**Gentilly Development District Minutes**

**Board of Commissioners Teleconference Meeting**

**Thursday, January 21, 2021**

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Gentilly Development District (GDD) was called to order by Chairman Joe Bouie at 11:15 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 Matthew Willard. Commissioners Jared Brossett and Jimmy Harris were unable to attend.

**Others Present:**

Kathy Lynn Honaker, the Executive Director and Mr. Eugene Green from the public was also in attendance.

**Minutes for December 18, 23, 2020**

Chairman Bouie asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last two meetings in December 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 from December 18 and 23.

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

**Old Business**

**Projects for 2020-2021/ CEA #2 /Act 1**

Chairman Bouie stated that the main objective of today’s board meeting is to agree upon the projects for the second CEA which is the ongoing funds of 100k in Act 1.

He asked Ms. Honaker to cover the projects already approved in CEA #1 ACT45 which was submitted to the state in December 2020. Ms. Honaker covered the list of projects for CEA#1.

* Art Boxes
* Pole Banners
* Monument Welcome Signs
* Website
* Logo Design and Branding

Chairman Bouie then turned the meeting over the Subcommittee Chairperson Bradford. She covered all the great input she had received from the Next-door site from people all over Gentilly with the other commissioners. Chairman Bouie thanked Ms. Bradford for her great community outreach and leading the subcommittee. Ms. Bradford covered the projects and budget that the subcommittee were recommending for the second CEA Act 1 2020/2021. The summary is below:

* Murals $28,000.00
* Historic Signage 2,500.00
* Landscaping 48,300.00

Neighborhoods/Monuments

* CPA 5,000.00
* Exec. Director 15,000.00
* Supplies/City Fees 1,200.00

Bank Fees

 Total: 100,000.00

There were a couple of questions which were answered by Commissioner Bradford and Ms. Honaker. Chairman Bouie asked for any other questions. He stated if no other questions or comments he would entertain a motion for approval of the budget and projects presented by Commissioner Bradford. This information will be submitted by Ms. Honaker on the Act 1 CEA application to the state as soon as possible.

A motion for approval of all presented by Commissioner Bradford was made by
Commissioner Watson and seconded by Commissioner Willard. All voted to approve the motion.

**New Business**

 There was no new business.

**Public Input**

Chairman Bouie asked Mr. Green who was the only public attendee if he had any comments or questions. Mr. Eugene Green stated that he appreciated the opportunity to speak before the Gentilly Development District and all the efforts by this group to assist Gentilly. As a long-term resident and member of the Pontchartrain Park area for 62 years, he greatly appreciates all the efforts with the historic marker.

He stated that he was involved with sustaining the urban landscaping and working to plant trees all over New Orleans. He stated that any assistance from this group in the future would be money well spent. Planting trees helps prevent flooding in the areas where they are planted.

Chairman Bouie thanked Mr. Green for attending the board meeting and his input. He asked him to attend future meetings and that Gentilly Development District welcomes community input.

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 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lynn Honaker