DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
2:00 p.m.
Ronald E. Gardner Board Room
201 St. Charles Ave., Suite 3912

Roll taken - Meeting called to order at 2:00 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, John Roussell

Others Present: Teala Fugitt and Nate Korahis, Travelers Aid, Rudy Courseault and Courtney Latiker, Henry Consulting, Michelle Courseault, FQMD, Ronald Furlow and Chris Morgan, Tulane PD,

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

Public Input Card: N/A

Public Comments: N/A

Charles Bourg, Public Safety & Operations:

- Weed abatement and leaf removal in September led to clearing over 1380 blocks.
- Graffiti removal remains a challenger with 809 reported. Waiver processing is required to enable eradication.
- Sidewalk tree maintenance reached approximately $180K in expenditures for the year; this includes palm tree pruning and biannual pesticide treatments.
- Phase II of Canal Street drain cleaning uncovered over 7,612 pounds of debris from 692 drains.
- Many drains are rusted or damaged which requires repairs and replacement grates to maintain drainage. A preventive maintenance plan is in the works.
- Public safety and field operations will host Night Out Against Crime at Legacy park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- On-call contractor services RFP has been paused and will be split into smaller specific requests.
- He expects to release the new landscape services RFP in January 2027.
- Holiday lighting and banner services will be discussed at Board Meeting.
- Molly Marine project is on track to receive granite materials by the last week of October, aiming for completion in November.

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Teala Fugitt, Travelers Aid:

- Outreach lead Nate completed 35 client services with 70 engagements in his first month.
- Challenges remain with clients resistant to shelter services due to mental illness or past negative experiences.
- Low Barrier Shelter currently houses approximately 300 people raising concerns about potential displacement without a clear plan.
- Some shelter locations charge a $10 fee which cause a barrier for clients without an income or with disabilities.
- There is uncertainty about the future of city funding for the low barrier shelter.
- The outreach team continues to offer shelter and housing connection where possible, balancing the clients needs with the current system limitations.

President & CEO Seth Knudsen:

Notes:
Committee member Bennet Davis reported on new ownership of a large property on Carondelet. The new management is expected to be more diligent and proactive in maintaining the property. The change aims to improve conditions for residents and reduce complaints.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Chair Ross, second by Treasure Rubenstein. Motion carried

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