

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

Thursday, 21 May 2026, 3:00 PM

Bienville House, 320 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA, 70130

1. Call to Order, Roll Call & Guest Welcome / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve funding for Phase II Street Markings Project
Frank	Zumbo		X	-
Heidi	Raines	X		Yes
Sue	Klein	X		Yes
Christine	Bondio	X		Yes
Jane	Cooper		X	-
Alex	Fein	X		Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Michelle	Courseault	FQMD Executive Director
Shelby	Ursu	FQMD Coordinator
John	Foard	FQMD Accountant
Glade	Bilby	FQMD Commissioner
Mark	Carroll	Resident

2. Public Comment

No written public comments were received.

3. Motions

- a. Consider a motion to approve the previous meeting notes

This motion has been deferred by the Committee.

- b. Motion- Consider a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners, the Public Safety Street Markings II Project funded from the French Quarter Economic Development District Trust Fund in the amount of \$110k (unused 2025 French Quarter Economic Development District Pedestrian / Vehicle Safety funds).

See attached document. Executive Director Michelle Courseault reported that the proposal for Phase II of the Public Safety Street Markings Project came through the Livability Committee, with the funding source identified as the unused Pedestrian/Vehicle Safety funds out of the 2025 French Quarter Economic Development District (FQEDD) Trust Fund. Ms. Courseault noted that these funds were previously approved by both the Board of Commissioners and City Council, and will be allocated towards repainting 34 red fire hydrant zones, 84 yellow tow away corners, and 9 blue ADA compliant parking spaces. She added that the remaining residential driveways will need to be addressed in a separate project in the future. Christine Bondio recommended that the length of time for Phase II of the Street Markings Project be added into the bid so that there will be full transparency on when the project must be completed, as well as ramifications if deadlines are not met by the vendor. Ms. Courseault agreed and recommended that the Committee consider bumping up the \$100K in the proposal to \$110K to ensure the project's completion.

Ms. Bondio made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Phase II of the Public Safety Street Markings Project, to be funded from the unused 2025 Pedestrian/Vehicle Safety funds of the French Quarter Economic Development District Trust Fund, in the amount of \$110K. Sue Klein seconded the motion, and it was approved.

4. Discussions

a. Financials Report

See attached documents. The Committee discussed concerns that financial reporting has shifted away from the prior “class”-based accounting structure, resulting in more manual reporting and increased risk of human error. Heidi Raines emphasized the need for reports to tie directly to the accounting software and provide funding-source detail for transparency, auditability, and Board oversight, while other Committee members noted efforts to simplify reports for easier Board review. The Committee agreed to maintain the current reporting through the closeout of existing grants. Ms. Courseault will work with FQMD accountant John Foard toward restoring class-based reporting, with budget-by-class implementation targeted for 2027. She noted that she will work with Mr. Foard on a first draft of the revised financials report, to be presented at the June Committee meeting.

b. FQEDD 2025 incomplete projects- rollover funding reimbursements*

See attached document. Ms. Courseault reviewed the document with the Committee and clarified that the document contains the updated and exact figures requested at the latest Board meeting, with all rollover amounts highlighted in blue. She noted that these figures will be presented to the Board on Wednesday. Ms. Bondio added that the City has requested this information in order to approve and reimburse the expenditures.

5. Updates –

a. Special Projects Manager new hire

Ms. Courseault reported that the revised job description has significantly improved applicant quality, compared to the previous hiring round, where only 5 of 26 applicants scored above 50%. She stated that the current listing has had 47 applicants so far, with only one individual scoring below 50% and 16 scoring near 90%. Ms. Courseault added that she has interviewed six candidates, with one remaining interview scheduled for next week. Ms. Bondio added that FQMD Program Manager Bob Bejarano expressed interest in moving to a full-time role with the FQMD. She noted that he has been with the organization for 18 months, is highly qualified, understands the position, salary range, and FQMD operations, and scored among the top candidates based on the evaluation criteria. Ms. Bondio stated that an update and recommendation will be provided to the Board following the final interview.

b. 2025/26 Audit Underway

Ms. Courseault reported that she is currently working on the 2025-2026 audit with Mr. Foard.

c. Consultant Reports (Public Relations, Program Manager)

See attached documents. Ms. Klein asked for stats detailing media impressions and clicks.

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

No new business was discussed.

