

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **April 18, 2024**, 6:00 P.M.
The Cannery, 3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Chairwoman Wendy Laker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a roll call of participants which established a quorum.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker; Alvin Williams, Jr.; Richard Lorusso; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields.

Presenters: Paul Pechon, Bourgeois Bennett; Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant; Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; and Marcel Madere and David Myers from Pinnacle Security.

Guests: Michael Ural and Marie Fowler.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

- W. Laker moved and R. Rivard seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- Paul Pechon of Bourgeois Bennett discussed a draft of the Financial Report of the Mid City Security District for year ended December 31, 2023. Numerous issues within the Audit Report were highlighted although the final draft was within the 5% variance level of the proposed budget which means that no revised budget was required. Following a page by page review of the report, R. Rivard moved that the audit report be accepted with suggested changes or similar wording provided to the Board and attached here. The motion was seconded by R. Lorusso and approved unanimously. It should be noted that P. Pechon agreed with all of the changes suggested and that S. Joint agreed with the change insofar as reporting the contingent claim of the city is concerned.
- There was a brief discussion about when a ceiling dollar amount is approved at a meeting for certain expenses and then it is necessary to send a check for payment before the expenditure is actually approved at a subsequent meeting. P. Pechon indicated that this was acceptable as long as proper documentation was provided and language was acceptable to the board policy.
- The March 2024 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of March/April monthly bills:
 - City of New Orleans - NOPD 7/16/23 - 7/29/23. \$28,070.22
 - Adams and Reese LLP. \$450.90
 - Graphix Matter. \$1,182.50
 - Garcia Construction Services LLC (camera installation). \$1,000.00
 - Sudie S. Joint CPA LLC. \$770.00
 - Crescent Decal Specialists Inc.. \$503.32
 - Pinnacle Security – 3/10/2024 – 4/13/2024. \$23,348.46

All payments were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by D. Shields and approved unanimously.

- S. Joint presented the Financial Statements. It was noted that since NOPD has not prepared any 2024 invoices, the projections for 2024 expenses were estimated based on 2023 invoices. Presented were the Profit and Loss for January through March 2024 versus same period 2023; Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2024, versus same period 2023; and Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through March 2024.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt. A. Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the March meeting. A chart comparing crimes from 2023 and 2024 (to date) was presented and will be made available through the MCSD website. The issue of panhandling at the corner of Canal and City Park Avenue was discussed.
 - M. Madere, Pinnacle Security, presented a breakdown of March 17 through April 17, 2024 patrols including incidents by category which indicated which were Pinnacle dispatched versus Self-initiated incidents. GPS reports indicated a number of statistics including average daily miles driven (138), number of stops (319), and monthly total miles driven(4,425). Also discussed were upcoming improvements in the monthly Pinnacle reporting, enhanced training on patrolling and reporting, and improvements in communications from supervision and management.
- OLD BUSINESS
- Results from the Mid City Security District App were discussed. It was noted that Android users still had issues with the app and W. Laker would discuss it with Bob Simms. It was further noted that flyers would be prepared for use during the next month.
 - D. Shields provided a written report on the test cameras that had been installed at 139 S. Cortez St. It was noted that there had been some issues with cameras going off-line but a meeting was going to be held with Lumana to hopefully rectify these on April 19.
 - It was noted that there was some concern about having the MCSD ballot initiative for renewal at the same time as the Presidential election in November. An alternative was to place the ballot on the election in December to coincide with city run-off elections. After a brief discussion, W. Laker moved that the issue of which date the ballot should be placed on should be tabled for next month. The motion was seconded by A. Williams and approved unanimously.
 - Board members were again reminded that annual Financial Disclosure Forms were due by May 15, 2024.
- NEW BUSINESS
- It was noted that Mid City Neighborhood Association was having a “Town Hall” meeting on Monday, May 13 at 5:30pm where various city agencies would be present.
 - It was noted that W. Laker’s term was expiring on 4/21/2024 but it is on the MCNO agenda.
 - It was also noted that CPNA should appoint a board member as soon as possible to the MCSD.
- There was no other business brought forward.
- Public comments included a discussion on the Lindy Boggs complex.
- R. Lorusso offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by R. Rivard. There was no opposition.

CERTIFICATE As Secretary 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. WITNESS, my signature, this 16th day of May 2024.

Charley Richard, Secretary