



## **METAIRIE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** **VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, April 12, 2021  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** VIRTUAL ONLY

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Confirmation of Quorum (**Pat L, Joseph R, Brian L, Tommy C, Charles S, Mel G, Dana P, Barry B.**)
- III. Public Comment - **NONE**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 3/1/2021 – (**Mel G – Motion, Dana P – Second, All Approved**)
- V. Approval of March Financials – (**Pat L – Motion, Barry B – Second, All Approved**)
- VI. Council or Parish Comments
  - a. **Scott Walker’s representative, Brian Grenrood, was in attendance to pass along that Scott Walker’s office is very interested in the potential projects in Fat City.**
  - b. **Jeff Simno follow up on a couple of items**
    - i. **Entergy has plans for the requested thoroughfare that the MBDD was interested.**
    - ii. **The RFP for Fat City redevelopment is still in the works and could be completed by November to go out to the list of RFI interested parties.**
- VII. Director Report
  - a. Severn Landscaping Update and Beautification District
    - i. **Executive Director and Jeff Simno from Jennifer VanVrancken’s office reviewed options for the MBDD to potentially fund the Severn Landscaping Project into the future.**
    - ii. **At this time, after review with Jefferson Parish attorneys, Adam’s and Resse (Parish outside counsel firm) and the MBDD Board attorney; there are no clear actions that would allow for new TIF funds to be designated to the MBDD to cover the annual spend on landscaping.**
    - iii. **The MBDD and the Parish will continue to look for parcels of land and re-development that could lead to new funds that the MBDD could designate to the Severn landscaping project but this will take some time to review and establish.**
  - b. Severn Ave Project Update
    - i. **Updated maps and timelines had been provided to the MBDD board and the project is still on track to be completed late 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2021.**



- c. 2020 Financial Disclosure Reminder
  - i. **All board members must complete the filing even if their 2020 tax returns have not been completed.**
- d. Cinco De Mayo event
  - i. **MBDD is in favor of Los Jefes using the Fat City park for the event.**
  - ii. **The Fat City park was created for this purpose and is part of the mission of the MBDD**
  - iii. **The Sheriff is working on an agreement for their 75' of land that is adjacent to the park and the MBDD believes there will be some resolution between the sheriff and Los Jefes prior to the event.**
  - iv. **All board members agreed they are in favor of the park use for this event.**

#### VIII. New Business

- a. **Chairman Tommy Cvitanovich informed the board that the MBDD Executive Committee has started to meet with the elected officials that appoint MBDD board members to provide an update on Fat City.**
  - i. **There was a meeting with Representative Stephanie Hilferty and Senator Cameron Henry.**
  - ii. **A meeting has been scheduled with Councilmembers Walker and Template as well as the Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng.**
- b. **Board member Pat LeBlanc asked about the Park Plans and next steps. Pat mentioned that there was some funding that may be available to non-profits and the executive director should follow up with Terri Wilkerson at Jefferson Parish to get more information and see if funds still available.**
  - i. **There was also discussion if a parking garage could be funded by the American Recovery Act, could this be a federal project.**

#### IX. Adjournment

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