

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **April 19, 2023**, 6:00 P.M.
3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA "The Cannery"

Chairwoman Wendy Laker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a roll call of participants which established a quorum.

Board Members: Wendy Laker, Alvin Williams, David Beran, Robert Rivard, Richard Lorusso, and Charley Richard.

Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; Larry Jacobi, CPA, MCSD accountant; Jeanne Zitler, Consultant on property rolls.

Guests: Kevin Centanni, Tammy Savoie, Ron Rakosky, David Brooks, Sarah Katko, Chrissy Curet, and Ms. Jasmine.

➤ **BOARD MINUTES**

- W. Laker motioned for approval of the 3/15/2023 minutes of the MCSD. The motion was seconded by A. Williams and approved unanimously.

➤ **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- The March Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members.
- L. Jacobi requested Board approval of monthly bills (\$866.60 to Jeanne Ward Zitler for work on a breakdown of the assessor's rolls, \$630.36 to Adams & Reese, \$750.00 for CPA Lawrence Jacobi, and \$115.50 to Verizon. All checks/ACH were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by D. Beran and approved unanimously.
- L. Jacobi presented the Financial Statements. Discussed were the Profit and Loss for January through March 2023 versus same period 2022, Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2023, versus same period 2022, and Profit and Loss Budget verses Actual for January through March 2023.

➤ **CRIME REPORT**

- Sgt. Russel provided crime reports for each week since the March meeting along with details of the significant issues. Discussion followed regarding specifics within the reports. It was noted that 5 officers were lost from the rolls but that 10 additional officers were secured (net gain of 5 officers). There was some discussion concerning vacant houses in the district and what police and/or private security could be expected to do about this issue.
- Bobby Fishel with Pinnacle Security provided a summary of incident reports and discussed various ways that reports to the Board could be generated. He noted that his officers were working 8-hour shifts and traveling 65 miles per shift. As with Sgt. Russel, there was some discussion about the roll of private security and what the officers could do or not do.

➤ **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Vehicle Report. D. Beran reported that there was one inoperable vehicle, one totaled vehicle and 8 working vehicles (total of 10 vehicles) which was the best position the MCSD has seen in some time.
- By Laws and Legislation. R. Rivard reported that Representative Hilferty and Landry were co-sponsors of legislation regarding MCSD that had been discussed in previous board meetings. This legislation addressed inequities in the current language (multiple unit charges and non-profit charges) which could increase the budget by some \$400,000 without increasing residential fees and would allow for the hiring of additional police to patrol the district.
- Outreach. W. Laker reported that she and Sgt Russel had discussed crime reports at the Mid City Neighborhood meeting.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- Jeanne Zitler reported that the review of properties in the MCSD from the assessor's rolls was complete and that spreadsheets and Google docs were being prepared to provide this information to the board. She also indicated that she still had the 2019 reports that she could use for comparison to see what changes had been made.
 - D. Beran discussed the proposals that had been received to conduct the social media campaign. There was some discussion concerning the reasons we needed a social media campaign and this was primarily centered around the need to keep the public informed. After discussion with R. Rivard, A. Williams motioned and R. Lorusso seconded the motion that \$600/month for 10 hours of work with \$55/hour over that time frame should be provided. The motion was unanimous. It was decided that because there were additional proposals that had been submitted, a final vote on the issue would not be made until the May 17 meeting.
- W. Laker asked for public input. Comments were received about how those without internet access could be kept informed about the workings of MCSD. Other comments were made regarding the exact roles of the NOPD and Pinnacle in providing security to the district.
- W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, which was seconded by R. Lorusso. There was no opposition.

CERTIFICATE As Secretary of the Mid-City Security District, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes duly and legally adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mid-City Security District, after due notice, and that said minutes have not been rescinded. WITNESS, my signature, this 17th day of May 2023.



Charley Richard, Secretary