**BioDistrict New Orleans**

**Board of Commissioners Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Location: New Orleans Business Alliance**

**1250 Poydras Street, Suite 2150**

**New Orleans, LA 70113**

1. Call to Order

**Commissioners Present**: Andy Kopplin, Gene D ’Amour, Allison Bordelon, Blake Stanfill, Lowry Curley, Michael Hecht, Sharon Courtney, Larry Hollier

**Commissioners Absent**: Brad Lambert (omitted off original meeting request), Harold Gaspard, Roger Ogden

**New Orleans Business Alliance Staff**: Dominque Flugence, Quentin Messer, Chandra Teddleton, Jeanette Weiland, Victoria Miles

1. Roll Call

Andy Kopplin performed a roll call of the Board Commissioners at 2:03pm. Quorum was present.

1. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting

Board Commissioners adopted the agenda for the current Board meeting. No comments

1. Introduction of Guest(s) Chairperson Kopplin had guests introduce themselves

Guests included:

New Orleans Business Alliance staff (notated above)

1. Call for Public Input Cards on Agenda Items- no input cards were collected.
2. Adoption of Bio-District Minutes by Larry Hollier and Sharon Courtney at 2:27pm

Adoption of previous board minutes dated 12/11/2019 accepted at 2:55pm

1. Financial Report – Ms. Dominique Flugence reported that there is currently $5,140.57 in the bio account [note: insurance costs from 2019 need to be deducted from above amount and 2020 insurance is due by the end of March 2020]
2. Chairperson’s Report:
3. Chairperson Kopplin gave an update on the TIF study for the Spirit of Charity and supplemental documentation (addendum at the end of the meeting minutes attachment)
4. Update on Process for Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
5. Resolution allowing Chair to enter negotiations with State for Cooperative Endeavor Agreement- resolution approved
6. CEA between the State and Bio-district can engage in cooperative agreements with private associations, corporations or individuals and authorizes the participation in economic development activities, including expenditures of public funds under certain circumstances (document attached)
7. Highlighted in the CEA is the GNO Inc lead Spirit of Charity Innovation District that highlights assets within the area and this may include upcoming development projects and financial investments to promote additional investments in the district
   * Investment Prospectus for Bio-District— under revision staff and up for vote during upcoming meeting. Request made for feedback met with request to modify language, analyze and organize key focus areas and definitive methods of defining the project and funding sources

Xi. New Orleans Business Alliance Update – Ms. Jeanette Weiland

* + Legislative Updates re: non-voting legislative session, but potential to work with all parties to strengthen the bio incentives and opportunities for state level TIFs.
  + Cross partisan adoption of Bill 543- Innovation Infrastructure Registry; lease, vacant state building

1. Partner Updates
   * Sharon Courtney – brief update on Warwick Hotel redevelopment; development still forthcoming with a tentative open date of August 2021 (will be student housing with full kitchen options and connectivity to the local neighborhood)
2. New Business

* Board requests tour of Charity and development project update
* Board member Lowry Curly (Axo Sim) request to use NOBIC survey and add to database
* Michael Hecht invited group to opportunity zone feedback meeting
* Question about Duncan Plaza CEA and leveraging of public and private funds to stimulate space
* Blake Stanfill (Trepwise) and other committee members request analysis of housing and homelessness in the central business district and potential resource development by the board

1. Public Comment(s)

No public comment was presented

1. Adjournment

This BioDistrict Board Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Kopplin at 2:56pm