7. Adjournment

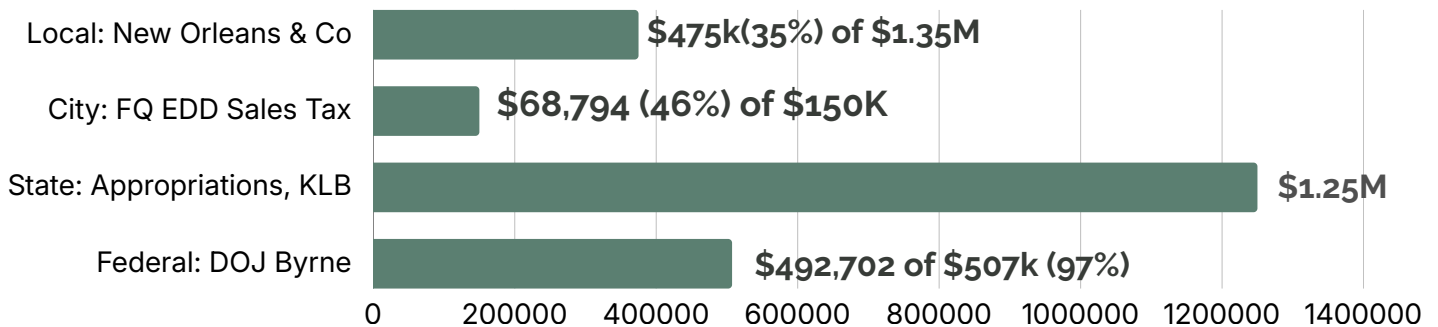
Ms. Bondio made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Klein seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

The next scheduled meeting date of the Committee is Thursday, June 18th, 2026, at 3 PM.

***FOEDD NOTE:** "WHEREAS, the Trust Fund has been established by the Director of Finance for the City and maintained as a separate fund, apart from other funds and accounts of the City or other entities, and shall be used strictly for the purposes set forth in the Act;" (FQMD will) Provide fiscal and operational oversight of the Trust Fund and related services provided by the Trust Fund to ensure that the proceeds of the Designated Sales Tax are being used strictly in accordance with the Proposition, which are subject to quarterly budget and expenditure reports to the City Council"

Revenue

Revenue Summary (Summarizes revenue received to track performance against the adopted budget.) Total revenue as of APRIL 30, 2026 is **\$867,702** (YTD), representing **13% of the 2026 budget**.



Revenue is on track to projections.

Pending reimbursements: \$ 1,257,000

*This reflects reimbursements submitted for payment to:
State; Keep LA Beautiful \$8,500 (<30 days)*

*NOTE: Timing of payments vary by funding sources.
Additional payments may have been received since this 4/30/2026 report date.*

Pending payments: \$ 227,380

*This reflects unpaid bills received for payment to:
James A. Richardson - \$ 65K (61-90 days)
Bankcard Center \$1,934 (<30 days)
Glass Half Full - \$8,043.70 (<30 days)
New B'Urban Planning LLC- \$5,380 (<30 days)
Omni IT \$408.80 (<30 days)*

Fund Balance as of 4/30/26).

FQMD: 1,872,755.21

Fund balances remain sufficient to support programmatic and operations purposes.

Notable deposit(s) this month include: \$1.25M- State of Louisiana

Budget vs. Actuals

(Reflects YTD 2026 performance against the 2026 approved FQMD budget)

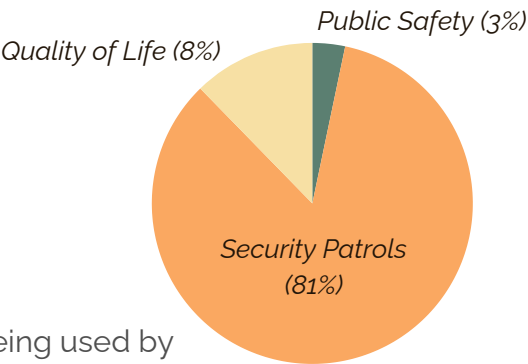
2026 Adopted	Budget	Actual (4/30/26)	% of Budget
FRENCH QUARTER PATROLS			
Upper Quarter Patrols	\$1,600,000	\$547,784	15%
LA State Police	\$265,000	-0-	
Transport Unit	\$60,000	\$12,738	21%
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Signage	\$25,000	\$9,592	38%
Right of Way Guidelines	\$50,000	-0-	
QUALITY OF LIFE			
Bourbon St. Holiday Lights	\$50,000	-0-	-
Recycling Waste Management	\$158,500	\$16,087	10%
OPERATIONS	606,515	\$266,918	44%

Expenses on track to budget, with variances driven by project rollouts, and reimbursements timing. at time of report 4/30/2026.

