



Board Meeting

Date and Time: July 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas, LA
70570**

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge and Opening Prayer
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of June 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- ❖ ODDD Business Recognition Program
 - Businesswomen, Vera Nagy – July Awardee
- ❖ Monthly Financial Report
 - Annual Audit Proposed
 - Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, (Board approval for signature).
- ❖ **Old Business:**
 - CPEX-Joni Hammons
 - ODDD Master Plan Final Adoption Schedule August 10, 2021, Opelousas City Council
 - Public Hearing and Council Final vote on Master Plan Ordinance
 - City of Opelousas
 - South City Park Master Plan Proposal, presented by Fenstermaker's Group
 - Asphalt Art Initiative Grant, (Fall)
 - Pedi Bike Trail Grant
 - Tap Grant Landry Street
 - Keep Opelousas Clean Initiative
 - ODD Grant Program
 - Building Improvement Grant (BIG)
- ❖ **New Business**
 - Sexual Harassment and Ethics certificates for 2021
 - ODDD Master Plan Implementation Phase
 - Grant Funding, Facial Agent for Master Plan Implementation
 - Preservation and Permanent Lighting of Court House Oak Trees, Walking Ladies
- ❖ **Board Member Comments**
- ❖ **Adjourn**

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. on the campus of SLED. Public and any interested parties are invited to attend. If you require reasonable accommodations your request should be submitted as far in advance as possible.

The following members were present in person: Chairwoman Lena Charles, Keith Broussard, Don D'Avy, Pat Fontenot, Ogden Pitre, and Sara Branton

The following member was absent: Rob Hillard

The following SLED members were present in person: Bill Rodier/CEO and Janece Riser/SLED

Guest present in person were Vera Nagy, Herman Fuselier (St. Landry Parish Tourism) and The Walking Ladies (Cathy Hebert, Cynthia Lormand, Alice Morrow)

Taylor Lormand (SLED), Dax Douet (CH Fenstermaker) and Michael Cullen (LAND Architect) were present virtually.

It was determined that a quorum was present and Chairwoman Lean Charles opened the meeting at 9:14 am.

Approval of June 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the June 2021 meeting minutes was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Ogden Pitre. Motion carried without objection.

ODDD Business of the Month Recognition 2021: Chairwoman Lena Charles presented a certificate of recognition to Vera Nagy on behalf of the 9 businesses she runs for July 2021.

Financial Report: Keith Broussard provided an overview of the July 2021 financials. A motion to accept the July 2021 financials was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Ogden Pitre. Motion carried without objection. A motion to allow Chairperson Lena Charles to sign the Compliance Questionnaire for the Audit on behalf of the board was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Ogden Pitre. Motion carried without objection.

Old Business:

- **CPEX**
 - Chairman Lena Charles gave an update that the final adoption with Parish Council will be August 10th City Council Meeting. (No motion required)
- **City of Opelousas:**
 - Dax Douet (CF Fenstermaker) and Michael Cullen (LAND Architect) gave a presentation on the submitted contract and computer-generated possibilities for SouthPark. Mayor Juluis Alsandor pledged a 50% matching fund for improvements for not only Donald Gardner Stadium but for the entire South Park.
 - The Asphalt Art Initiative updates will be given Fall of 2021.
 - Chairman Charles advised the Padi Bike Trail Grant has been secured with no matching funds needed.
 - Chairman Charles gave an update that the TAP Grant is with Steve Meeks and should be ready next week.
 - Chairman Charles is looking to schedule a meeting with Mayor Alsandor in regard to options and funding for the Keep Opelousas Clean Initiative.
- **ODDD Grant Program**
 - There were 7 applications received for The Building Improvement Grant. A selection committee will meet in August. If funds are remaining, we will begin accepting applications again.

New Business:

- Chairman Charles reminded the board about completing the 2021 Ethics and Sexual Harassment courses. Although you have until December 31 to do so, it is encouraged to complete in the 1st Quarter. Please submit certificates to Janece Riser (SLED).
- After a brief discussion about ODDD Master Plan Implementation it was suggested that the board confirms what CPEX will commit to during this phase prior to searching for other help.
- Grant Funding (Fiscal Agent) is something that ODDD needs to pursue as well as an advisory committee honoring the 4 boards. Ogden Pitre submitted a redlined version of the St. Landry Parish Advisory Committee Summary to distribute to the board. The goal is to work together collectively for one common goal but have each entity remain separate. Topic will be discussed at the next board meeting after everyone has had the change to review the materials.
- Cynthia Lormand of the Walking Ladies gave a project on their new project in which they wish to preserve the oak trees in the courthouse square and add permanent lighting. Motion to cover the balance of \$20,300.00 to complete the project was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Sarah Branton. The motion carried without objection.

Board Member Comments:

- Bill Rodier advised that the Phase II of the New Life Center project has been completed. Because the building is rapidly declining, if we are to go forward with RFP to redevelop the building, now is the time.
- Bill Rodier will get the latest information from C. H. Fenstermaker to the board and reminded the board to keep in mind what they would like the next steps to be.
- Herman Fuselier announced that the Zydeco Capital Jams will be returning on August 14th with Corey Ledet.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, August 20, 2021, at 9:00 am at SLED.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Don D’Avy. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.


Secretary


Chairman