

**MID CITY SECURITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 16, 2022, 6PM
Success at Thurgood Marshall School
4621 Canal Street, New Orleans, La. 70119
Cafeteria, First Floor**

Board Members Present:

Mary Moises
Wendy Laker
David Beran
Al Williams

Guests:

Sgt. Alfred Russell
Sudie Joint
Bob Rivard

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

Quorum Present

Motion made by Wendy L. and seconded by Al Williams to approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2022 Meeting with change identifying City Park Neighborhood Association as CPNA . Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Sudie Joint gave financial report. She said the big money rolls into MCSD around March. She is currently waiting for the balance of the NOPD invoices so that the Legislative Audit 2021 can begin. Mary M reported that the Toulouse Street security lights have been turned off as of 1/10/22. The final bill has been issued and will be approved for payment. Wendy asked if MCSD was responsible for the lights on Ulloa Street. Mary stated that she is not aware of any such lights.

Mary M confirmed with Sudie that Larry Jacobi, CPA approves listing himself as the MCSD CPA on the State Board website.

Motion by Mary M and seconded by Wendy L. to approve invoices: Entergy, Jacobi, CPA, Adams & Reese, NOPD(11/7/22 – 12/4/22),Becker Rutledge, former CPA). Motion passed.

Officers Report:

David B met with Sgt. Russell regarding the MCSD vehicles. Life expectancy of a police vehicle is about 100,000 miles. Discussion followed. David will give a monthly report.

Wendy L attended the MCNO meeting and learned that MCSD had purchased a license plate reader in 2014-2015. Her research indicates that MCSD had the reader at one time but no record of what happened to it.

Crime Prevention Report and Statistics:

Sgt. Russell gave a report of crime in the Mid- City Security District. He stated that there is a 30% increase in vehicle burglary. There is also an increase in robberies in the last few weeks. Women and Hispanics are being targeted. Sgt. Russell advises that only MCSD uses the vehicles purchased by MCSD. David asked if there is any prohibition to buying other than Ford Explorers or Tahoes. Sgt. Russell said that other make/models are an option. He stated that he likes to have 3 cars in service daily. With respect to Mardi Gras, exceptions are being given so that officers can maximize overtime. He hopes to have 2 -3 officers daily.

Sgt. Russell will check to see what happened to the license plate reader which MCSD purchased in 2015.

Sgt. Russell advised that a gentleman had made a complaint to Councilman Giarrusso alleging that a MCSD officer neglected his duties by allowing a vehicle burglary/theft. Sgt. Russell addressed the issue with Councilman Giarrusso.

Old Business:

A Motion was made by Wendy L and seconded by Al W. to amend the proposed amendment of the MCSD statute to increase MCSD Board membership from 5 to 7 members and further to split the office of Secretary Treasurer . Mary M expressed opposition to Wendy’s amendment. Discussion followed.

Motion passed with Mary M abstaining.

Wendy L moved to resubmit House Bill 600 which allows for a parcel fee increase. Motion seconded by Al W. Discussion followed. Mary M expressed opposition. Motion passed with Mary M. abstaining.

New Business

Wendy requested that members respond “reply all” on all emails addressed to Board members.

Wendy L. moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by David B.

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 _____, 2022.

Mary Moises
Secretary Treasurer