

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of March 15, 2023, 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.

Board Members: Wendy Laker, Alvin Williams, David Beran, and Charley Richard.

Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; Larry Jacobi, CPA, MCSD accountant.

Guests: Kevin Centanni, Tammy Savoie, Ron & Gay Rakosky.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- W. Laker motioned for approval of the 2/15/2023 minutes of the MCSD. The motion was seconded by D. Beran and approved unanimously.

➤ CRIME REPORT

- Sgt. Russel provided crime reports for each week during January and February along with details of the significant issues. Discussion followed regarding specifics within the reports. It was noted that a representative of Pinnacle had been invited but was unable to attend. It was further noted that Pinnacle will always have the opportunity to contact NOPD even if there is no NOPD representative working for the MCSD at the time.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The February Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members.
- L. Jacobi requested Board approval of monthly bills (\$685.00 to Jeanne Ward Zitler for work on a breakdown of the assessor's rolls, \$1,150.54 to Adams & Reese, \$336.00 to City of New Orleans Office of Secondary Employment, \$750.00 for CPA Lawrence Jacobi, \$115.50 to Verizon, \$16,951.11 to City of New Orleans for 12/18 to 12/31/2022 period, and \$20,985.38 to City of New Orleans for 1/1 to 1/14/2023 period. All checks were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by D. Beran and approved unanimously.
- L. Jacobi presented the Financial Statements. Discussed were the Profit and Loss Budget verses Actual for January through December 2022, Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022, Profit and Loss Budget verses Actual for January through February 2023, and Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2023. It was noted that everything is in order for audits and that Financial Disclosure forms and training would be required from the Board by May 15, 2023.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Vehicle Report. D. Beran provided a brief report on the status of various vehicles but indicated he would have a more complete report for the April meeting.
- By Laws and Legislation. W. Laker reported that the legal team was working on the by-law language approved earlier by the MCSD board. It was also reported that a call with Legislator Hilferty, CPAs and lawyers provided the legislative language to propose in the upcoming session. This legislation would make the MCSD charges more equitable and allow for the hiring of additional police to patrol the district.
- Outreach. W. Laker reported that she had discussed the start of service by Pinnacle at the Mid City Neighborhood meeting and encouraged people to register with the MCSD.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- W. Laker reported that the review of properties in the MCSD from the assessor's rolls was complete and that it would now move to IT to put it on google docs to share with the board.

- W. Laker indicated that she discussed Pinnacle starting service in an interview with the Mid City Messenger.
- NEW BUSINESS
 - A brief discussion was held to determine ways that the Board might spread information about the MCSD and how residents might become more engaged. It was noted that in the past, cards and/or magnets were provided to residents. It was also noted that social media should be used to assist in the sharing of information regarding MCSD.
- W. Laker asked for public input. Comments were received about using modern technology to assist the MCSD such as crime cameras in an effort to create situational awareness.
- C. Richard offered a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, which was seconded by D. Beran. 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 19th day of April, 2023.



Charley Richard, Secretary