

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Ronald E. Gardner Board Room**  
**201 St. Charles Ave., Suite 3912**

Roll taken - Meeting called to order at 2:33 p.m.

**Members Present:** Board Chair Chris Ross, Commissioner Miles Tully, Jr, Mr. Kelly Parenton, Mr. Shelby Russ

**Members Absent:** Committee Chair (Board Vice-Chair) Alex Glaser, Commissioner Kenneth Rubenstein, Mr. Michael J. Siegel,

**Other Board Members Present:** N/A

**Staff/Counsel Present:** Davon Barbour, President & CEO

**Others Present:** Rudy Courseault, Project Manager, Henry Consulting, Mr. Troy Henry, Henry Consulting

**Notice:** The time, location, and agenda were adequately and publicly noticed.

**Public Input Card:** N/A

**Public Comments:** N/A

**Action Items:** N/A

**Meeting notes:**

President & CEO Davon Barbour discussed the recruitment process for the Chief of Public Safety and Field Operations. The candidates are narrowed down to three prospects. He hopes to make an offer by the end of the week.

The committee reviewed the performance of Henry Consulting. It was noted there were no major concerns, but it was mentioned the area around Rouses needs improvement in cleaning and litter removal. A year-end review is slated for December 16, 2024, with Henry Consulting.

The committee reviewed the performance of Garden Doctors Landscaping services, which are satisfactory with opportunities for improvement. DDD would be entering into a CEA with the BioDistrict which would provide additional funding for landscaping throughout the district.

DDD is researching technology to implement to monitor rangers and security.

Donald Clouse, Public Safety Manager, discussed the police detail and the challenges faced during the major city events. He mentioned that during the events, the police offices are often pulled leaving the area without a full detail. DDD did increase NOPD officers pay to tier 4 to ensure a continuous supply of officers. DDD has one to four officers on duty at any given time depending on the day of the week. Officers are assigned to specific areas and hot spots to address crime. DDD also uses armed security to fill in.

Once again, the President & CEO discussed the public safety outpost at the 100 block of Royal Street, which is expected to be completed in two weeks. He hopes to have a ribbon cutting by He also shared updates on various projects, including the French Doors initiative, which involves gateway improvements along the 100 blocks of Canal, Dauphine, Bourbon, Burgundy, Chartres, and Royal Streets

President & CEO will submit a 311 request for puddling issues in the 600-block of Constance St

**Old Business:** Water puddling in the Rouses area, a report to 311 has been submitted.

**New Business:** There is ongoing research regarding baseline agreements to determine the services provided by the city and DDD.

**Executive Session: N/A**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Mr. Shelby Russ, second by Commissioner Tully.