



Gentilly Development District Minutes
Board of Commissioners Teleconference Meeting
Monday, January 31, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Gentilly Development District (GDD) was called to order by Chairman Joe Bouie at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the teleconference.

Gretchen Bradford took the roll call of the Commissioners.

Members Present:

The following board members were present: Chairman Joe Bouie, Commissioners Pastor Aubrey Watson, Rep. Matthew Willard, and Rep. Candace Newell, a quorum was established.

During the meeting, Councilmember Eugene Green also joined in the call. Senator Jimmy Harris was not in attendance.

Others Present:

Gretchen Bradford.

Old Business

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Chairman Bouie asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting in Nov. He asked for a motion to approve the Minutes.

Commissioner Willard made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which were approved by all.

Proposal for new Executive Director

Chairman Bouie asked for authorization to hire Gretchen Bradford as the new Executive Director. He said that based on Gretchen Bradford's experience as Projects Chair and the work she has already performed for the board, he was recommending her to fill the vacant Executive Director position. Chairman Bouie recapped that in the November 30th meeting, it was stated that Ms. Bradford needed to resign as Commissioner before she can be hired as Executive Director. Chairman



Bouie confirmed he received Ms. Bradford's letter of resignation from the Gentilly Development District Board.

Chairman Bouie then asked for approval of Gretchen's contract as Executive Director submitted to the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Candace Newell and Second by Commissioner Matthew Willard. The motion passed and was approved by all. Chairman Bouie formally welcomed Gretchen Bradford as the new Executive Director.

Discussion of CEA and Projects

Chairman Bouie explained that the mural was not implemented yet because the funds from HB 1 cannot be spent until the legislature is able to approve an extension. It will be presented in the upcoming regular session starting March 14, by Senator Bouie and Senator Harris.

This year's district projects we will have a total of \$300,000. Total of \$200,000 plus \$100,000 from the Racetrack. We must identify projects for the 2022 year.

New Business

No new business discussed

Comments

Gretchen Bradford commented that for better communications with the community GDD should have a social media presence to provide awareness, to post meetings and direct the community to the website. The Commissioners liked the idea but there are concerns that need to be addressed. Commissioner Willard wanted to make sure there would not be additional cost for GDD and also he cautioned using Next Door. Commissioner Watson had concerns on the security of using Facebook. Commissioner Bouie said we will take up at our next meeting and we should put on the agenda as a discussion item.

Commissioner Bouie asked that Executive Director Gretchen Bradford provide a vision/recommendation report of projects for Gentilly.

Chairman Bouie recommended we do a farewell appreciation dinner for the former Executive Director Kathy Lynn Honaker for her excellent service to the GDD Board, everyone agreed. He asked the Executive Director to make restaurant recommendations.

New Councilmember and new GDD Commissioner Eugene Green addressed the GDD Board and let everyone know he is ready to work and help improve Gentilly.



Public Input

Chairman Bouie asked for public comments.

As there was no other business, Chairman Bouie asked for a motion to adjourn if there were no more comments or questions from the members.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Watson and seconded by Commissioner Newell.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gretchen Bradford'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Gretchen Bradford