

BioDistrict New Orleans
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA

Commissioners Present: Gene D'Amour, Rebecca Conwell for Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Harold Gaspard, Larry Hollier, Rev. Kaseem N. Short, Kelisha Garrett, Alison Bordelon, Roger Ogden, Sharon Courtney

Commissioners Absent: Donna Klein, Darrick LeBeouf, John C. Hope III (vacant), Kacie Kelly, Charles Rice

Commissioners via Phone: Sharon Courtney

Others: New Orleans Business Alliance staff present (Amritha Appaswami, Sally Lindsay, and Dominique Flugence)

Quorum: 9 members present, quorum attained

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am CST.

II. Roll Call

Gene D'Amour performed a roll call of board commissioners at 10:08pm. Quorum was present.

III. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting

Board commissioners adopted agenda for the current board meeting. No comments were made regarding the agenda.

IV. Introduction of Guest(s)

Andrew Baque, Baque Huffman Studio
Aaron Miscenich, New Orleans Bioinnovation Center
Pres Kabacoff, HRI Properties
Steven Kennedy, REO, LLC
Kurt Weigle, Downtown Development District

V. Call for Public Input Cards on Agenda Items

None

VI. Adoption of BioDistrict Minutes

The Minutes from the February 02, 2017 BioDistrict Board of Commissioners meeting were adopted.

VII. Updates on Program

None

VIII. Financial Report

Dominique Flugence provided the Financial Report. As of September 30, 2017 the total assets were \$11,373.49 with no major expenses or changes to date.

IX. Chairman's Report

Chairman Gene D'Amour provided brief updates three topics. The first is a goal of getting a National Cancer Institute Cancer Center for the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium. The second was an update that the Urban Land Institute would be in New Orleans in November examining Charity Hospital and hopefully will include the larger Biodistrict footprint as part of their analysis. The third was the following motion:

"Motion to proceed to collaborate with Latter & Blum and any other natural partners and stakeholders in conducting a seminar during the week of January 29 – February 2, 2018, for the purposes of enhancing public awareness regarding the BioMedical District."

This motion was moved by Rebecca Conwell and seconded by Harold Gaspard. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

X. Infrastructure Development Presentation – Pres Kabacoff

Pres Kabacoff gave a thorough and visionary presentation on the opportunity for transit oriented development and place-making near research hubs that incorporated Charity Hospital into a very broad plan. The presentation was titled "New Orleans, LA: Center City Catalytic Transformation." A slide summarized the plan to repair crumbling infrastructure, repair three 'blighted' center city neighborhoods, create 10,000 new jobs, and build 700 mixed-income housing units alongside job training and disadvantaged business participation.

The plan included the expansion of Duncan Plaza in the space of the old VA's building, a pedestrian park stretch, RTA transfer Station, 'blue way' canal systems, a 'New Orleans Cultural Trail,' and more. Other components included the need for a state fund to recruit and hire leading scientific and healthcare specialists.

Kurt Weigle of the Downtown Development District also gave a presentation about the correlation between research spending and high quality care. He encouraged the collaborative efforts between our public and private universities in order to spur research funding like our

peer cities and also spoke to the power of hiring leading Principal Investigators. His goal is to target \$120 million of NIH funding by 2023, focused on no more than three specialty areas.

XI. New Orleans Business Alliance Update – Amritha Appaswami, VP, Bio Business Development & Strategy, NOLABA & Sally Lindsay, Manager, Business Development & Strategy

A very brief update was given about the New Orleans Health Innovators Challenge.

XII. Other Old Business

No other old business was presented.

XIII. New Business

No new business was presented.

XIV. Public Comment(s)

Guest attendee underscored the importance of sharing the wealth with all plans of real estate development, including extending opportunities for wealth creation to people who have historically been excluded, in particular individuals of color and women.

XV. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was presented by Gene D'Amour, with the approval of the commissioners present at 11:38am CST.