



METAIRIE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING**

DATE: Monday, May 3, 2021
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Drago's Metairie and Zoom Option

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Confirmation of Quorum (Tommy C, Dana P, Mel G, Joseph R, Brian L, Barry B, Pat L, Charles S (on Zoom))
- III. Public Comment (In attendance - Terri Wilkerson, Oscar Chimal, Tim Coulon and Juliette Cassagne)
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 4/12/2021 - (Barry B. - Motion, Mel G - Second, All Approved)
- V. Approval of April Financials - (Dana P - Motion, Barry B - Second, All Approved)
- VI. MBDD and Jefferson Parish CEA –
 - a. Discussion from the board members in disagreement over the proposed Parish CEA changes which would have committed annual MBDD funds to landscaping of the Severn Ave corridor once the project was completed.
 - b. Barry B motioned and Mel G second a request to strike the new changes from the CEA and only accept a new CEA as in the past.
 - c. Discussion
 - i. Brian L. reminded the board that the MBDD is an economic development group and not responsible for operational issues for the parish.
 - ii. Mel G. funds should be used for the development of the district and not the cost of landscapers
 - iii. Pat L suggested waiting 30 days until the parish knew exactly the costs of the landscaping. At the time of the meeting, there were only estimated future costs of the landscaping
 - iv. Pat L made a counter motion that the Executive Committee should negotiate when more concrete information was available.
 - v. Tommy C would support Barry's motion if the projected numbers are lower, there could be an emergency meeting of the board to get a vote.
 - vi. Pat suggested a motion to table for now.
 - vii. Brian L asked to remove the motion to table the CEA discussion.
 - viii. Barry's motion goes to a vote. Motion to strike the paragraph from the CEA in which the MBDD would be responsible for the landscaping. Yea - 1 No - 7, motion fails.
 - ix. Jeff Simno from Councilwoman Van Vrancken's office thought that the MBDD would not be able to negotiate a new CEA without this language.
 1. The MBDD discussed meetings with the parish and other council members that the parish should be covering the costs of general landscaping through the parish general funds.
 2. Jeff agreed that is the parish could pay for the landscaping, then the MBDD should not be part of that landscaping funding



- x. **Joseph R proposed a 2 year agreement with the parish for a new CEA with the following items:**
- 1. 2021 the MBDD would cover 2 months of the landscaping costs if the parish could not find the funds for the landscaping for the last 2 months of 2021.**
 - 2. 2022 and beyond, Jefferson Parish would cover the landscaping costs as part of their general budget.**
 - 3. Joseph R.- Motion, Mel G.-Second, Barry B abstained, 6 Approvals. Motion carried.**
 - 4. Tiffany, MBDD attorney and Francisco, Executive Director were instructed to work with Councilwoman VanVranken's office on the new CEA to be approved by the council and signed by the MBDD.**

VII. Council or Parish Comments

- a. **Bucktown Marina project discussion by Jeff Simno**

i. **Description of potential kayak area from Bonnebell to Bucktown**

VIII. Director Report

- a. Breaux Mart Mural

i. **Barry Breaux Jr had their muralist make the repairs and bill sent to the MBDD. Board agreed to pay that invoice with the mural maintenance funds**

- b. 2020 Financial Disclosure Reminder
c. Federal Funds Follow Up for Park Development

i. **Email shared from Terri Wilkerson that funds were not available due to lack of shovel ready projects in Fat City**

- d. Cinco De Mayo event

i. **Feedback was great about the event**

ii. **Some repairs would be needed to the park but [Oscar Chimal](#) agreed to take care of those as needed.**

- e. Terri Wilkerson Retirement Recognition

i. **MBDD board recognized Terri for all her hard work in the Fat City area and wished her well into retirement.**

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment

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