

**MID CITY SECURITY DISTRICT
AMENDED MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
ON May 19, 2021, 6PM**

Board Members Present:

**Tung Ly
Mary Moises
Wendy Laker
Ben Markey-Absent
Bill Walther-Deceased**

Guests:

Sgt. Morrison	Al Williams
Jim Olsen	504-453-0446-
Bob Rivard	(attende via phone)
Chris Blum	

Roll Call

**Quorum Present
Meeting Called to Order
Visitors Welcomed**

Minutes of April 21, 2021 were read by Mary. Motion made by Tung to approve April 2021 Minutes. Wendy requested that Minutes be amended to reflect Financial Institution as Hancock Whitney. Motion seconded by Wendy. Motion passed to approve Minutes of April 21, 2021 meeting as amended.

Tung called for a moment of silence for Board member Bill Walther who passed away on May 10, 2021. Condolences were expressed for family and friends of Bill. Mary will send a sympathy card to the family of Bill.

NOPD REPORT:

Captain Roberts and Lt. Luster were not able to attend the meeting. Sgt. Morrison gave crime stats and stated that the reports are on line. Auto burglaries and auto thefts are up. State Police is working with NOPD re auto thefts. Sgt. Morrison stated that there are 9 cars servicing Mid-City. Four of the cars were in the shop for repairs but all are in service except for one. The cars average 1500 – 2000 miles per month per car. Sgt. Morrison advises that car burglaries and purse snatchings are up in Zone H which covers the area of Orleans Ave. to Canal St. Sgt. Morrison has adjusted patrols to account for the rise in crime in that area.

Financial Report:

Tung gave report. Mary questioned the check i/a/o \$346,738.94 for 2020 payroll reimbursement. Mary raised the concern that at the February 2021 meeting, the Board decided that a Motion authorizing MCSD to reimburse the City a “good faith” amount based on what was historically paid would be drafted for Board approval at the March 2021. Mary advised that no Motion was ever drafted or voted on and no Board approval was ever granted to pay the aforementioned invoice. Mary further questioned how checks have been signed during the month of April when no current Board member, other than Becker,CPA, has Board authority. Mary further questioned why on at least

one check only Becker signed and on the other checks, it appears that Jim Olsen, former Board Member signed. Mary reminded Tung that the MCSD by laws require signatures of two officers, or in the alternative, an officer and the CPA, on all checks. Tung responded that Jim signed on checks during his tenure as Chair, and the bank accepted his signature on the current checks. Discussion followed.

Old Business:

- Tung moved to withdraw the Compliance Questionnaire as it is moot. Mary seconded. Bob Rivard stated that he could not find any record in past minutes of any resolution authorizing the questionnaire.
- Tung presented the Resolution removing former board members Jim Olsen, Megan Misko and Michael Reihlmann as bank signers and adding current officers Tung Ly, Wendy Laker and Mary Moises, in addition to Becker Rutledge, CPA, as authorized bank signers for the MCSD Bank account at Hancock Whitney Bank. Request made to amend resolution to reflect that MCSD by laws require signatures of two officers, or in the alternative, an officer and the CPA, on all checks. Tung moved to accept the amended resolution and it was seconded by Wendy. Motion passed to approve the Resolution as amended. Mary will prepare an amended Resolution as approved.
- Mary gave report re status of in-person venue for Board Meetings. Mary had contacted the Principal at Success at Thurgood Marshall who agreed to host future in-person Board Meetings. Mary moved for approval to have Thurgood Marshall as the new location for future in-person MCSD Board meetings. Wendy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bob Rivard made request that notice of new location of Board Meetings be posted at the Canal Street Library, former site of the Board Meetings.
- Wendy gave report re Social Media Consultant. She suggested forming a committee to deal with the MCSD website, social media and the recruitment of a social medial consultant. Discussion followed.
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New Business:

- Tung presented a Resolution to authorize James Olsen as MCSD Advisor to “facilitate communication between residents, as requested by Website Submissions, and the MCSD Coordinator”. Discussion followed. Tung moved to approve the Resolution. There was no second. Motion failed.
- Wendy stated that Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans and MCSD expired in 2011. Mary added that there are no amendments or addendums to the contract. Wendy further stated that there are several discrepancies in the contract. She agrees to review the contract and highlight those items that she has concerns about, in addition to those which are not being complied with. Mary suggested forming a committee to address those issues. Tung objected to Mary’s suggestion, preferring to have Wendy communicate her concerns about the contract directly to him and the other board members.

Public Questions/Comments:

- Al Williams asks for definition of Code 1 and Code 2. Code 1 refers to property crimes and Code 2 refers to more serious crimes.
- Bob Rivard stated that MCSD minutes do not appear to be posted on website. Tung advised that the website reflects all MCSD history.
- Bob suggests that Board members look at the Legislative Website for info on Public Records Requests.
- Bob stated that he is on the MCNO Board which is tasked with filling the MCSD Board seat representing the City Park Triangle previously held by Bill Walther. Tung suggested that Bob contact Suzi at CPNA.
- Chris Blum advises that the area bound by Carrollton Ave, City Park Ave and Orleans Ave is considered the City Park Triangle.
- Request was made to have Resolutions which are referred to in the agenda attached to the agenda.

Mary moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Wendy. Meeting adjourned.

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.

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