

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

Roll taken, Quorum present – Meeting called to order at 4:12

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

**Members Absent:** Michelle Craig, Cleveland Spears

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

**Other Staff Present:** N/A

**Members of the Public:** Emma Herr (Director of Development MSJE), Kenneth Hoffamn (Executive Director MSJE), Mamie Gasperez (VCC & FQMD), Chad Brown (Chief of Staff CNO CAO Office), Karlie Frankic (FQMD)

**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 April 6, 2021 Board Meeting
- Approval of March 2021 Financial Report
- Approval of Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire

**Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2021 Board Meeting– Action Item** – Commissioner Ross requested a motion to approve the April 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Moved by Commissioner Marsh; supported by Commissioner Burns. The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation by Emma Storm Herr, Director of Development, Museum of Southern Jewish Experience** – After a brief introduction, Richard McCall handed things over to Emma Storm Herr. Ms. Herr then handed it over to Kenneth Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman gave the Board a brief presentation on the history of the museum and how the museum of the Southern Jewish Experience explores the many ways that Jews in the American South influenced and were influenced by the distinct cultural heritage of their new homes. Through exhibits, collections and programs focused on the unique and remarkable history of Southern Jews, the Museum encourages new understanding and appreciation for identity, diversity, and acceptance.

### **Treasurer's Report –**

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

**Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire-** Anthony Carter presented the Compliance Questionnaire to the Board and informed them that this is a requirement of our Audit each year. The Board is required to attest to certain activity in regards that requires the State of Louisiana and that we are abiding by those laws. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Ross requested a motion to approve the Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire. Moved by Commissioner Curtis, supported by Commissioner Major; motion carried unanimously.

### **Chair's Report –**

**Discussion Regarding Collaboration with the French Quarter Management District –** Richard McCall discussed that at last week Executive Committee Meeting that Councilwoman Palmer requested support from the DDD as it relates to efforts in the 100 blocks of the French Quarter side of Canal for street lighting, public safety and other various quality of life efforts that's been discussed over the last few months. He discussed the history of this conversation that dates back to receiving a letter from the French Quarter Management Chair Pendleton in November of last year requesting similar support. Since that time there have been several meetings, with the last being in March with Karley Frankic, the Executive Director. In those conversations there was some discussion of a framework for actions we can collaborate on as organizations.

**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 – Update on Executive Search Committee-** Commissioner Major informed the Board that the Committee had received 5 proposals. Anthony Carter confirmed that 4 of the firms are qualified to be considered. Commissioner Major plans to have an Executive Search Committee Meeting within the next week to decide on the proposals.

**Executive Session** – N/A

**New Business-** N/A

**Public Comments** –

**Adjournment** – Commissioner Ross requested a motion to adjourn; moved by Commissioner Major; supported by Commissioner Russell. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.