

**Garden District Security District  
Public Hearing and Board of Commissioners Meeting  
September 26, 2024**

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Board of Commissioners of Garden District Security District convened on September 26, 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, Bland, Charpentier, Dennis, Holton, LeGardeur, Schmidt, 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, and Wes Ganucheau were all present for presentations to the Board. Approximately 15 neighbors were in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Two corrections to the minutes were requested: change Patrick Quinn to Patrick Dennis and correct the spelling of LeGardeur. Upon a motion by Mrs. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Charpentier to waive the reading and accept the minutes from the July 24, 2024 meeting, as amended, the minutes were accepted.

**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 noted that during recent Hurricane Francine, the officers stayed on patrol for all hours except the 22 hours when bad weather dictated taking cover. There were very few questions or concerns raised.

Mrs. Darden a resident noted her displeasure regarding a break-in at her home and the handling by the GDSB and the patrol.

He reviewed a proposal changing the staffing of the patrol and the mix of supervisors/ officers and adding an account manager which would result in an increase in costs to the GDSB annually. Two options were proposed to the board. After some discussion, a motion to accept Option #1 was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Dr. Dennis. The matter passed by unanimous vote.

**Insurance Report**

Mr. Baudouin reported that Hartwig Moss is now the GDSB insurance broker because a satisfactory policy was not available through Gallagher. He recommended including fidelity and cyber-attack coverage. Upon a motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Dr. Dennis, this was approved.

**Financial Report**

Financial reports were distributed including the 8/30/24 Balance sheet, P&L v Annual Budget, the P&L v Previous Year and the BOL Balance sheet and P&L. Mr. Baudouin, treasurer, noted that there were no unexpected expenses or income and the GDSB income and expenses seemed in sync with the budget. There were no concerns raised.

**Budget Resolutions**

Ms. Landrieu presented the three budget resolutions for review and approval. Resolution 2024-01 to Amend the 2023 YE and the 2024 BB and Budget was presented and upon a motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, passed without objection. Resolution 2024-02 To Adopt A Plan and Request the City Council to Levy the Tax for 2025 was presented for review. Mr. Wood noted that the increase in patrol was due to the effort to replace a shift of one Pinnacle officer, and purchase and staff a marked NOPD car to patrol 24/7 as recommended by Chief Woodfork. This would require City Council approval before it would go into effect, but the budget reflects the increase expected. Upon a motion by Mr. Wood to approve the resolution, requesting a levy of 7.13 mils, duly seconded, the resolution passed without objection. Resolution 2024-03 To Adopt the 2025 Budget was presented. It was noted that the final Balance Forward should be adjusted to

\$429,919. Upon a motion by Mr. wood to approve this budget as amended, duly seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, the resolution passed unanimously.

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### **Neighborhood Camera Program**

Mr. Weston Ganucheau of WesTech reported on the progress of the program. And noted upcoming appointments. Mr. Wolf noted that the recent incident at the Darden residence on Philip Street was caught on the GSDS cameras but that this was the old system. He requested that the GSDS install the new system and cover the cost since the old system was not up to par with the newer cores. He offered a motion for approval. Duly seconded, the matter passed without objection.

Retired General Mize was in attendance and requested that the GSDS consider paying for all cameras instead of asking homeowners to pay a portion. There was minor discussion on this point.

### **Long Term Planning Committee**

Mr. Wood noted that if the new effort to engage more NOPD presence in the District were successful and warranted expansion, a higher millage may be necessary for 24/7 patrol operations.

### **Security Advisory Committee**

No new updates

### **Outreach Committee**

Mrs. Schmidt asked Mr. Ganucheau for a list of potential homes so she and the committee could begin to contact them to ask them to participate.

### **New Business**

Ms. Landrieu noted that the GSDS auditor requested that the GSDS update their operational policies and procedures. A copy of all proposed new and updated Policies and procedures had been sent in advance to all Commissioners and was attached to the meeting handouts. There was no discussion or suggestions for changes. Upon a motion by Mr. Charpentier, seconded by Mr. Baudouin, the full packet was accepted.

### **Adjournment**

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