protect the natural resources of the State's communities.

The Department of Sanitation at the City of New Orleans has installed/replaced 127 litter cans in the French Quarter. Matt Torri, Director of Sanitation, provided that the City's last cost from Petersen Manufacturing Co was \$860 per unit. There would be a nominal increase in service cost for KBS as the City pays KBS \$1.50 per unit per month to service the litter cans. If FQMD purchased additional litter cans, the City will cover the cost to service them.



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	COST	QUANTITY	UNIT	TOTAL
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>				
Trash can purchase	860	100	receptacle	86,000

The French Quarter Management District is a state political subdivision created by the Louisiana Legislature as a means for the residential and business communities to work together to protect, preserve, and maintain the world famous French Quarter as a safe, clean, vibrant and friendly neighborhood for residents, businesses, and visitors.

## French Quarter KPI Reporting for the month of November

99%

Of 3x per week and daily pressure washing completed; incompletions due to construction, crime, movie filming, and other unforeseen detours



100% of monthly pressure washing blocks completed



Graffiti removed from 1376 spaces of public property in November

99%

Street Flushing Completed



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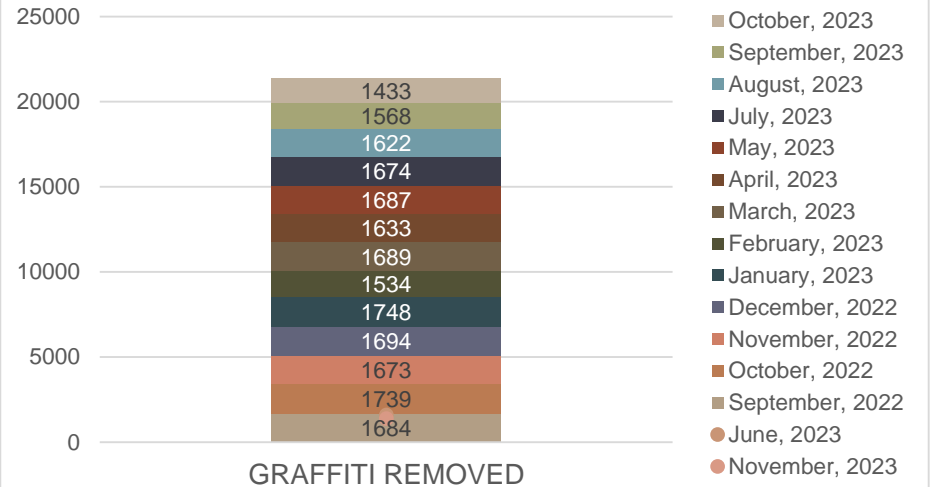
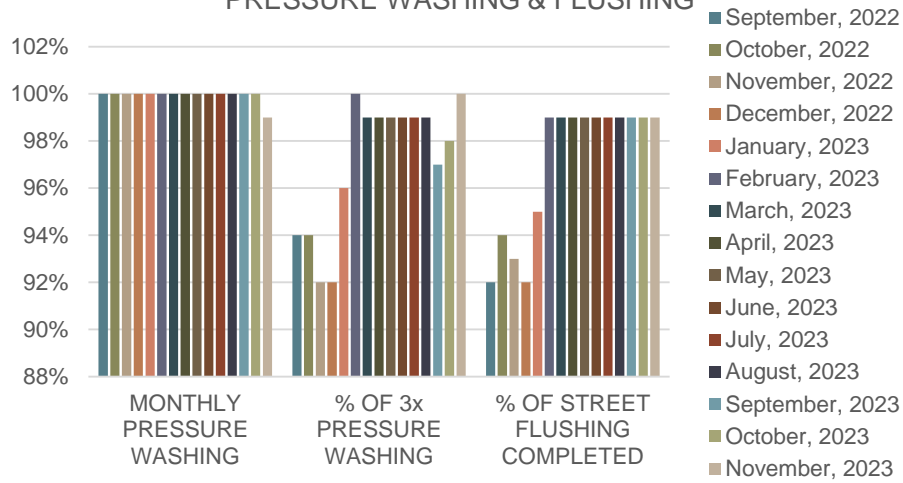
Instances of speeding 5+ miles over the speed limit over 120 routes in **November**



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Detail litter can cleanings by our supplemental crew

### PRESSURE WASHING & FLUSHING



### INSTANCES OF SPEEDING

