

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

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: Committee Chair (Board Vice-Chair) Alex Glaser, Board Chair Chris Ross, Mr. Shelby Russ, Commissioner Piscola

Members Absent: Commissioner Kenneth Rubenstein, Commissioner Miles Tully, Jr, Mr. Michael J. Siegel (via zoom), Jasmine Brown, Stephanie Burks, Mr. Kelly Parenton

Other Board Members Present:

Staff/Counsel Present:

Others Present: Henry Consulting, Garden Doctors, Quality of Life Liaison Officer Alicia Pierre

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 Summary:

Chuck Bourg presented a new grading system to replace the one currently used for clean team inspections. This system is supposed to track issues across four zones in the district by category. Pressure washing schedule starts with at Canal/Riverside and Canal /Claiborne.

Commissioner Piscola requested adding pressure washing tracking and emphasized the need for independent verification of work. Brandon Smith, Quality Assurance Manager confirmed he will conduct random checks of overnight pressure washing operations.

Mr. Bourg said that funding was secured for maintaining the palm trees and treating them against fungus.

Private security consolidation is in progress with the present contracts expiring September 30, 2025. A new RFP is being prepared for July. The new contract will begin October 1, 2025, and line up with fiscal year moving forward.

Mr. Bourg confirmed he will be meeting on Tuesday, June 17th., with the city regarding homeless outreach.

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The commissioners raised the issue about large groups of young people congregating at Canal and Bourbon as well as illegal vehicle operations. Donnie Clause, Public Safety Manager introduced our new liaison with the 8th District, Quality of Life Officer Alicia Pierre. Officer Pierre noted challenges with addressing loitering especially when no laws are being broken. Captain Palumbo explained that NOPD policy limits the pursuit of fleeing vehicles and acknowledged the ongoing challenges with the use of the three-wheel vehicles.

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chair Ross, second by Commissioner David Piscola. Motion carried.

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