

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 1, 2026
2:00 p.m.
Ronald E. Gardner Board Room
201 St. Charles Ave., Suite 3912

Roll taken - Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m.

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

Members Absent:, Jasmine Brown, Stephanie Burks, Michael Siegel, Bennett Davis

Other Board Members Present:

Staff/Counsel Present: Charles Bourg, Donnie Clouse, John Roussell

Others Present: Capt. Palumbo, Mayte Hernandez, Travelers Aid, Courtney Latiker, Henry Consulting, Jonah Meadows, Times Picayune/Advocate

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

Public Input Card: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

NOPD update by Capt. Palumbo: Will continue to enforce vending, party buses, and amplified external speakers on Canal Street and surrounding areas, with a focus on training new officers in the downtown enhancement unit.

Charles Bourg, Public Safety & Operations:

- Charles Bourg: Renew the landscaping services contract for another 6 months beginning October 1st, with plans to issue a new RFP for a 5-year contract after the 6-month renewal ends.
- Charles Bourg: Work with Seth to reinvent the on-call contractor RFP, potentially splitting it into separate disciplines, and re-advertise it after finalizing the procurement process.
- Charles Bourg: Grade the Allied Universal and Armed Security Patrols contract with Donnie in preparation for the first renewal in December.

Mayte Hernandez, Travelers Aid:

- Reported hiring a new outreach case manager and connecting dozens of homeless individuals to healthcare and housing services.
- Track and provide information to the committee about individuals who are sent or encouraged to come to downtown New Orleans from other parishes or states, to help address the issue at the state level.

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.

President & CEO Seth Knudsen: Will relay any specific rodent issues downtown to the City's Mosquito, Rodent and Termite Control Board for target baiting.

Notes:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Treasurer Kenneth Rubenstein, second by Shelby Russ. Motion carried

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