

Mid City Security District Minutes  
Board Meeting of **September 19, 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.; Charley Richard; Robert Rivard; Darby Shields; and John Fox who was duly recognized as the newest member of the board being nominated by the City Park Neighborhood Association.

Excused absence: Rick Lorusso.

Presenters: Sudie Joint, CPA, MCSD accountant; Sgt. Alfred Russell, MCSD/NOPD Full Time Coordinator; and Chad Perez from Pinnacle Security.

Guests: None present.

➤ **BOARD MINUTES**

- W. Laker moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 meeting as distributed to the board. The motion was seconded by D. Shields and passed unanimously.

➤ **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- The July and August 2024 Bank Statements were approved and initialed by all Board members present.
- S. Joint requested Board approval of August/September monthly bills: Graphix Matter - \$1,273.95; OPSE - \$1,068.75; Pinnacle Security - \$17,668.52 (replacement check for July check lost and never cashed) and \$22,464.57; Sudie S. Joint CPA LLC - \$817.22; and EFT of \$112.84 for Verizon. All payments were approved with a motion by W. Laker which was seconded by R. Rivard and approved unanimously.
- S. Joint presented the Financial Statements. It was noted that NOPD had not sent invoices in several months and current expenditure levels were estimated based on 2023 invoices. Presented and discussed were the Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2024, versus same period 2023; Profit and Loss for January through August 2024 versus same period 2023; and Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual for January through August 2024. A sheet detailing the disputed Mid City Security District millage charges was also presented. R. Rivard moved to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Shields and passed unanimously.
- S. Joint noted that the MCSD 2025 budget had been sent to and received by the City of New Orleans.

➤ **CRIME REPORTS**

- Sgt. A. Russell covered highlights of the weekly detailed reports for crime activities during each week since the last meeting. While overall crime is down in the city of New Orleans and in the MCSD, it was noted that sex crimes continued to increase in 2024 compared to 2023 as well as shootings/aggravated batteries, and shop liftings.
- C. Perez presented the breakdown of Pinnacle Statistics for patrols from July 14 through September 14, 2024, including incidents by category which indicated which were Pinnacle dispatched versus Self-initiated incidents. There were a total of 429 reportable incidents along with 35 citizen contacts. As a result of limited GPS data in a replacement vehicle, patrol data was limited in this report.

➤ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Outreach Committee. W. Laker reported that she and R. Rivard had participated in the Mid City Neighborhood meeting.

➤ OLD BUSINESS

- The possibility of having yard signs concerning the upcoming election and the MCSD proposition was considered. Following a brief discussion, R. Rivard moved to approve a budget of \$1,000 for signs to inform the public on the proposition. A. Williams seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.
- It was noted that flyers had been designed to inform the public on the camera project that had been approved at the last meeting. A final version would be sent to the graphic artist by D. Shields following board approval and then flyers would be sent to everyone in the MCSD.

➤ OTHER BUSINESS

- It was noted that October 8, 2024 would be the date for Night Out Against Crime events in the city. W. Laker noted that a list of district events would be circulated to the board and members were encouraged to participate.
- W. Laker moved that the next meeting, which was scheduled to be on Thursday, 10/17/2024, be held on Wednesday, 10/16/2024. A. Williams seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

➤ There were no guests and thus no public comments were provided.

➤ At 7:20pm W. Laker offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Fox. 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.



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Charley Richard, Secretary