

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **March 21, 2024**, 6:00 P.M.
Pel Hughes, 3801 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

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.; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields, and Richard Lorusso.

Presenters: Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant; Chad Perez, and Marcel Madere from Pinnacle Security; Marshall Hevron, Adams and Reese, LLP, MSCD Legal Counsel (via telephone).

Guests: None present.

➤ BOARD MINUTES

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

➤ FINANCIAL REPORT

- The February 2024 Bank Statement was approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of January monthly bills:
 - City of New Orleans - NOPD 10/22/23 - 11/4/23. \$20,738.99
 - City of New Orleans - NOPD 11/5/23 - 11/18/23. \$28,905.09
 - City of New Orleans - NOPD 11/19/23 - 12/2/23. \$23,708.47
 - City of New Orleans - NOPD 12/3/23 - 12/16/23. \$21,026.80
 - City of New Orleans - NOPD 12/17/23 - 12/31/23. \$18,539.05
 - Bourgeois Bennett LLC. Progress billing. \$5,000.00
 - Pinnacle Security – 2/3/204 – current. \$28,662.25
 - Graphix Matter, March 18, 2024 Invoice. \$990.00
 - Sudie S. Joint CPA LLC, February 2024 Invoice. \$952.00

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

- S. Joint presented the Financial Statements. Presented were the Profit and Loss for January through December 2023; Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023; Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through December 2023; Profit and Loss for January through February 2024 versus same period 2023; Balance Sheet as of February 29, 2024, versus same period 2023; Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through February 2024.
- It was noted that the final 2023 Budget vs. Actual showed that there was less than 5% variance in the actual versus the budgeted amount.
- It was noted that the PO Box was renewed and is included in the CPA invoice paid above.
- It was noted that the Auditors were approximately half finished with the 2023 financials.
- Because of the compromised check last fall, Hancock Whitney Bank is requiring MCSD to utilize “Check Positive Pay” at the cost of \$150/month. Following a discussion on alternatives, R. Rivard moved to adopt “Check Positive Pay” permanently but to inform the bank that we might look for alternative banks. W. Laker seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach. W. Laker reported on the Mid City Neighborhood Association meeting and the May 13 Town Hall meeting being prepared which will include representatives from city agencies.

➤ CRIME REPORTS

- Sgt Russell provided detailed reports of crime activities for each week since the February meeting. A chart comparing crimes from 2023 and 2024 (to date) was presented and will be made available through the MCSD website.
- Sgt Russell provided an update with regard to the MCSD mobile app. Officers are evaluating it and getting a better understanding of how it will work. Responses have been favorable.
- Chad Perez, Pinnacle Security, presented a breakdown of February through March 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, number of stops, and monthly total miles driven.
- Pinnacle indicated they would have a new contract for MCSD to consider although in the meantime, patrols would continue on a month to month basis.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- An update on prep to utilize the MCSD mobile app had already been presented by Sgt Russell.
- D. Shields reported that the test cameras were to be professionally installed which would include wiring of the cameras to the computer interface. The building owner would provide the internet service. D. Shields moved and R. Rivard seconded a motion to authorize up to \$3,500 for installation of the cameras. The motion passed with C. Richard abstaining.
- After discussion on the resolution language and timeline for placing on the ballot, R. Rivard moved that the resolution as amended by the footnotes be adopted and that a final version be signed by the secretary and circulated to the board. The motion was seconded by W. Laker and approved unanimously. It was noted that M. Hevron approved the documentation provided in the resolution and footnotes and it was further suggested that the ballot be prepared in time for the Presidential election by M. Hevron.
- It was noted that the Sexual Harassment Annual Report included that all board members had taken the class.

➤ NEW BUSINESS

- The concept of mailing information to residences and businesses within the MCSD areas was discussed. W. Laker moved that a flyer/mailout be made in April or May and that up to \$2,000 be allocated for the postage. C. Richard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Board members were reminded of the mandatory Financial Reports that are due by May 15, 2024.
- It was noted that R. Rivard has resigned as the interim board member appointed by this board and that he has been appointed by MCNO to finish the term of B. Emmanuel. In accordance with the enabling statute, this term will end on August 31, 2026.
- It was further noted that CPNA should appoint a board member as soon as possible to the MCSD.

➤ There was no other business brought forward.

➤ No guests were present so there were no public comments.

➤ At 7:53pm, W. Laker 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 20th day of June 2024.



Charley Richard, Secretary