

## LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Notes

Monday, 5 August 2024, 3:00 pm

*Covenant House, Board Room*

*611 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, LA 70112*

1. Call to Order, Reading of the Agenda, and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm and the agenda was read into the record.

ROLL CALL: COMMITTEE MEMBERS				
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve Meeting Notes
Madison	Charleston		X	-
Rene	Fransen	X		Yes
Mamie	Gasperecz	X		Yes
Erin	Holmes	X		Yes
Antonio	Carbone	X		-

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	FQMD Executive Director
Shelby	Ursu	FQMD Coordinator
Jane	Cooper	FQMD Chair
Katie	Kolthoff	Resident
Eric	Smith	CAO's office
Alex	Dunkenberger	CAO's office
Ethan	Ellestad	MACCNO
Gretchen	Byers	VCPOA

2. Public Comment:

No written public comment was received.

3. Motion – Consider a motion to approve the June meeting notes

**Rene Fransen motioned to approve the June meeting notes. Vice-Chair Erin Holmes seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

4. Committee Chair's Comments

Chair Mamie Gasperecz welcomed the Committee and guests. She noted that the next meeting will be right after Labor Day, on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and reminded the Committee of the FQMD Bylaws and attendance rules. She encouraged the Committee members to invite individuals to join the Committee, whether they are residents of the French Quarter or business owners, stating that she is actively recruiting for the Committee.

5. Discussion – Discussion by Committee of North Rampart Infrastructure and Safety Updates. To Present: Antonio Carbone

Antonio Carbone reported that the first phase of the North Rampart infrastructure and safety updates are nearly complete, noting that the flex posts are in place and the majority of the street painting has been done. He stated that he has heard

positive feedback from community members and reported that tangible results are already noticeable, pointing out that the work has helped prevent illegal parking and helped to make turning onto North Rampart Street easier. Mr. Carbone added that the working group is currently finalizing a survey to circulate once the improvements are fully complete, and from there, based on the feedback from the community, the group hopes to expand the program into the second phase. He noted that the survey will be sent through the Vieux Carre Property Owners, Residents, and Associates. Karley Frankic added that Shelby Ursu can send the survey through FQMD's mailing list as well. Ms. Frankic reported that on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM, a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the improvements will be held at North Rampart and St. Ann, right by Armstrong Park. She added that Ellie Rand Public Relations (ERPR) is currently organizing the event with the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Frankic encouraged the Committee members to attend and celebrate with FQMD staff. She reported that she recently received positive feedback about the street improvements from the interim Director of Nighttime Economy and informed the Committee that the Supervisor of the Supplemental Police Patrol Program began assigning one of the Traffic Enforcement units to North Rampart Street periodically during rush hour to inform drivers to stop at the crosswalks for pedestrians. Ms. Gasperecz thanked Mr. Carbone and Ms. Holmes for their hard work and dedication to this project.

6. Discussion – Discussion by Committee of Truck Routes in and around the French Quarter.

Ms. Holmes reported that after reviewing the City Ordinance, she verified that North Rampart Street is a truck route. She added that there have been questions from Committee members and Commissioners about looking into designating North Rampart Street as a non-truck zone but stated that at this point in time she does not see any viable solutions or alternatives. Ms. Holmes noted that if the Committee wanted to look further into this project, a traffic analysis study would need to be conducted.

7. Discussion – Update on Glass Half Full Recycling for Gulf Coast Restoration. To Present: Shelby Ursu

See attached document and report. Ms. Ursu reviewed the Glass Half Full monthly recycling spreadsheet with the Committee, noting that, to date, over 6,000 pounds of glass have been collected across all three drop-off locations. Ms. Frankic noted that Glass Half Full will provide data on if any of the drop-off sites tend to collect more recyclables than others, adding that this will be taken into consideration next year during budget season. Ms. Ursu reported that a kick-off event was held at the Jazz Museum on June 25<sup>th</sup> and had press coverage with five different media outlets thanks to ERPR. Ms. Gasperecz stated that she has heard a lot of positive feedback about the glass recycling program.

