

Algiers Development District Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 · 10:00 a.m.
Algiers Auditorium · 2485 Guadalcanal Street
New Orleans, LA 70114

Call to Order/Welcome

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Senator J.P. Morrell.

Roll Call: Ms. Vanessa Duplessis.

ADD Board of Commissioners Present

Chairman Troy Carter, Col. Del Dempsey, Mr. Mark Major (Secretary) and Sen. J.P. Morrell. Rep. Gary Carter, Mr. Paul Collins and Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer were unable to attend.

Others Present

Mr. Ron Bordelon and Mr. Ray Manning (Consultants to the Algiers Development District Board); Mr. Scott Zander (Jones Walker); Mr. Sean Bruno (CPA); Dr. William Wainwright, Dr. Peter Cho (Delgado Community College); Ms. Courtney Stuckwisch (City of New Orleans Mayor's Staff); Col. Chris Schlafer (New Orleans Maritime and Military Academy Commandant); Col. Garrett Miller (Commanding Officer Headquarters Battalion) and Major Chris Bibeau (Marine Forces Reserve Provost Marshall); Ms. Maria Bilello (Beuerman Miller Fitzgerald); Ms. Marie Smith (Navy Federal Credit Union); Ms. Brenda Davis (Patrician Management); Mr. Eric Songy (Neighborhood Presidents Association); Algiers Development District Executive Director Ms. Kathy Lynn Honaker and staff members Mr. Bill Garrett and Ms. Vanessa Duplessis.

Chairman's Comments: Chairman Carter welcomed Col. Dell Dempsey to the Algiers Development District Board of Commissioners as the Mayor's representative. Chairman Carter then gave special recognition to outgoing commissioners Mr. Jim Henderson and Mr. Joe Toomy for serving with distinction as members of the Algiers Development District Board of Commissioners. Chairman Carter later added that public comments are welcome and to utilize the comment cards.

Minutes Approval: Chairman Carter asked for a motion to approve the August 30 minutes. A motion was made by Sen. Morrell to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Major. The minutes were approved without objection.

Financial Update: Mr. Sean Bruno gave detailed update on the Algiers Development District financial statement of assets and liabilities. Chairman Carter asked for a motion to accept the Algiers Development District financial statement. A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Sen. Morrell and was seconded by Mr. Major. Without objection, the financial statement was accepted.

Old Business

Delgado Center of Excellence: Chairman Carter welcomed Dr. William Wainwright, the interim Chancellor of Delgado Community College. Dr. Wainwright made some brief remarks thanking the ADD Board for their leadership on the Delgado Center of Excellence. Mr. Ron Bordelon and Mr. Ray Manning presented an updated brief on potential Federal city proposals and the Delgado Center of Excellence

partnership specifically. Mr. Major asked what the next steps are for the Delgado project? Mr. Scott Zander and Mr. Richard Cortizas from Jones-Walker are working with the Delgado representatives to finalize the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA). Mr. Major then asked if an architect had been selected. Mr. Manning answered that an architect had not been selected and that when that selection is made, they would work together on the siting of the building on the surveyed location. Mr. Scott Zander (Jones Walker) provided a resolution authorizing the chairman to sign the finalized CEA so that the November State Bond sale can proceed without undue delay. Chairman Carter asked for a motion to permit the chairman to sign the CEA. A motion was made to permit the chairman to sign the CEA by Sen. Morrell and was seconded by Mr. Major. Without objection, the motion to permit the chairman to sign the CEA was accepted.

Child Development Center: Ms. Honaker informed the Board that there were some issues she has been working on with the current operator of the center. She asked for approval from the Board to move forward to ensure the center is operated as it should, which could include changes for the operation of the center. Ms. Honaker stated she has handled this type of situation in the past and will work directly with the Chairman on all issues and resolutions planned. She just needs the okay to move forward for the good of the community and members of the center. Sen. Morrell moved to approve Ms. Honaker's request, seconded by Rep. Carter and approved by all.

Welcome to Algiers Sign: Ms. Honaker discussed that this issue has been discussed for several months. Senator Carter sent an official letter to the Director of the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). Ms. Honaker has been working with Mr. Joshua Hollins, the Director of the DOTD Legislative Assistant. The response to the Senator's letter was received stating that if the Algiers Development District will fund the water meter installation, DOTD will install and maintain the irrigation system. The neighborhood community planting effort to beautify the area will be led by Mr. Eric Songy. Chairman Carter recognized Mr. Eric Songy for his tireless efforts to improve this area. Chairman Carter then asked for a motion to permit the staff to pursue the water meter installation. A motion was made by Sen. Morrell and was seconded by Mr. Major. Without objection, the motion was accepted. The costs associated with the water meter installation will be briefed at the next meeting and circulated by email to the commissioners.

New Orleans Riverside at Federal City Weekly Inspections: Mr. Garrett reported that he inspects all buildings weekly and that for the first time there have not been any significant issues to report since the last Board meeting. Mr. Garrett continued that the inspections will of course continue to look for any future issues of concern.

2018 Algiers Fest: Ms. Honaker briefed that the Algiers Fest was a great success and was supported by our military that received the donations from major hotels for overnight stays and for restaurant certificates as well.

Ms. Honaker estimated a crowd of approximately 1500 and that we will work to improve the attendance each year. The TV and print media efforts were terrific this year including coverage during the Festival. It was a great team effort from Mr. Adam Shipley, the Festival media consultant and Ms. Maria Bilello from Beuerman Miller Fitzgerald.

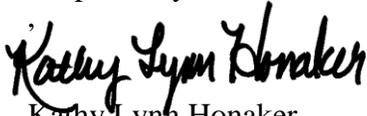
2019 Preliminary ADD Board Meetings: Chairman Carter asked for a motion to approve the 2019 ADD Board Meeting schedule. A motion was made by Ms. Del Dempsey to approve the 2019 ADD Board Meeting schedule. It was seconded by Mr. Major. The 2019 ADD Board Meeting schedule was approved without objection.

New Business: None.

Public Comments: Mr. Eric Songy requested that the Board consider having a few evening meetings to permit Algiers residents that work during the day to attend. The chairman commented that the recommendation would be taken under advisement. Mr. Songy noted improvements in the algiersdevelopment.com website. He continued the meeting agendas and meeting minutes should be available on the website and that there should be a location to sign up for the newsletter. Ms. Honaker responded that Ms. Duplessis or Mr. Garrett could provide the location of the agendas meeting minutes and the newsletter sign up. She informed him that he could come by the ADD office and meet with Mr. Garrett. Mr. Songy also inquired when the 2019 Budget would be available. Ms. Honaker responded that it needs to be presented to the City of New Orleans and approved by the City in December or January. Mr. Songy asked if there will be a meeting to solicit input from the community on the Federal City development. Chairman Carter responded that community input was solicited during the construction of the Master Plan that is owned by the Algiers Development District and is still the template for the development. Mr. Songy then asked if the Board would take public input prior to any votes by the Board. The chairman also stated that the recommendation would be taken under advisement. There were no further public comments.

Adjourn Meeting: Chairman Carter asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Sen. Morrell and was seconded by Mr. Major. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted



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Executive Director

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