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**LOWER NINTH WARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 5:30 PM**

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The Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 5:30 PM** at Andrew P. Sanchez Multi-Service Center located at 1616 Fats Domino Ave, New Orleans, LA 70117.

**Join Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85247744867?pwd=R1FqcUJFeU9CTVdUa0hYK293azFUdz09>

**Minutes Prepared by:** Igenue Adams, L9EDD Administrative Assistant and William Waiters, L9EDD Secretary

**Keisha Henry opened the floor for discussion because quorum was not met.**

1. **Call to Order at 5:43 pm**
   * 1. The meeting floor was opened for discussion by Keisha Henry.
2. **Roll Call.**
   * 1. L9EDD Board members present: Willie Calhoun, Keisha Henry, Otis Tucker, Bill Waiters, Stephen Mosgrove and Igenue Adams
     2. L9EDD Board members not present: Yvonne Martin, Leona Tate, Jean Morris, Randolph Davis and Kendall Parker
     3. Community members present: Ron Mazier, William Edwards, Elizabeth Edwards and Betty Perez
3. **Chairman Report**

Keisha Henry shared pertinent information regarding the CEA projects that will be sponsored by the L9EDD:

**Fresh Start Phlebotomy Academy**

* The phlebotomy program made the news.
* 10 of MLK’s students were enrolled in the program.
* All the students passed the Louisiana certification exam.
* These participants received support with job placement as well, and all of them received job offers.
* The next program will be offered to residents of the Lower Ninth Ward.

**Forstall Park Clean Up Project for Youth Program**

* The program starts in the fall.
* L9EDD will sponsor football equipment for youth ages 5-14.
* $7,200 has been allocated for this program.

**Catch Basins**

* 500 catch basins will be placed in various locations throughout the Lower 9th Ward.

**NOLABA**

* Currently assisting L9 with developing its Strategic Plan

**Public Comment**

Stephen Mosgrove posed the following question to members of the community: What does economic development look like to you? Members of the community were given an opportunity to respond.

Their responses included the following:

* + - 1. Main street of businesses (W. Edwards)
      2. Quality of life activities- museums, restaurants, schools and markets (B. Perez)
      3. Seed money for new businesses (E. Edwards)
      4. Micro loans (R. Mazier)
      5. Transparency with funding/finances and access to previous meeting minutes (R. Mazier)

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

**Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development Commissioners**

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| **Appointing Entity Title/Name** | **Commissioner Appointed** |
| Mayor LaToya Cantrell | Yvonne Martin |
| Mayor LaToya Cantrell | Stephen Mosgrove |
| City Council Oliver Thomas | Otis Tucker |
| City Council Oliver Thomas | Kendall Parker |
| State Representative Candace Newell | Randolph Davis |
| State Representative Candace Newell | Keisha Henry |
| State Senator Joe Bouie | Jean Morris |
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| Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood Association | Leona Tate |
| Table Connect Group | Rev. Willie Calhoun |
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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