8. Discussion – Discussion by Committee of Additional Trash Receptacle Locations. To Present: Karley D. Frankic

Ms. Frankic reported that 97 trash receptacles have been rolled out which the City is responsible for servicing. She added that the additional receptacle doors and liners have been delivered. Ms. Holmes stated that she has received some negative feedback from residents who are worried about receptacles being placed in front of or near their homes. She noted that these individuals voiced their concerns that trash may be rummaged through and distributed around the area and pointed out that some residents have taken it upon themselves to move the receptacles from their original locations. Ms. Holmes asked the Committee if considering a universal locking mechanism for the cans could be a possibility. Ms. Frankic stated that when locks were used in the past, they were constantly being broken. She noted that she has reached out to Keep Louisiana Beautiful for their compiled data that shows a 75% reduction in litter in areas where there are more receptacles available and reminded the Committee to recommend residents to utilize [quarterclean@fqmd.org](mailto:quarterclean@fqmd.org) for reporting litter.

9. Discussion – Update on Streetlight Repairs. To Present: Karley D. Frankic

See attached document. Ms. Frankic reviewed the spreadsheet with the Committee, noting that the document details the 2024 streetlight repairs from January to July that were funded by the \$150,000 French Quarter Economic Development District (FQEDD) budget. She reminded the Committee that these repairs were the low-cost repairs that were deciphered through a full assessment conducted by All-Star in January. Ms. Frankic reported that tomorrow the Finance and Development Committee and the Board of Commissioners will be voting on a motion to approve a mid-year budget adjustment for the FQEDD to reallocate \$1.75M from the Trust Fund to the FQMD for the remaining streetlight repairs in the French Quarter. She noted that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City and the FQMD has been signed which authorizes the FQMD to do work on city-owned assets. Ms. Frankic added that from there, the City Council will vote to approve the motion on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and once approved, the FQMD can proceed with the procurement process. Eric Smith noted that Legacy will have a full

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day-time streetlight assessment prepared by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Frankic stated that tomorrow evening she will be conducting and evening assessment to verify which streetlights are working and which still need major repairs. Mr. Carbone asked which Committee will take on this project. Ms. Frankic replied that in the past, streetlights were areas of focus for both the Livability and Security and Enforcement Committees but noted that it is up to the Committee members to decide if they want to take the project on. Ms. Gasperecz suggested that the Livability Committee work in tandem with the Security and Enforcement Committee. Ms. Frankic stated that the goal is to have all the repairs completed by the end of 2024 and noted that the advantage of having Livability take on this project is that the Committee did an excellent job with the North Rampart Street improvements along with the help of the FQMD Program Manager, Bob Bejarano. She stated that she hopes to hire a full-time Program Manager who would help with this project. Ms. Holmes asked if the City has boilerplate language that they can provide for the procurement processes. Ms. Frankic answered yes, stating that the City has provided her with contracts and Request for Proposals (RFPs) for both the electrical contractor and the project management. Mr. Smith added that the City will give as much assistance as possible and is happy to share any documents that they have used in the past. Mr. Carbone stressed his concern of the short timeline to get an RFP out, hire the proper contractors and project manager, and get the repairs completed, adding that he requests that the Commissioners allow the process to move forward more quickly than previous projects because of the time restraints. Ms. Holmes agreed, adding that she has concerns about the capacity of the Committee taking on such a large endeavor. Mr. Carbone suggested asking all Committees and Commissioners to brainstorm ideas of vendors worth sending the RFP out to. Ms. Frankic agreed and will mention this to the Board at tomorrow's Board meeting.

## 10. Discussion – Update on Super Gras Subcommittee. To Present: Karley D. Frankic

Ms. Frankic reported that the Super Gras subcommittee is now meeting every other week. She stated that the asphalt right-of-way improvements were on their way to Purchasing two weeks ago, and she expects to hear updates on this at the subcommittee meeting this Wednesday. She noted that, along with the asphalt repairs, the sidewalks are to be repaired as well. Ms. Holmes stated that she is concerned about the timeline for the sidewalk repairs, noting that they have been in Purchasing for fourth months. Ms. Frankic will ask the subcommittee about this on Wednesday and report back any updates.

