

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **May 17, 2023**, 6:00 P.M.
3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA “The Cannery”

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

Board Members: Wendy Laker, Alvin Williams, David Beran, and Charley Richard.

Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; Larry Jacobi, CPA, MCSD accountant; Chad Perez and Bobby Fishel, Pinnacle Security.

Guests: Kevin Centanni, David Brooks, and Carmen Souhlas.

➤ **BOARD MINUTES**

- W. Laker motioned for approval of the 4/19/2023 minutes of the MCSD. The motion was seconded by D. Beran and approved unanimously.

➤ **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- The April 2023 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members.
- L. Jacobi requested Board approval of monthly bills (Four checks to City of New Orleans for patrol services, \$18,582.89 for 1/15 to 1/28/23, \$20,584.31 for 1/29 to 2/11/23, \$14,383.27 for 2/12 to 2/25/23, and \$17,081.40 for 2/26 to 3/11/23; \$46,222.54 to Pinnacle for patrol services; \$1,247.30 to Michael Jarret for IT work; \$90.00 to Adams & Reese; \$750.00 for CPA Lawrence Jacobi; and \$130.90 to Verizon. All checks/ACH were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by A. Williams and approved unanimously.
- L. Jacobi presented the Financial Statements. Discussed were the Profit and Loss for January through April 2023 versus same period 2022; Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2023, versus same period 2022; and Profit and Loss Budget verses Actual for January through April 2023.
- Discussion followed regarding signatories to the MCSD Bank Account. W. Laker moved and A. Williams seconded that the board authorizes that officers of the Board serve as signatories to the bank account. If word changes need to be made to the by-laws to accommodate this, then that could be done at the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- L. Jacobi distributed the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire which all board members were required to review and sign off on.

➤ **CRIME REPORT**

- Sgt. Russel provided crime reports for each week since the April meeting along with details of the significant issues. Discussion followed regarding specifics within the reports
- Bobby Fishel and Chad Perez with Pinnacle Security provided a review of monthly activities as well as a summary of patrol reports and discussed various ways that reports to the Board could be generated.

➤ **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Vehicle Report. D. Beran reported that there was one inoperable vehicle, one totaled vehicle, one with transmission problems, and 7 working vehicles (total of 10 vehicles).
- By Laws and Legislation. W. Laker reported that the current legislation H.B. 296 was proceeding through the legislative process. This legislation was to provide more equity to the charges to various property groups and would now have to go as a ballot in a general election to the public.
- Outreach. W. Laker reported that she and Sgt Russel had discussed crime reports at the Mid City Neighborhood meeting.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- D. Beran discussed the proposals that had been received to conduct the social media campaign. D. Beran moved and A. Williams seconded that Mia Salsi be hired at \$55/hour to conduct the social media program. Motion passed unanimously.

➤ NEW BUSINESS

- A listing of current board members and their terms of office was provided.
 - It had been suggested that business cards be made which showed the MCSD logo and telephone number which could then be used to distribute to residences and business in the MCSD.
- W. Laker asked for public input. Comments were received about the current legislation and how that would proceed as well as comments regarding the number of NOPD units covering the district at any one time. It was also noted that the Pinnacle contract called for one unit on a 24/7 basis.
- W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, which was seconded by A. Williams. 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 21st day of June 2023.



Charley Richard, Secretary