

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: Board Chair Chris Ross, , Mr. Kelly Parenton, Stephanie Burks

Members Absent: Committee Chair (Board Vice-Chair) Alex Glaser, Commissioner Kenneth Rubenstein, (via zoom) Commissioner Miles Tully, Jr, Mr. Shelby Russ, Mr. Michael J. Siegel (via zoom), Jasmine Brown, (via zoom),

Other Board Members Present: Commissioner Piscola

Staff/Counsel Present:

Others Present: 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 Summary:

Travelers Aid Society - Donna Paramore and Mayte Hernandez spoke about the partnership between Travelers Aid Society and the Downtown Development District. She spoke about the collaboration enabling the Society to deliver crucial case management, support services and resources to those most in need. The DDD rangers provide on-foot outreach and gather homeless documentation. However, there are staffing limitations at Travelers Aid Society which impact their ability to operate at a high level.

Nathaniel Fields, Director of Homeless Services & Strategies, City of New Orleans. Mr. Fields, spoke on the progress and strategy of addressing homelessness in the zones, particularly in the French Quarter area. He emphasized that while the process is showing early signs of success, it will take time to see significant changes. Mr. Fields also discussed the importance of maintaining a balance between enforcement and relationship-building with individuals experiencing homelessness, ensuring a coordinated approach with city council, constituents, and service providers.

Chuck Bourg, Chief of Operations updated the committee on the security service RFP. He reported that 12-contractors responded to the RFP, with 5 proposals received after a pre-bid conference. He says that the team is currently evaluating the proposals. the top three to be invited to presentations. Mr. Bourg also discussed changes to the contractor evaluation system, including a new 5-point grading scale and the implementation of new timelines and schedules for different zones.

Adjournment: N/A

Note: In accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law (La. R.S. 42:11 et seq.) the Board of Commissioners of the DDD may go into Executive Session to discuss legal or personnel matters.