Ms. Holmes reported that after the 2025 Super Bowl and Mardi Gras, the Sewerage and Water Board will be starting a project of replacing transmission lines on Decatur Street that will likely take a year to complete and have major impacts on traffic and deliveries in the French Quarter. She noted that this work will lead to street closures on Dumaine and Governor Nichols. Ms. Holmes added that she has tentatively scheduled a meeting to discuss this project on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and is looking for a location to host the meeting. She asked the Committee members to send any location recommendations her way and added that she will be sending out the invitations within a few days. Ms. Ursu will share the meeting information through the FQMD's mailing list.

## 11. Discussion – Update on Sanitation Contract. To Present: Karley D. Frankic

Ms. Frankic reported that the new sanitation contract has been awarded to Henry Consulting. She stated that Henry Consulting has been providing sanitation services to the Downtown Development District (DDD), and their contract for the French Quarter will go into effect on December 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. She reported that Henry Consulting is happy to continue using the Keep the Quarter Clean email for reporting sanitation issues in the French Quarter. Mr. Carbone asked if it was possible to see a list of the big changes in the new contract that would be important to inform residents and businesses in the neighborhood of. Mr. Smith will send Mr. Carbone the final proposal from Henry Consulting that details the new contract, and the services provided. Ms. Frankic added that ERPR is working to get the Keep the Quarter Clean hotel rack cards out to all the French Quarter hotels before the end of the year and asked the Committee members to send any contact information for the hotels to FQMD staff. She noted that the FQMD wants to work with ERPR to do another big promotion for Keep the Quarter Clean to residents and businesses this fall.

## 12. New Business– To consider and take action upon any other matters that may properly come before the French Quarter Management District Livability Committee

Ms. Gasperecz asked the Committee members to think of goals that they would like to see the Committee accomplish before the end of the year, as well as brainstorm suggestions of guests who could attend future meetings and do a presentation for the members or collaborate with the Committee on future projects. Mr. Carbone suggested Elizabeth Magner- the resident

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who recently conducted sidewalk and streetlight surveys through the French Quarter. Ms. Frankic agreed and informed the Committee that she has a scheduled phone call with Ms. Magner tomorrow morning and will invite her to the September Livability meeting.

Mr. Smith asked the Committee to provide him with more specific details regarding traffic calming devices, which the Committee added to the 2025 FQEDD budget parking lot. He noted that speed bumps are not an option and have been removed from the list.

Guest Katie Kolthoff stated that she is interested in joining the Committee but is also considering joining the Finance and Development Committee.

Mr. Fransen notified Ms. Gasperecz and Ms. Holmes that he will not be in attendance at the September meeting.

13. Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

14. Adjournment

**Mr. Carbone made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Holmes seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.**

## Glass Half Full Glass Recycling Updates

The French Quarter Management District teamed up with Glass Half Full and launched three glass recycling locations in the French Quarter this May, which include the Jazz Museum (Tuesdays 11 AM – 2:30 PM), Cabrini park (Thursdays 11 AM – 2:30 PM), and the Historic New Orleans Collection (Sundays 11 AM – 2:30 PM). FQMD staff worked with Ellie Rand Public Relations (ERPR) to promote the new glass recycling program and hosted a kick-off event at the Jazz Museum on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

ERPR promoted the program and the kick-off event with digital ads as well as local media coverage with multiple interviews featured on WGNO News, WVUE Fox 8, WDSU NBC, WWL TV, and New Orleans Magazine. The digital ads gained 101,167 impressions, which lead to 1,658 clicks to the FQMD website.

The program has been successful in the neighborhood, with over 3,500 pounds of glass collected since the program's launch. Other recyclables including plastics, metals, and cardboard are also accepted at each drop-off location.