***FQEDD NOTE:** FQEDD figures are reflected separate and apart to this report.
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2026 Budget Summary

Supplemental Security: **\$1,925,000** (81%)
Public Safety : **\$75,000** (3%)
Quality of Life Initiatives: **\$208,500** (9%)



This chart summarizes all expenses to show how funds are being used by category, and does not include any **FQEDD* City Sales Tax funds.** (See Note above)

French Quarter Management District
Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L
January - April, 2026

	Total			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
Admin. Fees	143,794.55	300,000.00	-156,205.45	47.93%
Contract Revenue	2,226,279.76	2,458,500.00	-232,220.24	90.55%
FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee	1,676.07	2,000.00	-323.93	83.80%
Interest Income	5,257.49	25,957.10	-20,699.61	20.25%
Total Income	\$ 2,377,007.87	\$ 2,786,457.10	-\$ 409,449.23	85.31%
Gross Profit	\$ 2,377,007.87	\$ 2,786,457.10	-\$ 409,449.23	85.31%
Expenses				
Operations Expenses				
Administration				
Bank Charges & Fees	455.30	200.00	255.30	227.65%
Conferences and meetings	396.18	15,000.00	-14,603.82	2.64%
Insurance	14,832.12	44,441.00	-29,608.88	33.37%
Memberships	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00%
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)	896.22	8,060.00	-7,163.78	11.12%
Office Supplies & Software	9,925.17	32,000.00	-22,074.83	31.02%
Parking	213.20	1,000.00	-786.80	21.32%
Rent	10,400.00	31,200.00	-20,800.00	33.33%
Travel	950.29	5,800.00	-4,849.71	16.38%
Utilities	1,686.49	3,000.85	-1,314.36	56.20%
Total Administration	\$ 39,754.97	\$ 143,701.85	-\$ 103,946.88	27.66%
Payroll Expenses				
Employee Benefits	4,363.02	14,593.38	-10,230.36	29.90%
Payroll	60,209.92	291,867.50	-231,657.58	20.63%
Processing Fees	824.00	1,312.00	-488.00	62.80%
Retirement Investment	1,549.90	5,456.03	-3,906.13	28.41%
Taxes	4,783.05	14,333.61	-9,550.56	33.37%
Worker's Compensation	309.85	1,751.21	-1,441.36	17.69%
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 72,039.74	\$ 329,313.73	-\$ 257,273.99	21.88%
Professional Fees				
Accounting Fees	5,933.00	25,000.00	-19,067.00	23.73%
Advertising / Marketing	20,626.02	58,500.00	-37,873.98	35.26%
Audit Fees	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.00%
Consultants	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Legal Fees	1,759.50	20,000.00	-18,240.50	8.80%
Program / Project Manager	14,750.00	0.00	14,750.00	
Website	260.80	5,000.00	-4,739.20	5.22%
Total Professional Fees	\$ 43,329.32	\$ 133,500.00	-\$ 90,170.68	32.46%
Total Operations Expenses	\$ 155,124.03	\$ 606,515.58	-\$ 451,391.55	25.58%
Services Rendered / Programming				
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E	547,784.14	1,865,000.00	-1,317,215.86	29.37%

	Total			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Public Safety				
Public Safety Improvements	195,328.62	50,000.00	145,328.62	390.66%
Transport Unit	12,451.74	60,000.00	-47,548.26	20.75%
Total Public Safety	\$ 207,780.36	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 97,780.36	188.89%
Quality of Life				
Bourbon Street Holiday Lights	0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00%
GHF Recycling	16,087.40	52,833.32	-36,745.92	30.45%
Total Quality of Life	\$ 16,087.40	\$ 102,833.32	-\$ 86,745.92	15.64%
Total Services Rendered / Programming	\$ 771,651.90	\$ 2,077,833.32	-\$ 1,306,181.42	37.14%
Total Expenses	\$ 926,775.93	\$ 2,684,348.90	-\$ 1,757,572.97	34.53%
Net Operating Income	\$ 1,450,231.94	\$ 102,108.20	\$ 1,348,123.74	1420.29%
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Notes

Contract Revenue 90.55 % (reflects \$1.25M received for 2024/25 past due reimbursements)

FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee 83.80 % (reflects 2025 fees paid in January 2026)

Bank Charges & Fees 227.65 % (underbudgeted)

Utilities 56.20 % (underbudgeted; reflects new wifi expense)

