

**Garden District Security District  
Public Hearing and Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 24, 2024**

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Board of Commissioners of Garden District Security District convened on July 24, 2024 at 6pm at Trinity Episcopal School Library. Ms. Landrieu, present as Executive Director, confirmed the posting of the notice and called the roll. Commissioners present included Baudouin, Davis, Holton, LeGardeur, Makk, Schmidt, Shugar, Wolf and Wood, constituting a quorum. Commissioner LeGardeur, President, called for the public hearing to open and called the meeting to order. Chad Perez of Pinnacle/ GDSB patrol, Ret. NOPD Chief Michelle Woodfork and Wes Ganucheau were all present for presentations to the Board. Approximately 15 neighbors were in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Shugar to waive the reading and accept the minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting, the minutes were accepted as presented.

**Election of Officers**

Mr. LeGardeur reminded all that new board members are appointed and officers elected in July of each year. He noted that Mr. Davis was rolling off of the Board and would be replaced by Dr. Patrick Quinn. He thanked Mr. Davis for his 26 years as a Commissioner and his service to the neighborhood. He also noted that Andrea Bland had joined the Board as the new President of the GDA, replacing Isabel Sanders who attended her last meeting in April.

Mr. Legardeur announced the proposed slate of officers: Wendell Legardeur as President, Mary Schmidt at Vice President, William Wolf as Secretary and Richard Baudouin as Treasurer. Upon a motion by Mr. Shugar, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the slate as proposed, all were elected.

**Signatures Authorized**

Ms. Landrieu requested a motion to approve all officers' signatures as necessary on the bank documents and other documents as is standard procedure. So moved by Mr. Shugar, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, the authority was granted without objection.

**Patrol Report**

Mr. Perez of Pinnacle distributed handouts to all in attendance and gave a brief report on the recent stats and activity of the patrol. He pointed out that the reports showed increased driving and less stops by the officers, acknowledging management improvements. He also noted that reported thefts had increased, as usual during the summer months. There were very few questions or concerns raised.

**Financial Report**

Financial reports were distributed including the 6/30/24 Balance sheet, P&L v Annual Budget, the P&L v Previous Year and the BOL Balance sheet and P&L. Mr. Davis, treasurer, noted that there were no unexpected expenses or income and the GDSB was running close to budget. He also reminded all that the expected deficit was a planned deficit in order to slim the financial cushion. There were no concerns raised.

**Woodfork Presentation**

Retired NOPD Chief Michelle Woodfork, hired by the GDSB to review the current status and policies of the GDSB patrol program and to make recommendations for improvement, gave her report via a power point presentation to all in attendance. Hard copies were distributed. (See attached document). Several questions were posed and answered.

### **Neighborhood Camera Program**

Mr. LeGardeur asked Mr. Weston Ganucheau of WesTech to report on the progress of the program. Wes noted that approximately 20 cameras had been installed as of the day of the meeting and many other appointments for estimates had been made and other estimates pending. He also noted that the AI technology offered by this camera system as military grade and would great benefit the neighborhood once enough cameras were in place.

Several questions from audience members were heard and answered. Some questions clarified the system itself, while others challenged the way the program was designed to reach out to only certain neighbors. All of these concerns were addressed by Mr. Ganucheau and Mr. LeGardeur.

### **Long Term Planning Committee**

Mr. Woods noted that his committee would take into consideration the recommendations by Chief Woodfork and present a recommendation to the Board.

### **Security Advisory Committee**

Mr. Wolf noted, too, that the report just received on Monday and today from Chief Woodfork, would be considered by his committee and recommendations would be forthcoming.

### **Outreach Committee**

Mrs. Schmidt reported that there was no new information at this time, but that the Committee would be helpful in trying to secure homeowners to register for the camera program.

### **New Business**

Mr. Wolf noted that the National Night Out Against Crime was scheduled for October 8. He suggested that an event be organized by one or more entities in the neighborhood.

### **Adjournment**

There was no further business. Upon a motion by Mr. Wood, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.