

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday June 1, 2021 – 4:00PM
Zoom Teleconference**

Roll taken, Quorum present – Meeting called to order at 4:07pm

Members Present: Leo Marsh, Cleveland Spears, Judy Barrasso, Damon Burns, Carla Major, Coleman Adler, Jim Cook, Gregory Curtis, Jade Brown-Russell

Members Absent: Michelle Craig, Chris Ross

Staff/Counsel Present: Richard McCall, Anthony Carter, Leigh Ferguson, Shantel McCormick, Devona Dolliole, Ryan Bordenave, Bill Aaron (Counsel), Joshua Vairin, Kia Marshall

Other Staff Present: N/A

Members of the Public: , Lt. Palumbo, Cpt. Capera, Eric Smith, Gilbert Montano, David Piscola (Hilton Riverside), David Bower (DCSO), Chad Brown, Jeff Adelson (Times Picayune)

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

Call for Public Input Cards: N/A

Action Items

- Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2021 Board Meeting
- Approval of April 2021 Financial Report
- Approval of Executive Search Committee Awarding of Executive Search Firm Contract
- Approval of Nominating Committee Election of 2021-2022 Officers

Public Comments – N/A

Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2021 Board Meeting– Action Item – Commissioner Major requested a motion to approve the revised May 4, 2021 meeting minutes. Moved by Commissioner Marsh; supported by Commissioner Curtis. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report –

Approval of April 2021 Financials – Action Item – Anthony Carter presented the April financials to the Board. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Major called for a motion to approve the April financials. Moved by Commissioner Curtis; supported by Commissioner Marsh; motion carried unanimously.

Chair’s Report –

Executive Search Committee Report – Awarding of Executive Search Firm Contract –

Action Item* - Anthony Carter updated the Board on the RFP 2021-10-02. After receiving four responses to the RFP, the Executive Search Committee Co-Chairs along with Anthony reviewed the RFP's that were received; they scored the four proposals and the highest score was awarded to Winner Partners. The Committee is recommending that Winner Partner be awarded the contract based on their experience with placements for similar organizations, their reasonable cost, their articulated process and the 80-day timeline. After further discussion, Commissioner Major called for a motion to accept the executive search committee report. Moved by Commissioner Curtis; Supported by Commissioner Marsh; Motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report- Election of 2021-2022 Officers – Action Item*-

Commissioner Major announced the slate of the 2021-2022 Board of Commissioners officers. The slate of officers that were presented are Chair Commissioner Leo Marsh, Vice-Chair Commissioner Gregory Curtis, Secretary Commissioner Cleveland Spears, Treasurer Commissioner Chris Ross and Past Chair Commissioner Michelle Craig. Commissioner Major called for a motion to accept the slate of officers that's been recommended. Moved by Commissioner Marsh; supported by Commissioner Brown Russell; motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by Gilbert Montano, Chief Administrative Officer, City of New Orleans –

After a quick introduction by Commissioner Major, Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Montano presented the Board with an update on the City's initiatives with the DDD. Mr. Montano spoke on the police patrol program. He informed the Board that the FQMD reduced hours from 48 to 36 daily to preserve funds. The FQMD ceased funding patrols on February 21, 2021. The City however reached an agreement with City Council to utilize balance of previous FQEDD sales tax Trust Fund to continue to fund patrols under the NOPD 8th district supervision. The city assumed patrols and all costs associated as of February 28, 2021. He informed the Board that zone coverage was unchanged, use of FQTF app continued, vehicle equipment's were updated with new iPads and cellular service and the basic vehicle maintenance was performed by the 8th district fleet management officers. Beyond the supplemental patrol program NOPD has expanded targeted overtime by authorizing additional overtime for the 8th district which started in April which includes the Task Force, averaging around 500 hours of pro-active overtime patrols within the 8th district weekly. NOPD has also significantly increased patrol on Bourbon Street. The department is in the process of acquiring additional vehicles specifically for the proactive patrols within the boundaries of the French Quarter. Captain Capera of the 8th district informed the Board of the deployment changes going on downtown which includes the expanded light towers in the 100 blocks of Carondelet, Royal and Bourbon at Canal; the Blue light patrol on Canal Street at night; the continuing focus from NOPD on illegal vending on Canal Street and the increasing of patrol units in the 600 block of Julia Street. Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Montano spoke on the Clean Up Nola focus that has produced a number of cleanup days that have leveraged community participation and enhanced beautifications efforts. Going forward NOPD is focused on transitioning from geographically- based cleanups to strategic catalytic projects that will restructure clean up processes to make it more effective in the future. NOPD have also selected 3 initial focus areas that include graffiti cleanup, illegal; dumping and grass maintenance.

President's Report – PowerPoint Presentation done by Director of Economic Development Leigh Ferguson, followed by Director of Communications Devona Dolliole and ending with Interim President Richard McCall presenting the Operations department.

Old Business – N/A

New Business- N/A

Executive Session – N/A

Adjournment – Commissioner Major requested a motion to adjourn; moved by Commissioner Marsh; supported by Commissioner Cook. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.