

**MID CITY SECURITY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
on July 26, 2021, 6PM  
Via Zoom**

**Board Members Present:**

**Tung Ly  
Mary Moises  
Wendy Laker  
David Beran  
Ben Markey-Resigned**

**Guests:**

**Sgt. Morrison  
Alison Dolan  
Matt Gatzman  
Al Williams**

**Roll Call**

**Quorum Present**

**Meeting Called to Order**

**Visitors Welcomed**

**Introduction of Dr. David Beran as MCSD Commissioner, appointed by MCNO to replace Bill Walther who passed away in May 2021. Term expires 7/27/2022. Motion made by Mary to approve Dr. Beran's appointment and seconded by Wendy. Motion passed.**

**Tung moved to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2021 MCSD Meeting. Wendy seconded and the motion passed.**

**NOPD REPORT: (Captain Roberts and Lt. Luster were not present for report)**

**Sgt. Morrison gave crime stats, including May crime trends. He stated that he is working on a revised presentation of stats and crime trends. He said that crime is up with a majority being thefts and auto burglaries. There was one homicide in Zone L of Mid-City. Sgt. Morrison will get specifics and email said information to Wendy.**

**Vehicles-Sgt. Morrison advises that one of the vehicles having a new engine was involved in an accident and is scheduled to be totaled, however, he is trying to stop that action. There are currently 2 cars in the shop.**

**NOPD Invoices- Sgt. Morrison advises that on the advice of their attorneys, MCSD will need to make a Public Records Request for trip sheets and supporting documentation for NOPD payroll reimbursement. Mary reminded Sgt. Morrison that pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement between MCSD and City and NOPD, trip sheets and supporting documentation shall accompany NOPD invoices. Sgt. Morrison said he would arrange for a meeting with Captain Roberts, himself and Mary for next week to discuss this issue. Tung commented that if we go the route of a Public Records Request, then all the documentation will be available to the public.**

**Status of Problem Areas-Sgt. Morrison advises that in the problem areas, staffing is heavier on weekends in the Tulane corridor. He said that thus far there have been only parking violations.**

- **Sgt. Morrison has reached out to the principals of VOA but no response.**

- He is still working on the camera problem at Ulloa, Tulane and Scott area. It appears that there is a tree on private property that is blocking the camera. Sgt. Morrison will attempt to contact the owner of the property to see if the visibility of the camera can be resolved.
- Quality of Life Officer Aubert is not present at this meeting but is working on the problem at Ideal Grocery. Al Williams stated that the security guard hired by Ideal has made the problem worse. The guard has befriended the transients and nothing has changed. Discussion Followed.

#### Officers Reports:

- Tung gave financial report.
- Mary explained the issue of collateral substitution at Hancock Whitney Bank. Mary requested authority to contact Bourgeois Bennett, CPA for advice. Tung moved to grant Mary authority to contact Bourgeois Bennett, CPA for advice, and to proceed with execution of the bank documents as needed. Wendy seconded the motion and it passed.
- Wendy gave Residents and Business Communication and Outreach Committee report. She met with Sgt. Morrison on July 16, 2021. She met with Michael Jarrett, the candidate selected as the MCSD website specialist. Mary moved to have an Engagement Letter drafted to be signed by Jarrett and MCSD. Tung seconded the motion and it passed.
- A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Wendy to prepare a resolution allowing for Tung, Wendy and Mary to act on the Verizon, Entergy and P. O. Box accounts. Motion passed.
- Suggestion was made to contact Harley requesting him to send a letter to the Postmaster, Mid- City Branch advising Postmaster of the change in contact person for the P. O. Box.
- Sgt. Morrison agreed to check the MCSD Cell phone to see if there is any contact info .
- Mary requested that in the future, Board members must obtain prior approval before seeking legal advice/services. She objected to the legal fees incurred by Adams and Reese for attendance at a meeting relative to millage invoices that other board members were not aware of nor invited to attend. She requested the status report of the meeting from the lawfirm.

#### New Business:

- Ben Markey resigned.
- Mary advised Board that Becker Rutledge, CPA, is not interested in working on the 2022 Budget. She agrees to continue as CPA of MCSD through October 31, 2021 and submitted her engagement letter for review and approval. Tung moved for approval of Becker's engagement letter on a contingency basis provided she assists with the 2022 Budget. Wendy seconded the motion and it passed. Mary agreed to reach out to Becker again to see if she will reconsider assisting with the 2022 Budget.
- There is a need to hire a new CPA starting November 1, 2021. Tung made a motion to advertise for a CPA with Messenger. Wendy seconded the motion and it passed. Mary will contact Messenger and place the ad for a CPA.
- Mary questioned the need for a security light at 3600 Toulouse Ave. for which MCSD pays approximately \$118 per month to Entergy. Sgt. Morrison said it has been effective in

providing light in that dark area. Discussion followed. Sgt. Morrison agreed to check it out and give a report at the next meeting.

**Public Questions/Comments:**

Sgt. Morrison requested contact information for new Commission Member, David Beran.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2021, in-person meeting at Thurgood Marshall School, Canal Street.

Meeting Adjourned.

**CERTIFICATE**

As Secretary-Treasurer 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, modified or recalled and are in full force and effect.

WITNESS my signature, this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2021.

  
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Mary Moises  
Secretary Treasurer