

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **March 20, 2025**, 6:00 P.M.
The Pel Hughes, 3801 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

Chairman 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.; Corbett Scott; Charley Richard; Darby Shields; and Jon Fox.

Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant Marcel Madere, Pinnacle Security; and David Schlueter, Allied Universal.

Guests: Maria Barrera Vilert (Loyola University).

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- W. Laker moved and A. Williams seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2025 meeting as presented. The motion passed without objection.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The February 2025 Bank Statement was approved and initialized by all Board members present.
- S. Joint noted that she needed one more adjusted invoice from the City of New Orleans for the audit to proceed.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of February monthly bills: Pinnacle Security (2/2/25 to 2/15/25) = \$18,753.82; OPSE = \$1080.00; OPSE = \$1080.00; Graphix Matter = \$440.00; Sudie Joint CPA LLC = \$926.36; NOPD (8/11/24 to 8/24/24) = \$33,813.51; NOPD (12/1/24 to 12/14/24) = \$36,662.5; NOPD (12/15/24 to 12/28/24) = \$28,317.30; NOPD (12/29/24 to 12/31/24) = \$2,950.72; NOPD (9/8/24 to 9/21/24) = \$28,320.01; Verizon = 147.28. 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. Presented were the Profit and Loss for February 2025, versus same period 2024; Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2025, versus same period 2024; Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for February 2025; and the Disputed MCSD Millage. A discussion concerning the MCSD Millage figures followed but no action was taken at this time.
- There were questions concerning the "Proof Positive" charges and it was noted that there was a \$144 reduction in charges and that current cost was now \$200.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- Marcel Madere, Pinnacle Security, provided a report covering January 1 through February 28, 2025. There was some discussion about the data and how to make the reports more readily understandable. David Schlueter, with Allied Universal provided some comments regarding the status of the acquisition of Pinnacle. It was noted that Allied is the largest security company in the world with considerable other work in the New Orleans area. April 4th was going to be the actual transfer date from Pinnacle to Allied.
- Sgt Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the February meeting. A chart comparing crimes from 2024 and 2025 was presented and will be made available through the MCSD website. It was noted that while overall crime is down from 2023 and 2024, there has been an increase in armed robberies. There has been considerable auto thefts as well as shopliftings reported most recently.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- W. Laker reported on the MCNO meeting along with the City Park Neighborhood Association meeting.
- Camera Committee. D. Shields introduced Maria Barrera Vilert who will be working with the program. The next steps involve meetings with Allied and studying camera efficacy.
- J. Fox was appointed to work with Allied and provide more detailed reports.
- C. Richard volunteered to work with Sgt. Russell to provide an inventory of vehicles.
- W. Laker volunteered to work on improvements to the MCSD app. D. Shields moved that the Board should approve \$6,000 per year for the app. W. Laker seconded the motion which passed without objection.
- W. Laker summarized the discussion by pointing out there would now be committees for Outreach, App, Allied Interaction, Vehicle Inventory, and Camera program.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- Regarding new committees, J. Fox was appointed to work with Allied and provide more detailed reports of their services. C. Richard volunteered to work with Sgt. Russell to provide an inventory of vehicles. W. Laker volunteered to work on improvements to the MCSD app. D. Shields moved that the Board should approve \$6,000 per year for the app. W. Laker seconded the motion which passed without objection. W. Laker summarized the discussion by pointing out there would now be committees for Outreach, App, Allied Interaction, Vehicle Inventory, and Camera program.
- Regarding the RFQ as it pertains to MCSD legal counsel, J. Fox reported on the work he and R. Rivard had done. It was noted that they could identify a subset of attorneys and advertise to them and report back to the board.
- The issue of working with the Next Door Program was again discussed and board members expressed both pros and cons of its use and MCSD's involvement. No decisions were made.

➤ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Board elections were tabled for the August meeting.
- It was noted that the Personal Financial Disclosure Statements for board members is due by May 15, 2025.
- Next meeting would be scheduled for April 17, 2025.

➤ There was no other business brought forward.

➤ No public comments were received.

➤ At 7:30pm, W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Fox. 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 April 2025.



Charley Richard, Secretary