

## LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Notes

Monday, 12 January 2026, 3:00 PM

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM and the agenda was read into the record.

ROLL CALL: COMMITTEE MEMBERS					
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve previous meeting notes	Remove language from website
Madison	Charleston		X	-	-
Rene	Fransen	X		Yes	Yes
Mamie	Gasperecz		X	-	-
Erin	Holmes	X		Yes	No
Antonio	Carbone	X		Yes	No
Katie	Kolthoff	X		Yes	Yes
Joey	DiFatta		X	-	-
Lori	Boyer	X		Yes	No
Robert	Wingenter	X		Yes	No

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Michelle	Courseault	FQMD Executive Director
Shelby	Ursu	FQMD Coordinator
Gretchen	Byers	VCPOA
Laura	Lipkin	Resident
Keret	Shuff	Resident
Ava	Rosenberg	Resident

2. Public Comment:

No written public comments were received. *Public comments made by the attendees are detailed below with their corresponding agenda items.*

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

**Rene Fransen made a motion to approve the previous meeting notes. Antonio Carbone seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

4. Committee Chair’s Comments & Guest Introductions

Vice-Chair Erin Holmes welcomed the Committee and guests and noted that she would like to have any public comments, whether written or spoken, to coincide with their corresponding agenda item moving forward.

5. Discussions –

a. Committee Work Plan Key Performance Indices

See attached document. The Committee reviewed the draft 2026 Livability Committee Work Plan, beginning with unhoused services.

Residents Laura Lipkin and Ava Rosenberg shared concerns regarding quality-of-life impacts associated with transient unhoused individuals, including sanitation issues, public safety concerns, and post-COVID neighborhood changes. Both emphasized enforcement of existing ordinances. FQMD staff directed residents to report sanitation concerns via [quarterclean@fqmd.org](mailto:quarterclean@fqmd.org).

Committee members noted that contract cleaning crews respond to organic waste reports within one hour. Katie Kolthoff raised concerns regarding website language identifying unhoused individuals as residents. Staff advised that legal counsel is reviewing current language and potential alternatives.

**Ms. Kolthoff made a motion to remove the language from the French Quarter Management District's website which includes the unhoused as residents. Mr. Fransen seconded the motion. Motion failed:** Vice Chair Holmes noted that revisions would be premature without alternative language that reflects FQMD's homelessness-assistance efforts.

- b. Program Manager Contract Extension

Ms. Courseault, FQMD Executive Director, reported that recruitment for a full-time Manager of Infrastructure and Capital Projects is ongoing, with limited qualified applicants (15 resumes received to date). The current Program Manager's contract expired December 31, 2025; he has agreed to continue on a month-to-month basis. Staff advised that without a contract extension, infrastructure projects would pause due to capacity constraints.

## 6. Motions –

- a. Consider a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the 2026 Livability Committee Work Plan.

No action was taken by the Committee at this time.

- b. Consider a motion to recommend to the Finance & Development Committee an extension of the French Quarter Management District Program Manager contract.

**Mr. Carbone made a motion to recommend to the Finance & Development Committee an extension of the French Quarter Management District Program Manager's contract. Mr. Fransen seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

## 7. Project Updates & Reports –

- a. Recycling

See attached report.

- b. Sanitation – *No new updates were discussed.*
- c. Homeless Services - Covenant House – *No new updates were discussed.*
- d. Streetlights

Mr. Carbone reported repairs nearing completion within warranty period, close-out and transfer to the City forthcoming.

- e. Street Markings

Mr. Carbone reported 109 driveways and 425 total markings completed; follow-up repainting planned.

- f. Pedestrian Safety Signage - *No new updates were discussed.*
- g. Public Safety Right of Way Guidelines - *No new updates were discussed.*
- h. Contracts in development with the City
  - i. Sidewalk Repairs – *No new updates were discussed.*
  - ii. LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion)

Ms. Courseault reported that a new contract will be required following the City's administrative transition. The Committee will need to identify program goals and performance metrics for the LEAD case manager. City Council approved \$58,000 for one full-time LEAD case manager position.

# French Quarter

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

Ms. Courseault advised that leadership transitions are underway within the City and the Department of Public Works and requested patience while partner agencies complete transitions.

9. Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled meeting date of the Committee is Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 3 PM.

10. Adjournment

**Mr. Fransen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carbone seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.**

## **BUDGET ITEMS WITH KPI MONITORING** <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

- Unhoused: Covenant House, LEAD Case Manager
- Public Safety Right of Way Guidelines
- Sidewalk Repairs
- Recycling: Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Glass Half Full
- Public Safety (Signage, Traffic Calming)
- Spanish Tiles

*Other Ideas from 2025 Committee Discussions:*

### **Livability Dashboard & Reporting**

Create a clear, easy-to-review dashboard that tracks key cleanliness, safety, and infrastructure indicators to guide committee attention throughout the year.

### **Resident & Business Feedback Loop**

Establish a simple system to collect recurring input from residents and merchants to better understand quality-of-life needs and emerging issues.

### **Quality-of-Life Strategic Priorities**

Develop a long-range list of livability and quality-of-life project concepts — including beautification — and select a small group of projects to prepare for the June 2027 funding cycle.

Glass Half Full Recycling Stats														
Statistics Across All 3 Drop-Off Locations	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Monthly Average	Total
<b>Glass (in lbs.)</b>	4,437.50	3,237.50	4,225.00	4,600.00	4,975.00	5,275.00	5,525.00	5,150.00	6,150.00	5,800.00	4,325.00	4,100.00	4,816.67	<b>57,800.00</b>
Plastic (in cubic yards)	8.95	8.45	11.20	6.75	13.25	15.35	19.50	13.83	11.39	17.23	8.70	6.91	11.80	<b>141.51</b>
Metal (in cubic yards)	3.25	5.00	5.60	3.02	5.60	5.90	6.00	5.43	3.86	3.53	2.85	2.41	4.37	<b>52.45</b>
Cardboard (in cubic yards)	14.25	14.75	20.00	17.45	24.25	26.50	26.25	22.00	22.66	24.50	22.75	23.75	21.59	<b>259.11</b>
Aluminum (in cubic yards)	2.27	2.04	3.31	1.50	2.67	3.17	3.25	3.01	1.27	1.03	0.69	0.87	2.09	<b>25.08</b>

Drop- Off Site Breakdown														
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Monthly Average	Total lbs. glass recycled
<b>Cabrini Park</b>	2,550.00	1,600.00	1,975.00	2,750.00	3,400.00	3,050.00	2,700.00	2,750.00	2,850.00	4,125.00	2,550.00	1,450.00	2,645.83	<b>31,750.00</b>
<b>HNOC</b>	412.50	162.50	700.00	100.00	325.00	375.00	425.00	500.00	550.00	475.00	875.00	750.00	470.83	<b>5,650.00</b>
<b>Jazz Museum</b>	1,475.00	1,475.00	1,550.00	1,750.00	1,250.00	1,850.00	2,400.00	1,900.00	2,750.00	1,200.00	900.00	1,900.00	1,700.00	<b>20,400.00</b>