

**MID CITY SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**AMENDED MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**ON April 21, 2021, 6PM**

**Board Members Present:**

**Tung Ly**  
**Mary Moises**  
**Bill Walther**  
**Ben Markey**  
**Wendy Laker**

**Guests:**

<b>Lt. Allen</b>	<b>Ms. Romney Richard</b>
<b>Lt. Williams</b>	<b>Avis Brock</b>
<b>Sgt. Morrison</b>	<b>Mollie Burke</b>
<b>Jim Olsen</b>	<b>Chris Blum</b>
<b>Bob Rivard</b>	

**Roll Call**

**Quorum Present**

**Meeting Called to Order**

**Visitors Welcomed**

**Motion made by Mary Moises to approve March 2021 Minutes. Seconded by Bill. Motion passed. Mary stated that the Amended February 2021 minutes will be submitted at next meeting awaiting Tung checking the recording of the meeting so that minutes can be amended as requested in the March meeting.**

**NOPD Report: Lt. Allen reported that auto thefts are up both locally and nationwide. There is a problem with residents leaving keys in their cars. Ms. Romney Richard asked to speak. She explained that her sister was car jacked and is in the hospital due to the incident. The perpetrator, a 13 year old boy and his co-conspirators who were repeat offenders, were arrested. Ms. Richard asked why the city does not have truancy laws or programs in place. Lt. Allen defended how strongly NOPD investigates these auto thefts and car jackings.**

**Discussion followed. Ms. Richard asked MCSD Board Members to consult with Councilman Giarusso to have City Council work on a truancy program for young juvenile offenders. Wendy invited Ms. Ricahrd to continue coming to MCSD meetings and bring other neighbors.**

**Sgt. Morrison gave his report. His report covers stats for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts. Simple robberies are going up, such as purse and cell phone snatchings from outdoor dining areas. Overall crime is going down, but violent crime is escalating. Ms. Richard made a Public Records Request for all car jackings, auto burglaries, thefts and robberies from January 2021 thru the present. Sgt. Morrison will email the reports to her directly at [romneyrichard@me.com](mailto:romneyrichard@me.com).**

**Lt. Allen had the following stats for Mid City and every other neighborhood in the 1<sup>st</sup> District since January 2021:**

- **21 armed robberies**
- **155 auto thefts**
- **69% of the auto thefts is due to keys left in cars.**

**Vehicle Status:** 1 car is in the shop for repairs. There are 9 vehicles, including Sgt. Morrison's that patrol Mid City.

**Tung** advises that Board Members must complete 2020 Financial Disclosure Statements and Ethics Training for the calendar year. He will forward the necessary documents/links for follow-up.

**Financial Report:** Tung gave report

- **2020 Audit:** Tung advises that Board Members received a copy of the 2020 Audit which was produced in the Fox 8 Public Records Request. Jim Olsen commented that the Board should approve having the audit completed, but should not go on record approving the final audit. According to him, the audit is the liability of the accountants. Jim added that the 2020 audit is a good, clean audit.
- **Bob Rivard** requested that the 2020 Audit be uploaded to MCSD website along with all board minutes. Tung agreed to send Bob a copy of the audit in the interim.

**New Business:**

**Tung Ly** is reappointed to MCSD from City Park Neighborhood Association, successor organization of Parkview Neighborhood Organization. Discussion followed. **Bill** said that **Suzi** of CPNA will contact Secretary of State to determine what needs to be done to reflect CPNA as the successor organization.

Motion was made by **Bill** to accept the appointment of **Wendy Laker** of MCNO as Board member to replace **Jim Olsen**. Seconded by **Tung**. Motion passed.

Note: **Mary's** appointment by MCNO in 2019 runs through 2022, so no need to do anything at this time.

**Election of Officers:**

Motion by **Bill** to elect **Tung** as Chair of MCSD. Seconded by **Ben**. Motion passed.

Motion by **Mary** to elect **Wendy** as Vice Chair of MCSD. Seconded by **Tung**. Motion passed.

Motion by **Bill** to elect **Mary** as Secretary Treasurer. Seconded by **Wendy**. Motion passed.

\***Tung** advises that he and **Mary** will be authorized bank signers on MCSD Hancock Whitney Bank account. Resolution will be prepared.

**Website:** Our goal is to post any and all public documents on website which were presented at meetings. Discussion followed relative to updating and maintaining State, MCSD websites and other social media outlets.

**Standard Operating Procedures.** With respect to Submission Forms, **Mary** requested that the **Sgt. Morrison** explain how the current process works. He said that when **Jim Olsen** would receive a submission Form, he would contact **Sgt. Morrison** and arrange to meet him at the station so that **Jim** could personally register the residents name and phone number in the MCSD cell phone. **Mary** inquired if **Sgt. Morrison** or one of his staff members could render that task if the submission form

were emailed to him. Sgt. Morrison acknowledged that that would be fine. Mary offered to take over the handling of submission forms and make sure all of the April submissions had been handled until further notice. Discussion followed relative to ascertaining what duties need to be delegated and creation of committees to divide Commission duties and foster neighborhood outreach. Tung asked Mary to follow up with a Statement of Work outlining what duties Jim took care of. Mary asked Jim to prepare a list of the duties he took care of and Jim agreed to email the list. Under new business, Jim advised that he recently received a response from the Ethics Board relative to an advisory opinion on whether he may be retained as an advisor to MCSD. Discussion followed. Jim was asked to forward a copy of the Ethics Opinion to all Board Members, along with a list of his duties.

There was discussion of In-person Meetings beginning with the June 16, 2021 meeting. Possible suggestions were Cabrini High School and Thurgood Marshall. Approval given to check out these locations as possible sites. Discussion will continue at next meeting.

Ben moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Bill. Motion passed.

Next Meeting will be held via ZOOM on May 19, 2021, 6PM.

**CERTIFICATE**

As Secretary-Treasurer 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, modified or recalled and are in full force and effect.

WITNESS my signature, this June 10 day of June, 2021.

**\*Minutes amended to reflect the Financial Institution as Hancock Whitney.**



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