**Gentilly Development District Minutes**

**Board of Commissioners Teleconference Meeting**

**Friday October 29, 2021**

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Gentilly Development District (GDD) was called to order by Chairman Joe Bouie at 10:10 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the teleconference.

Roll call of the Commissioners was taken by Ms. Honaker.

**Members Present:**

The following board members were present: Chairman Joe Bouie, Commissioners Gretchen Bradford, Aubrey Watson, and Rep. Newall. Commissioners Jared Brossett, Jimmy Harris and Matthew Willard were unable to attend.

**Others Present:**

Kathy Lynn Honaker, the Executive Director.

**Minutes May 21, 2021**

Chairman Bouie asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meetings in May which were sent out by Ms. Honaker. He asked for any questions, clarifications, changes, or additions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes for May 21, 2021.

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve and Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion which were approved by all.

**Financial Update**

Ms. Honaker gave a thorough financial update on all the funds in the bank and all funds that have been spent for ACT 45 and ACT 1 with copies of all bank statements attached. She asked for questions and there were none. Chairman Bouie asked for approval and acceptance of the financial statement. A motion was made by Pastor Watson and seconded by Commissioner Newall with all voting to accept the report.

Ms. Honaker along with Commissioner Gretchen Bradford also updated the commissioners as to the status of all projects for ACT 45 and ACT 1.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ACT 45 Project Update**

The GDD logo is completed and displayed on the website. Commissioner Bradford requested that Kathy Lynn send the logo again to all Commissioners.

Commissioner Bradford reported all Welcome Signs have been installed but one needs to be corrected as it cannot be seen well enough and crooked. It will cost 1, 450.00 to move the sign. This amount was approved by the commissioner by board motion.

Chairman Bouie wanted to make all commissioners aware that an issue had been raised by the Lake Vista neighborhood after the Welcome Sign was erected. Some of the neighbors are questioning the boundary and whether they are actually part of Gentilly. He wanted the commissioners to know that the sign was installed within the boundaries of Gentilly and Lake Vista is part of Gentilly. He and Senator Harris are planning to attend their community meeting in Lake Vista to discuss this issue.

Ms. Honaker reported the Pole Banners have been completed and we are awaiting an answer from DPW as to the requested date of December 1, 2021 for display.

Commissioner Bradford stated that the website is outstanding and she requested a link be sent again today to all commissioners to make sure they have seen as we plan to go live next week unless we hear from any of the commissioners by Tuesday. Ms. Honaker said she will send today and let BMF know to go live Tuesday.

Ms. Honaker stated that all the Art Boxes with CVU NOLA have also been completed and paid for.

**HB 1 Project Update**

Ms. Honaker gave an update that the Executive Director, CPA, and Historic Signage had been finalized by June 30, 2021. The Murals, and Landscaping projects have not been finalized yet due to waiting for state approval to extend the deadline for spending the funds until end of 2021 or June 30, 2022.

**Funds for HB 1 Update**

Senator Harris gave the update to the commissioners on HB 1 extension status. He explained that HB1 was supposed to be like HB 45 and extended to year end. He explained that the language drafted for HB 45 should also cover HB 1. He is working with the Treasury Department to get this corrected so that GDD and others throughout the state of Louisiana will be able to get the extension on funding due to the storms and COVID delays.

Chairman Bouie thanked Senator Harris for working on this for GDD and the other entities in the state.

Chairman Bouie said we just need to give a deposit for the landscaping to be done and completed by year end. Also, we need to select who will do the murals and Commissioner Bradford will be calling a subcommittee meeting to do this.

He thanked the committee and Kathy Lynn for all the hard work to date.

He also requested the Press Release be finalized and sent to all as well as put on the website.

**New Business**

**Funding Appropriations for 2022**

Chairman Bouie explained that GDD was once again able to obtain two appropriations in the amount of 300k to be spent by June 30, 2022. Everyone was very happy to hear this news.

**Staff Update**

Chairman Bouie said he had some news to let everyone know. Ms. Honaker has been a member of this team since day 1 back when then Senator Morrell started the GDD. When J.P. left, she stayed, and has made sure that Pastor, Gretchen and Senator Bouie from day 1 of the transition never missed a beat. She is going to be leaving us at end of year due to her other obligations. And I just want to say she will always be considered a permanent member of the GDD Family. He turned it to Ms. Honaker who stated what an honor it has been since 2012 to be with GDD and all the commissioners. The other commissioners thanked her for the great outstanding job she has done for them and the organization and let her know she will be missed.

**Public Input**

Chairman Bouie asked if any members of the public had signed on. There were none.

As there was no other business, Chairman Bouie asked for a motion to adjourn if there were no more comments or questions from the members. A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Watson and seconded by Commissioner Bradford.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lynn Honaker