# GENTILLY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2024 10:00 A.M. BOARD MEETING

## LOCATION: 6305 ELYSIAN FIELDS SUITE 400

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Gentilly Development District (GDD) was called to order by Chairman Joe Bouie at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone.

Executive Director Gretchen Bradford took the roll call of the Commissioners. A quorum was established.

#### **Members Present**

Senator Joseph Bouie, Pastor Aubrey Watson, Rep Matt Willard, Rep Candace Newell, Councilmember Eugene Green

CPA Sean Bruno was also present in the meeting

#### **Old Business**

**Public Comments** No Public Comments

### Approval of May 5, 2023 Minutes

#### **Chairman Joe Bouie**

Chairman Bouie asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner, Rep. Willard made the motion to approve and Commissioner Rep. Newell seconded the motion which were approved by all.

#### **New Business**

**Financial Review** was given by CPA Sean Bruno, he started with the Financial Statements from July 31, 2023 he said we had a total cash in the bank of \$252,259 net assets without donor \$824.00 with donor \$251,435 remaining balance of State Funds. Statement of Activities for the year we took in \$300.000 earned interest in bank account \$367.00. We met the restrictive requirements. Expenses total spent in 2023 \$304,964.

We are showing a small deficit in current year, because we had all the funds from the previous year that we had not spent. We had \$256, 856 from the prior year we had in the bank. We have money in the bank. We are in good shape and keep doing great work.

## **Discussion and Approval of Projects:**

**Projects Committee Co-Chair Commissioner Rep Willard and Co-Chair Commissioner Watson,** Projects recommendations presented by Commissioner, Rep Willard Projects: Tree Planting, Entrance Signs, Park Improvements, Picnic Benches, Water Fountains, Dog Recepticle bins, Overhead lighting at Pratt Park. Maintenance and cleanup, solar lights, cleanup projects. Water Fountain at Boe Playspot.

We should publicize our completion of projections and make sure they are on website.

Rep. Willard recommended to open boundaries

## **Approval of Project**

Chairman Bouie asked for a motion to approve the Projects committed. Commissioner, Rep. Willard made the motion to approve and Commissioner Rep. Newell seconded the motion which were approved by all

**Motion to Amend the agenda (action item):** To amend the boundaries to include Edgewood Heights From 610 Boundaries to Florida Ave – Franklin to Peoples. Motion by Rep Willard and second Rep Newell, which was approved by all.

## **Discussion Items:**

Union Playspot we refurbished the Tennis Courts to Pickle Ball Courts We should publicize more completed items Start thinking about Projects now

Update on Train Trestle Mural: We need to respond to the railroad questions as it relates to the method of access, , which we asked the artist for input, also they wanted us to pay a fee but we did get it waived and cleared up.

## Next Meeting: TBA

## **Adjourn Meeting**

As there were 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 Willard and seconded by Commissioner Green

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Gretchen Bradford