Payroll 20.63 % (reflects new program manager staff not hired- Bob's expense is 14,750, listed below separately)

Public Safety Improvements 390.66 % (reflects payments made in 2026 to 2025 budgeted projects: St Lights, St Markings)

Monday, May 18, 2026 08:06:15 AM GMT-7 - Cash Basis

French Quarter Management District

A/P Aging Summary Report

As of Apr 30, 2026

	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	TOTAL
Bankcard Center (0499)		1,934.00				1,934.00
Glass Half Full	52,064.56	8,043.70				60,108.26
James A. Richardson				65,000.00		65,000.00
MaintainX	390.27					390.27
New B'Urban Planning LLC	2,822.00	2,400.00				5,222.00
Omni IT Solutions LLC		408.80				408.80
TOTAL	55,276.83	12,786.50		65,000.00		\$133,063.33

French Quarter Management District

A/R Aging Summary Report

As of Apr 30, 2026

	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	TOTAL
City of New Orleans		88,685.92				88,685.92
TOTAL		88,685.92				\$88,685.92

Note

Amount due from City of New Orleans includes amount to reimburse us for economic study and tool purchase.



French Quarter Economic Development District Proposed Budget FY 2025

Revenue		
Sales Tax Collection	\$	3,750,000.00
Expected 2021-2024 SPPP Balance (roll-over)	\$	1,422,453.00
Expected 2021-2024 Other Safety Programs Balance (roll-over)	\$	1,502,443.00
SPPP Total to Budget for 2025		
	\$	3,422,453.00
Other Total to Budget for 2025		
	\$	1,502,443.00
Total	\$	4,924,896.00
Supplemental Police Patrol Program		
SPPP Personnel	Funding	
Overtime for SPPP Officers	\$	1,965,600.00
Weekend Differential	\$	374,259.90
Weekday Special-rate Differentia	\$	330,124.20
NOPD Overtime for RTCC Assignments	\$	13,000.00
Full-time NOPD Supervisor	\$	125,865.60
Full-time Program Assistance	\$	125,865.60
Overtime Dedicated Community Liason Officer (3 9PM-1AM Fri,Sat,Sun)	\$	175,910.00
Subtotal	\$	3,110,625.30
SPPP Operating Expenses		
One-Time		
SPPP Application Marketing/Public Training	\$	7,500.00
Miscellaneous SPPP Expenses	\$	15,000.00
NOPD Training for Radar	\$	4,000.00
Light Duty Pickup Truck (Ford Maverick or Equivalent)	\$	35,980.00
Solar Mobile Light Units (3)	\$	92,780.00
Subtotal	\$	155,260.00
Recurring		
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	15,000.00
Vehicle Cleaning	\$	14,000.00
SPPP Application Licensing	\$	89,125.00
General Office Supplies	\$	3,000.00
DigiTicket Lease	\$	8,000.00
Mobile Internet	\$	3,000.00
Dedicated Parking for SPPP Vehicles	\$	12,000.00
Subtotal	\$	144,125.00
SPPP Support Subtotal	\$	299,385.00
Other Public Safety Programs		
TASGNO Case Management	\$	215,917.00
TASGNO Transportation Recurring Costs (Insurance/Fuel)	\$	7,725.00
Dedicated Code Enforcement	\$	82,000.00
License Plate Readers	\$	47,665.60
FQ Camera Maintenance Agreement	\$	56,600.00
Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety Measures	\$	120,000.00
Signage Replacement	\$	5,000.00
Private Property Graffiti Abatement	\$	25,000.00
Economic Impact Survey	\$	100,000.00
Body Armor Upgrades (UQP)	\$	24,000.00
Covenant House	\$	61,322.00
Other Public Safety Programs Subtotal	\$	745,229.60
Other Public Safety Programs		
FQMD Administration	\$	150,000.00
Total SPPP (100) Personnel	\$	3,110,625.30
Total SPPP (200) Other Operating	\$	299,385.00
Total Other Public Safety Programs	\$	745,229.60
Total FQEDD Request for 2025		
	\$	4,305,239.90

\$7,500

\$5,414.51

\$110,000

\$8,527.78

\$65,000

\$12,691.74

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Funding Proposal: Public Safety Street Markings— Phase II

Background

In 2025, FQMD utilized state funding to address emergency vehicle mobility constraints prioritized within residential zones of the French Quarter. The initial striping phase prioritized fire hydrant protection zones, tow-away (yellow corner) clearances, ADA-compliant parking spaces, and residential driveway no-parking areas. That phase delivered 422 public safety markings at a total cost of \$331,385, within the available funds provided by the State.

