

**MID CITY SECURITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
on June 28, 2021, 6PM
Success at Thurgood Marshall School
4621 Canal Street, New Orleans, La. 70119**

Board Members Present:

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

Guests:

Sgt. Morrison	Al Williams
Jim Olsen	Matt Gatzman
Bob Rivard	Andrea Penedo
Chris Blum	Officer Miguel Aubert

Roll Call

Quorum Present

Meeting Called to Order

Visitors Welcomed

Motion made by Wendy Laker to approve May 19, 2021 Minutes as amended to replace the word “reject” with “object” under New Business, Item 2. Motion seconded by Tung. Motion passed to approve Minutes of May 19, 2021 meeting as amended.

NOPD REPORT:

Sgt. Morrison gave crime stats, including crime trends. Sgt. Morrison stated that there are 9 cars servicing Mid-City. Five of the cars were in for repairs since the beginning of the month. Two should be returned to patrols. Sgt. Morrison advises that if MCSD falls short on operable cars, he is able to secure needed cars from NOPD. Sgt. Morrison requests that he be given authority to approve car repairs up to \$2,000 per car per month. Discussion followed.

Quality of Life Officer Miguel Aubert addressed the problem at the Ideal Grocery on Orleans Ave. He has contacted the owner of the Ideal and is working with him to run off the transients and has suggested that the owner hire a security officer to be present on the property. Officer Aubert does personal patrols. His contact info is maubert@nola.gov , 504-658-6398. He plans to attend the next MCSD Meeting and give a follow up report.

There are 4 problem areas which MCSD is monitoring:

- Club Pressure, 3940 Tulane Ave. – This is a new club which is causing parking problems. Sgt. Morrison will personally patrol the area this weekend.**
- Shamrock Bar, Carrollton Ave. – this has been a site for homicides and other problems. MCSD is patrolling the area.**
- VOA, 3901 Tulane Ave.-this is an area of drugs/prostitution activity. MCSD patrols the area.**
- Vandal Lounge, 3835 Tulane Ave.- also a problem area.**

- There have been problems in the area around Ulloa St. and Tulane Ave. and Captain Roberts is looking to have cameras added.

Discussion followed. Bob Rivard asked Sgt. Morrison for copies of trip sheets which are required per the Cooperative Agreement between MCSD and NOPD. Sgt. Morrison responded that he was not aware of NOPD's policy with respect to the release of trip sheets. Mary Moises requested the trip sheets as well and reminded the Board that she had previously made the same request prior to being appointed as a Commissioner, and was told that she would need to make a public records request for the records. Mary further requested that the trip sheets and any other supporting documentation shall be attached to the NOPD invoices presented to MCSD for payroll reimbursement, in accordance with the terms of the Cooperative Agreement. Sgt. Morrison said he would look into what records can be released.

Financial Report:

Tung gave report.

Discussion followed regarding the MCSD patrol cars. Ben Markey offered to get data on the cars in service.

Mary reported that Hancock Whitney Bank has the new Signatories on file. Mary, Wendy and Becker Rutledge, CPA, are the new signatories. Tung needs to submit his signature. Mary reported that Jim Olsen has returned the MCSD P.O. Box key. Mary will proceed to have billing address changed on Entergy and Verizon bills to reflect the P.O. Box.

Old Business:

- Wendy gave her report on the Residents' and Business Communication and Outreach Committee Meeting with Sgt. Morrison on June 2, 2021. She expressed the need to hire a Website Specialist. Discussion followed. Tung and Ben would like to include a pay rate. Wendy requested approval to run an ad in Messenger. Motion made by Tung and seconded by Ben to direct the \$12,000 line item of the 2021 Budget previously allocated for the MCSD newsletter for the development of the website and for the residents' and business communities and outreach committee.
- Discussion followed. Bob Rivard raised concerns that the website does not have current minutes since November 2020. Mary also mentioned that the state website does not reflect current information.

New Business:

- The 2022 Budget needs to be completed by September 2021.
- Tung met with the City of New Orleans relative to millage. MCSD and the City are still in discussions. City refers to the millage invoices as overtime. However, the main invoice for the detail represents overtime since NOPD officers cannot earn overtime unless they have worked their regular hours.

Public Questions/Comments:

- Matt Gatzman asked if Sgt. Morrison had worked with the Safety and Permits dept. re the Ideal Grocery problem.

Next Meeting: July 26, 2021, 6PM via ZOOM

Meeting Adjourned.

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 _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mary Moises