

**Downtown Development District
Joint Finance & Executive Committees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

The Finance & Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m.

Finance Members Present: Tod Chambers, Allison Tiller & Judy Barrasso

Executive Members Present: Allison Tiller, Judy Barrasso & Tod Chambers

Members Absent: Karyn Kearney, Kevin Kelly & Joseph Bruno

Other Commissioners Present: None

Staff/Counsel Present: Kurt Weigle, Anthony Carter, Nolan Marshall, III, Richard McCall, Stacey Weaver & Rose Hagar

Staff Absent: None

Public Present: None

Notice: The time, location, and agenda had been adequately and publicly noticed.

Action items:

- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of November 18, 2015 Joint Finance & Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of November 2015 Financial Statements
- Approval of December 2015 Financial Statements

Agenda Items:

Adoption of Agenda – Action Item – Commissioner Tiller requested a motion to adopt the agenda as drafted. Moved by Commissioner Chambers; supported by Commissioner Barrasso. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of November 18, 2015 Joint Finance & Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Action Item – There being no discussion, Commissioner Tiller requested a motion to adopt the minutes as drafted. Moved by Commissioner Barrasso; supported by Commissioner Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of November 2015 Financial Statements – Action Item – Commissioner Tiller requested a motion to approve the November 2015 Financials. Moved by Commissioner Barrasso; supported by Commissioner Chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of December 2015 Financial Statements – Action Item – Mr. Carter briefly highlighted the items of importance.

Line 67: Total Admin Sources – The amount generated in 2015 for DDD Events fell short of projections by \$44,000.

Line 70: Advalorem Taxes – Collections are 980.66% of the amount reforecast for December, 108.56% of the total amount originally budgeted for 2015, and 100.57% of the amount reforecast for 2015.

Line 150: Total Public Safety – Invoices for the Police Detail totaling \$13,498 have not been resolved or issued by OPSE and Travelers Aid Society has not invoiced for any services since July.

Line 197: Total Communications – An additional Holiday Event was added.

Line 279: District Wide Capital Improvements – Capital Projects all budgeted for 2016.

Line 309: General Fund Cash Reserve – Approximately \$800,000 will be rolled forward to 2016 to finance the Capital Projects delayed from 2015.

Commissioner Tiller requested a motion to approve the December 2015 Financials. Moved by Commissioner Barrasso; supported by Commissioner Chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – No public was present.

Old Business – No old business.

New Business – No new business.

Commissioner Chambers had to exit the meeting.

Adjournment – Commissioner Tiller requested a motion to adjourn the Joint Finance & Executive Committee Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Barrasso; supported by Commissioner Chambers. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Items discussed as informational due to a lack of quorum.

Project Updates

Mr. Weigle gave a brief update on the various projects:

French Quarter Public Safety CEA – Mr. Weigle & Mr. McCall thought the originally drafted CEA was too intricate and suggested Aaron Gianna make the necessary changes, once completed, Mr. Weigle will forward to the City. Comments have been positive from most of the board members. It was suggested by Commissioner Barrasso that the DDD have a special meeting to formally inform the stakeholders that the DDD is expanding the boundaries in which they provide public safety patrol services. Mr. Weigle agreed.

Downtown NOLA Saturday Shopping Spree – Mr. Weigle stated the event was a big success.

Home for the Holidays – Mr. Weigle noted that this event was a success as well. Will work to expand the crowd for the upcoming year.

Public Safety – The City requested the DDD partner with its Sanitation Department for enhanced cleaning services. Mr. Weigle stated that Bill Hines will be the negotiating on behalf of the DDD. A follow-up meeting will be set up after Mardi Gras.

Duncan Plaza – Mr. Weigle thanked Commissioner Barrasso for her work in setting up various

meetings with Judge Reese, Judge Bruno & Representative Walter Leger. The DDD will keep pushing forward.

Low Barrier Outdoor Shelter – Mr. Weigle stated that he is working with Sam Joel on narrowing down the sites. The goal is to have a site recommended by the end of the first quarter. Commissioner Kelly has been aggressive in getting the Mayor to consider the Times Picayune location.

Panhandling – Councilmember Head has asked Commissioner Hines to head a taskforce that will work on a campaign to end aggressive panhandling. Momentum is high. Working to garner support from homeless advocates.