Field assessment identified additional locations requiring striping to fully implement the emergency mobility objective across the Quarter.

Purpose of Funding

This request represents continuation of the original emergency responder mobility initiative and completes remaining public safety striping locations previously identified during field review. The funding does not expand the project scope beyond existing mobility priorities, *nor does it include residential driveways at this time, as further research and consultation with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and legal counsel are required before consideration.* It advances the same public safety objective: **improving emergency response access and maneuverability within the French Quarter.**

Remaining Public Safety Scope

The remaining EMS mobility improvements include:

- **34 Red Fire Hydrant Zones** (\$750 ea = \$25,500)
- **84 Yellow Tow Away Corners**: (\$575 ea = \$48,300)
- **9 Blue ADA Compliant Parking Spaces**: (\$1,800 ea = \$16,200)

Funding Request: \$100k

Estimated direct striping costs total approximately \$90,000 + 10% contingency.

Requested Motion

Consider a recommendation to the Finance & Development Committee approval of a \$100,000 allocation to complete Public Safety Street Markings— Phase II Improvements.

May 4, 2026

To: Executive Director
French Quarter Management District
400 North Peters Street, Suite 206
New Orleans, LA 70130

Subject: **Program Manager Report– April 2026**

The following work priorities identified between the FQMD Program Manager and the FQMD Executive Director for the month of April 2026 are updated as follows:

1. Manage State Appropriations Program for FQMD

- a. **Status** *Active*
- b. **Funding:** State of Louisiana
- c. **Notes:** FY25 Appropriation has been closed out and paid in full.

FY26 Execution. Paid 50% of projected budget in accordance with CEA. Q3 Report is being drafted by Sam with my oversight. A follow up Zoom meeting is scheduled for 6May. Sidewalks, Signage, Public RoW Guidelines. Coordination with DPW for work to be completed this year is ongoing. A formal sidewalk condition assessment is needed to better define the problem, what can and can't be done, establish our goals, how much that will cost, how long it will take to accomplish, and THEN draft a contractable scope of work.

FY27 Planning. Need to schedule a meeting/planning workshop to develop a draft plan with lead-up timeline. Target for finalized plan: 30Jun26 (D-90). Actively developing a planning procedures overview document for distribution and training. Update to follow.

Service Hours: 66.25

2. Manage Street Markings Program for FQMD

- a. **Status** *Active*
- b. **Funding:** Various/FQEDD 2025
- c. **Notes:** Solicitation 26-01 Annual Street Markings on hold, pending funding approval to use 2025 money. Procurement model will need to be reconsidered at this rate.

Service Hours: 14

3. Manage Streetlight Maintenance and Repair Program for FQMD

- a. **Status** *Closed*
- b. **Funding:** No funds resourced for this program at this time
- c. **Notes:** 2025 Project Closeout Report provided to ED. After action review conducted with DPW. Program has been mothballed until further notice. Significant hours will need to be dedicated to provide future program policy and procedures.

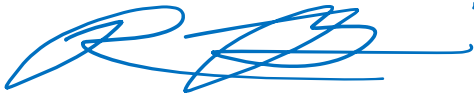
Service Hours: 19.0

Subject: Program Manager's End of the Month Update – April 2026

4. Manage and Support Other Critical Projects, Programs and Ongoing Collaborative Efforts

Support Administration of Byrne Grant for FQMD. Findings and recommendations for “final reporting” has been provided to ED. Guidance provided to Sam by ED for final request(s). Sam is still drafting drawdown requests monthly. April drawdown is currently due. **Service Hours: 6.0**

Support Development of New Policies and Procedures for FQMD Public Safety Improvement efforts. No time has been allocated for this effort this month. **Hours: 0.0**



Robert Bejarano

FQMD Program Manager



French Quarter Management District 2026 Media Coverage

May 18, 2026

April

April Curated Coverage

FOX 8 — *April 13, 2026* ([curated coverage](#))

French Quarter Fest Safety (FQ Management District)

- <https://www.fox8live.com/video/2026/04/13/french-quarter-fest-safety-fq-management-district>

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — *April 2, 2026* ([curated coverage](#))

Can French Quarter bars start recycling their many empty bottles? A new program will help.

