Gentilly Development District Minutes Board of Commissioners Teleconference Meeting Tuesday, November 30, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Gentilly Development District (GDD) was called to order by Chairman Joe Bouie at 10:01 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the teleconference.

Ms. Honaker took roll call of the Commissioners.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Kathy Lynn Honaker, the Executive Director.

Public Meeting Robert Rules of Order

Ms. Honaker explained that the GDD Board follows Robert Rules of Order with guests given two minutes for questions and comments per subject. Members of the public identified themselves as Ms. Roz Dents and Mr. Troy Glover.

Old Business

Minutes October 29, 2021

Chairman Bouie asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meetings in October. He asked for any questions, clarifications, changes, or additions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes for October 29, 2021.

Commissioner Bradford made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which were approved by all.

Project Updates and Murals for Gentilly

Ms. Honaker gave an overview of the projects explaining that all Welcome signs are installed, and the Banners will be installed for December 1.

She explained that the murals will be done by CVU who will manage the process for GDD. They will obtain the needed insurance and will ensure that all artists have an opportunity to submit artwork for the project. CVU has a list of eighty-five artists in the area that they use and communicate all projects to.

Ms. Honaker then turned the update over to Commissioner Bradford for an in-depth update.

She explained that all welcome signs were up, but one sign needs to be moved or straightened at Leon C Simon and Press. The Commissioners agreed to meet with Gretchen and the company to view the welcome sign and make recommendations.

Ms. Bradford explained she would like to turn the Mural project over to CUV Nola due to the reasons explained by Executive Director Honaker. Pastor Watson made a motion to turn over the group CUV NOLA and it was seconded by Ms. Bradford. The motion was approved.

Funds for HB 1 Update on Extension

Chairman Bouie explained that the funds from HB 1 may not be spent until the legislature is able to approve an extension. Ms. Honaker is sending in a report for all funds that have been spent through June 30, 2021. The balance of the funds will be able to be spent in the future.

New Business

Staff Update

Chairman Bouie recognized Ms. Honaker at our last meeting but wanted to do so once again for her outstanding service since 2008 in helping get GDD set up with then Chairman JP Morrell. As communicated at our last meeting, Ms. Honaker will be leaving at year end due to her other duties with Algiers Development District.

Chairman Bouie said he would like the board to consider Commissioner Bradford to replace Ms. Honaker as Executive Director for GDD. Commissioner Bradford will need to resign as a commissioner and then be hired. Please consider this and we will take it up as an action item in 2022.

Pastor Watson said he would like to recommend Ms. Bradford pending her resignation from the board. Chairman Bouie said the board will take this as an action item in January or February and finalize all.

Public Input

Chairman Bouie asked for public comments. Ms. Rhonda Dintz said she was glad she joined the meeting. She has been in Gentilly since 1994 and is glad to be a participant with GDD. Chairman Bouie thanked her for attending and explained that all GDD does is on behalf of the constituents.

Mr. Troy Glover said he appreciates all the efforts of GDD. People are the heart of the community. Chairman Bouie thanked him and congratulated him on his runoff for city council.

Chairman Bouie thanked the members and Ms. Honaker for their service to GDD during the past year and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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 Bradford.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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