

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
2:30 p.m.
Ronald E. Gardner Board Room
201 St. Charles Ave., Suite 3912**

Roll taken - Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Committee Chair (Board Vice-Chair) Alex Glaser, Board Chair Chris Ross, Commissioner Kenneth Rubenstein, Mr. Shelby Russ

Members Absent: Commissioner Miles Tully, Jr, Mr. Kelly Parenton, 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

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:

Chuck Bourg, the new Chief of Operations & Public Safety, was introduced to the committee.

The committee discussed the monthly performance report for Henry Consulting. The committee noted no major challenges and highlighted their efforts during Super Bowl week, including deploying over 80 trash boxes, utilizing 4,500 trash bags, and pressure washing 65 block faces. Staff was asked about the increased cost for special events like Super Bowl, to which Davon Barbour, President and CEO clarified that it was already budgeted and not expected to increase. It was also noted that there was no inspection performed for the weeks of January 13th and 20th due to weather, Mr. Barbour promised to provide additional information if needed.

Davon Barbour, highlighted the successful collaboration between various partners, including property owners, New Orleans & Company, and the Wyndham French Quarter, which contributed to the establishment of the Public Safety outpost. He also praised Garden Doctors for their work during the freeze and their efforts in beautifying downtown, including the planting of over 100 new trees. Also discussed were the city infrastructure updates, including road repairs, historic light repairs, and the deployment of public art/mural displays for Super Bowl preparations. He expressed gratitude to the team for their hard work and emphasized the importance of continued advocacy for unresolved issues.

Next steps:

- Davon Barbour, President & CEO, to get additional information about the missing inspections for the weeks of January 13th and 20th.
- Rudy Courseault, Project Manager, Henry Consulting to keep the committee updated on the potential purchase of street sweepers.
- DDD to consider adding an addendum to the Henry Consulting contract regarding water removal from streets and sidewalks.
- DDD to work with the city on addressing street conditions causing water puddling, particularly on Gravier, Constance, Canal, Carondelet, and Common streets.
- DDD to prepare a comprehensive report on Henry Consulting's performance before the next RFP process in May.
- Henry Consulting to improve cleaning efforts on the 100 block of Carondelet, particularly in front of Brothers and Rouses on Girod St.
- DDD to continue participating in the "super gras" meetings with city departments and other stakeholders.
- DDD to discuss with the city if additional bond funds are available to complete infrastructure work in the district.
- DDD to consider making direct funding requests to the state for infrastructure projects.
- DDD to continue advocating for outstanding sidewalk repairs with public works.