

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **February 15, 2024**, 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.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker; Alvin Williams, Jr.; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; and Darby Shields. Richard Lorusso was not present.

Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; Lawrence Jacobi, CPA, MCSD accountant; Chad Perez, and Marcel Madere from Pinnacle Security.

Guests: None present.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- W. Laker moved and D. Shields seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The January 2024 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- L. Jacobi requested Board approval of January monthly bills and payments (\$811.25 to Graphix Matter for website and media work; \$14,813.77 to Pinnacle for patrol services for 1/13/24 through 1/27/2024 periods; \$450.00 to Adams & Reese for legal consultation; \$770.00 for CPA Lawrence Jacobi; and EFT of \$1,293.79 to Verizon which included \$1,138.24 in equipment charges for iPads to be used with the MCSD mobile app. All payments were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by D. Shields and approved unanimously. The city of New Orleans has not sent bills for police work since October 22, 2023.
- L. Jacobi presented the Financial Statements. Presented were the Profit and Loss for January 2024 versus same period 2023; Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2024, versus same period 2023; Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January 2024.
- It was noted that the Auditors were reviewing the 2023 financials and that a vote to approve them would not be held until their review was complete.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the January meeting. A chart comparing crimes from 2023 and 2024 (to date) was presented and will be made available through the MCSD website.
- There was some discussion about how the city’s crime maps have some variations to the third district maps provided by Sgt. Russell. It was concluded that often times after further investigation, crimes may be moved from one category to another when relevant facts dictate that switch.
- Sgt Russell provided details with regard to the iPads to be used with the MCSD mobile app. They have been received and the appropriate city data (emails, etc.) were being installed in them .
- Chad Perez, Pinnacle Security, provided a handout detailing a breakdown of January 2024 incidents by category which indicated which were Pinnacle dispatched versus Self-initiated incidents. There was a total of 347 incidents with 217 citizen contacts among them. Additional data GPS reports indicated a number of statistics including average daily miles driven (145), number of stops (318) and monthly total miles (4499).

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- An update on prep to utilize the MCSD mobile app had already been presented by Sgt Russell.
 - D. Shields provided data which indicated that the amount of extra money that could have been made from a revised proposition which had a higher levy on large apartment complexes was less total money than could be received by continuing with the existing legislation with adjustments within the current language. It was noted that at the next meeting legal counsel will have prepared a resolution for the board to vote on which would include simple language changes within the current legislation thus making it a renewal rather than starting with new legislation. No vote was required.
 - D. Shields presented data on 2023 crime statistics as well as more recent 2024 statistics by area to help decide the most appropriate location for the trial of the Lumana cameras. It was noted that there would be three cameras all connected to a single computer. Ideally this would be in a residential area with some business activity that could be used for proof of concept in their use. Several locations were identified as potential realizing that the property owner would have to provide internet service and electricity for computer and camera operations. The cameras were to be professionally installed and there would also be wiring of the cameras to the computer. R. Rivard moved and D. Shields seconded the motion to move forward with installation as soon as the appropriate location was determined. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was no other business brought forward.
- No guests were present so there were no public comments.
- At 7:40pm, W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by R. Rivard. 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 21st day of March 2024.



Charley Richard, Secretary