

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **May 16, 2024**, 6:00 P.M.
The Cannery, 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

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.; Richard Lorusso; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields.

Presenters: Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant; Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; and Chad Perez and David Myers from Pinnacle Security.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- R. Rivard moved and R. Lorusso seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The April 2024 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of April/May monthly bills:
 - Graphix Matter. \$921.25
 - Wesray Technologies (camera installation). \$1,750.00
 - Sudie S. Joint CPA LLC. \$1,150.06
 - Bourgeois Bennett LLC. \$5,000.00
 - Pinnacle Security – 4/14/2024 – 5/4/2024. \$13,972.62
 - Verizon. 112.80

All payments were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by D. Shields and approved unanimously.

- S. Joint presented the Financial Statements. It was noted that NOPD has not prepared any 2024 invoices and that the projections for 2024 expenses were estimated based on 2023 invoices. Presented and discussed were the Profit and Loss for January through April 2024 versus same period 2023; Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2024, versus same period 2023; and Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through April 30, 2024.
- The disputed millage figures for 2020 through 2023 were briefly discussed in which S. Joint noted that she had participated in a meeting with Lakeview Crime Prevention District (LCPD) and the City of New Orleans. The current situation was discussed and the city representatives indicated that they would respond to the explanations provided.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt. A. Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the April meeting. A chart comparing crimes from 2023 and 2024 (to date) was presented and will be made available through the MCSD website.
- D. Meyers, Pinnacle Security, presented a breakdown of April 18 through May 15, 2024 patrols including incidents by category which indicated which were Pinnacle dispatched versus Self-initiated incidents. There were a total of 254 reportable incidents. A comparison of April versus March data was also presented. GPS reports indicated a number of statistics including average daily miles driven (150), number of stops (267), and monthly total miles driven (4,212). April statistics were compared to March data. Also discussed were upcoming improvements in the monthly Pinnacle reporting, quarterly data review, enhanced training on

patrolling and reporting, and improvements in communications from supervision and management, and improved fleet maintenance.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach. W. Laker reported on the Town Hall meeting of the Mid City Neighborhood Organization and the monthly meeting of the City Park Neighborhood Association where the MCSD app was discussed.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- Results from the Mid City Security District App were discussed. It was noted that Android users still had issues with the app and W. Laker indicated that a resolution was being considered. It was further noted that flyers had been prepared for mail out this month.
- D. Shields provided a report on the test cameras that had been installed at 139 S. Cortez St. It was noted that while there had been some issues with cameras going off-line, the situation was better. It was again noted that the requirement specifications for the cameras were still needed as well as how the basic packages of AT&T or Cox Cable compared to the specs required for the camera.
- W. Laker noted that the time requirements for submission of the resolution for a ballot initiative had changed from last year and that a November ballot was no longer possible. There was also concern as to whether it could be put on the December ballot. After some discussion, R. Rivard moved that the election date on the resolution for the MCSD renewal be changed to December 7. D. Shields seconded the motion which passed unanimously. It was noted that the amended resolution should be immediately forwarded to the City Council.

➤ NEW BUSINESS

- Regarding outreach to educate citizens about the app which would lead to outreach concerning the MCSD ballot initiative for renewal, a review of the mailing list conducted by D. Shields indicated that there were approximately 60% additional residents not included in the original list (3900+ versus 6,441 addresses). Printing and mailing of additional flyers would require additional funding. R. Rivard moved that a new limit of \$4,500.00 be used to accommodate the total costs of all flyer printing and mailings. A. Williams seconded the motion which passed although R. Lorusso opposed the motion.
- A review of professional contracts with MCSD was tabled until the June meeting.

➤ There was no other business brought forward.

➤ There were no public comments provided since there were no guests.

➤ W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by A. Williams. 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 20th day of June 2024.



Charley Richard, Secretary