

Gentilly Development District Minutes
Board of Commissioners Teleconference Meeting
Friday, December 18, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Gentilly Development District (GDD) was called to order by Chairman Joe Bouie at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the teleconference.

Roll call of the Commissioners was taken by Ms. Honaker.

Members Present:

The following board members were present: Chairman Joe Bouie, Commissioners Gretchen Bradford, Aubrey Watson, and Matthew Willard. Commissioners Jared Brossett and Jimmy Harris were unable to attend.

Others Present:

Kathy Lynn Honaker/ No members of the public were in attendance.

Minutes December 4, 2020

Senator Bouie asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes and if so and no questions, he would ask for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4 meeting. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes. A second was made by Commissioner Bradford and the minutes were approved by all.

Old Business

Selection of Bank for Deposits

Chairman Bouie reminded everyone that at the last board meeting he asked that Treasurer Willard and Secretary Bradford review banks and make a formal recommendation to the board members at this meeting.

Treasurer Willard reported that they met with both banks and are recommending Liberty Bank. Ann Duplessis who is the Vice President made them feel that Liberty will be the best partner for the neighborhood and help Gentilly Development advance our goals. Liberty Bank is a local bank that is home grown and a big supporter of local activities. They also provide small business support and training, homeownership workshops to help people in the community and economic development in the Gentilly area.

To open the account, they will need GDD Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation. Commissioner Watson asked about the risk of the account and how many signers are on the account. Commissioner Willard explained that it would not put the GDD funds at risk like the stock market. Ms. Honaker confirmed there are three Commissioners who can

sign checks and two signatures are required. Chairman Bouie, V.P. Harris, and Treasurer Willard.

Everyone agreed with the selection of Liberty bank. A resolution was asked for by Chairman Bouie. The resolution was presented by Commissioner Watson and seconded by Commissioner Bradford. All voted to approve the bank selection.

Projects Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Bradford, the subcommittee chairperson, gave the update on the projects discussed at the last board meeting.

Ms. Bradford started with the GDD Website.

1 GDD Website:

She stated that Ms. Honaker had put her in touch with the media team of BMF who handles things for ADD. They connected her with Nathan du Toit who will build the website, maintain it, and do the updates and the amount is not to exceed 7k which is a substantial savings from the first company presented.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to work with BMF which was seconded by Ms. Bradford and approved by all.

2 Monument Welcome Signs

Ms. Bradford stated that the price will be 34,700 or up to 66k depending on the site preparation required. After discussion, it was decided that the company be asked to view each site and give GDD an exact price that can be submitted to the state with the CEA.

It was asked about approvals from the city. Ms. Honaker stated she thinks it is a Park and Parkways approval that is needed. Chairman Bouie stated he would contact Councilmember Brossett and ask him to take the lead on this approval and for Mr. Brossett to work with Ms. Honaker for anything needed.

3&4 Commissioner Bradford stated that the Art Boxes and Banners have exact final pricing, but the Website and Welcome Signs do not.

Ms. Honaker suggested that at the next meeting we should have 100k ready to go and approved for submission to the state before year end or the first week of January.

Chairman Bouie agreed totally. He asked Ms. Honaker to work with Gretchen on the prices and a budget of 100k and help in any way to make sure this happens.

A date of Wednesday, December 23 was chosen for the follow up meeting.

Chairman Bouie requested 2 things should be on the December 23 agenda:

- Finalize costs for the projects selected so the first CEA can be submitted to the State of LA with a 100k budget.
- The city update on approval process for the Welcome Sign Monuments

Chairman Bouie stated he feels extremely excited about the work of this board and what it can do for Gentilly. He thanked everyone for their participation and assistance.

New Business

There was no new business.

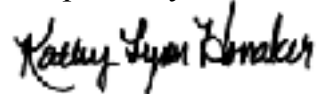
Public Input

No members of the public were in attendance.

As there was no other business, Chairman Bouie asked for a motion to adjourn if there were no more comments or questions from the members. A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Watson and seconded by Commissioner Willard.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Lynn Honaker