- https://www.nola.com/news/environment/trash-recycling-new-orleans-bars-french-quarter-food-drink/article_8fdff6d2-22c7-45d9-a08a-484bf94a0a5b.html
- Included in 4/2 Lunch Line newsletter.
- Included in 4/6 print Metro section.
- [Facebook](#), [Facebook Wake Up NOLA Reel](#), [NOLA.com Instagram](#), [NOLA.com Wake Up NOLA Reel](#), [Glass Half Full Instagram](#)

New Orleans Magazine — *April 1, 2026* ([curated coverage](#))

French Quarter Management District Launches Commercial Glass Recycling Program

- <https://www.myneworleans.com/french-quarter-management-district-launches-commercial-glass-recycling-program/>
- Included in 4/1 New Orleans magazine newsletter.

NOLA Newswire - *April 2, 2026* ([curated coverage](#))

- https://nolanewswire.com/2026/04/french-quarter-management-district-launches-commercial-glass-recycling-program/?fbclid=IwY2xjawR4Y9BleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETI4amtuMTItZm9ZYkxobTlac3JOYwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHsMrCSJTZlad1Q44e5j49Yeyiy_ku_LQdxiYedAUFh4tZMmpy8mS4en8idmR_aem_YWdncwA0322VaTrL6tn6tbhTOQeK&brid=YWdncwGYvIhTJGUBU49v1FEg2XQB

WWL-TV — April 1, 2026 (curated coverage)

Proposal to deploy police drone as first responder in French Quarter advances to City Council

- <https://www.wwltv.com/article/news/local/proposal-to-deploy-police-drone-as-first-responder-in-french-quarter-advances-to-city-council/289-9319275f-66ba-45fe-96a3-0aa317e48fc7>
- Broadcast on 5 p.m. newscast.
- Rebroadcast on 4/6 6 p.m. newscast.
- **YouTube:**  Proposal to deploy police drone as first responder in French Quarter advances to...
- [MSN repost](#)

WGNO — April 1, 2026 (curated coverage)

New Orleans police to use drone as first responder for emergency response assistance

- <https://wgno.com/news/louisiana/orleans-parish/nopd-to-use-drone-as-first-responder-for-emergency-response-assistance/>
- Broadcast on 10 p.m. newscast.
- **YouTube:**  NOPD to use drone as first responder for emergency response assistance
- [Facebook](#)

Waste 360 - April 27, 2026 (curated coverage)

- <https://www.waste360.com/waste-recycling/can-french-quarter-bars-start-recycling-their-many-empty-bottles-a-new-program-will-help->

Tulane Hullabaloo — April 26, 2026 (curated coverage)

Glass Half Full expands with new facility, French Quarter partnership

- <https://tulanehullabaloo.com/74941/news/glass-half-full-expands-with-new-facility-french-quarter-partnership/>
- [Instagram](#)

April Media Mentions

The Louisiana Weekly — April 20, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Councilmembers approve funding to expand NOPD drone program

- <http://www.louisianaweekly.com/new-orleans-city-councilmembers-approve-funding-to-expand-nopd-drone-program/>

WWL Radio | Newell Normand Show — April 17, 2026 (media mention)

Councilman JP Morrell talks about the "Drone as First Responder" (DFR) program in the French Quarter

- https://www.audacy.com/wwl/podcasts/6a31745ac53f4b5c45558e68c01ea651/episodes/councilman_jp_morrell_talks_ab-8278235

New Orleans CityBusiness — April 17, 2026 (media mention)

French Quarter district approves \$250K drone funding

- <https://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2026/04/17/french-quarter-police-drone-budget-approval/>
- Included in [4/17 CityBusiness newsletter](#)

WWL-TV — April 17, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Council approves French Quarter drone response program

- <https://www.wwltv.com/article/news/local/orleans/new-orleans-city-council-approves-french-quarter-drone-response-program/289-8b24de06-5044-4b79-b6ed-15b145d39862>
- [Facebook](#)

WGNO — April 17, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Council approves new drone program

- <https://wgno.com/news/louisiana/orleans-parish/new-orleans-city-council-approves-new-drone-program/>

The Times-Picayune | NOLA.com — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans police will expand drone program in the French Quarter after council's split vote

- <https://www.nola.com/news/politics/new-orleans-french-quarter-drones/>
- Included in 4/17 NOLA Business Insider newsletter
- [Facebook](#)

FOX 8 — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

New Orleans City Council approves \$250K drone program for French Quarter

- <https://www.fox8live.com/2026/04/17/new-orleans-city-council-approves-250k-drone-program-french-quarter/>

WWL Radio — April 16, 2026 (media mention)

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