Houma Restoration District

Board Meeting

February 7, 2023

Commissioners Present:

Noah Lirette Jason Underwood Kevin Champagne

Daniel Babin Tom Hassell Sondra Corbitt

Nick Hebert Kevin Faulk Bryan Bunn

Others Present:

Jason Bergeron Billy Stark Michelle Neil

Darrin Guidry Chris Pulaski Jonathan Foret

Anne Picou

1. Meeting call to order: N. Lirette called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: T. Hassell led the board in the invocation. K. Faulk led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Quorum was present.
4. Public to be Heard: N. Lirette welcomed B. Stark, J. Foret, and D. Guidry. Guests were present to learn and were interested in the Transient Housing/Homelessness discussion.
5. Downtown Business Association: Jason Bergeron conducted a presentation on the nuisance and abatement ordinance. Discussion: downtown business reformation, ordinance review, nuisance definitions, reporting/ordinance violation process and timelines, violation fines/penalties, redemption timeframe, tax roll/sheriff sales, grass cutting, FEMA demolition list, downtown condemnation enforcement, condemnation hearings, downtown entrance corridor, and parish owned property listing.
6. Restoration Overlay Zoning District: Chris Pulaski discussed the creation of an overlay zoning district. Discussion: established districts, zoning regulations/restrictions, council approvals, legal non-conforming property owners, definitions, permit approval process, zoning ordinances, updating current ordinances, and CSRS recommendations.
7. Transient Housing/Homelessness Discussion: Capt. B. O’Bryan discussed the transient housing/homelessness issues in the downtown area. Discussion: downtown safety, security camera system, targeted high crime areas, increased patrol requests, dedicated downtown patrolling officer, parking meeting officers, officer training, social/mental health services, parish ordinances, posted signage, court summons, Senator Circle task force, off duty detail services, school zone patrolling, private business paying for detail, HPD funding, out of town transient individuals, and START Corp. assessment of transient individuals. Bunkhouse’s history/services, rehab programs, feeding program, SRO occupancy, offender take-in program, out-of-town offender take-in, alternative homeless shelter avenues, bunkhouse capacity, staffing, bunkhouse’s standard/protocols, various inspections, bunkhouse’s future, homeless population, and Bayou Towers’ status.
8. Approval of Minutes: N. Hebert motioned to approve January’s minutes. Seconded by: K. Champagne. Motion passed.
9. N. Lirette motioned to add to the agenda the adoption of the board resolution for the chairperson to sign/submit the CEA agreement for the state funding. Seconded by S. Corbitt. Roll call: Yays: N. Lirette, N. Hebert, J. Underwood, B. Bunn, K. Faulk, K. Champagne, T. Hassell,

D. Babin, and S. Corbitt

Any audience input. Motion passed. K. Champagne motioned to give N. Lirette authority to sign Resolution No. 2023-001. Seconded by: B. Bunn. Motion passed.

1. B. Bunn discussed that M. Lewis plans to open a new restaurant downtown.
2. J. Underwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Hassell. Motion passed; meeting ended at 1:49 p.m.

Chair:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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