Glass Half Full Recycling Stats										
Statistics Across All 3 Drop-Off Locations	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year to Date Average	Total
<b>Glass (in lbs.)</b>	<b>1,314.00</b>	<b>1,913.00</b>	<b>3,373.50</b>						<b>2,200.17</b>	<b>6,600.50</b>
Plastic (May & June in lbs. July forward in cubic yards)	58.65	111.55	14.70						61.63	184.90
Metal (May & June in lbs. July forward in cubic yards)	61.88	171.88	7.19						80.32	240.95
Cardboard (May & June in supersacks July forward in cubic yards)	6.23	7.50	16.25						9.99	29.98

French Quarter Streetlight Repairs Jan. 2024 through July 2024						
ID	Street Light ID	District Lookup	Zone Lookup	Neighborhood (from Street Light ID)	Repair Type	Nearest Address
RM051724-36	AE34	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	
RM052124-6	AE34	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	
RM051624-14	AV171	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	226, Dauphine St
RM051624-16	AV132	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	235, Burgundy St
RM052124-4	AV170	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	237, Dauphine St
RM052124-1	AV133	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	240, Burgundy St
RM052124-3	AV168	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	241, Dauphine St
RM051624-31	AV334	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	308, Bienville St
RM052124-2	AV164	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	335, Dauphine St
RM051624-29	AV329	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	401, Decatur St
RM051624-30	AV329	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	401, Decatur St
RM020224-28	BJ148	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	401, Esplanade Ave
RM052724-12	BJ149	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	401, Esplanade Ave
RM052724-14	BJ148	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	401, Esplanade Ave
RM051624-27	AV327	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	415, Decatur St
RM051624-28	AV327	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	415, Decatur St
RM052724-3	BJ150	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	427, Esplanade Ave
RM051624-23	AV325	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	433, Decatur St
RM051624-24	AV325	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	433, Decatur St
RM051624-25	AV450	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	501, Decatur St
RM051624-26	AV450	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	501, Decatur St
RM051724-6	BJ42	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	508, Barracks St
RM052024-21	AV414	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	510, St Louis St
RM051624-21	AV451	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	515, Decatur St
RM051624-22	AV451	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	515, Decatur St
RM052124-16	BJ25	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	531, Ursulines Ave
RM032624-22	AQ2	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	535, N Rampart St
RM051624-19	AE30	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	537, Decatur St
RM051624-20	AE30	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	537, Decatur St
RM051724-9	BIH238	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	611 Ursulines Avenue
RM051724-10	BIH237	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	620 Ursuline Avenue
RM052124-5	AV401	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	622, Conti St
RM051724-8	BJ29	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	625, Ursulines Ave
RM052724-4	BJ157	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	639, Esplanade Ave
RM052124-7	AE38	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	700, Decatur St

RM052124-15	BJ32	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	728, Ursulines Ave
RM052124-11	UA383	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	801, Decatur St
RM051724-11	BIH225	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	818 Ursulines Ave
RM052124-18	UA384	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	827, Decatur St
RM051624-13	HP7	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	838, Esplanade Ave
RM052124-13	AQ117	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	841, Burgundy St
RM051624-12	BIH218	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	914 Burgundy Street
RM052124-10	AE17	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	923, Decatur St
RM051724-7	HP16	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	931, Barracks St
RM052124-12	BJ183	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	941, Decatur St
RM052124-17	BIH219	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	942, Burgundy St
RM052124-8	BJ131	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	1001, Chartres St
RM051624-18	BJ184	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	1001, Decatur St
RM052124-9	BJ197	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	1010, Decatur St
RM052124-14	AQ119	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	1026, Dumaine St
RM051724-12	BJ35	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	1036, Dauphine St
RM051624-11	BIH221	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	1132, Burgundy St
RM051624-17	BJ210	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Routine Maint	1309, Decatur St
RM020224-28	BJ148	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Route Maintenance	401, Esplanade Ave
RM051624-13	HP7	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Route Maintenance	838, Esplanade Ave
RM052724-3	BJ150	C	1D	FRENCH QUARTER	Route Maintenance	427, Esplanade Ave
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# French Quarter KPI Reporting for the month of June

**99%**

Of 3x per week and daily pressure washing completed; incompletions due to construction, crime, movie filming, and other unforeseen detours



Graffiti removed from 1279 spaces of public property in June

**99%**

Street Flushing Completed



100% of monthly pressure washing blocks completed

**0**

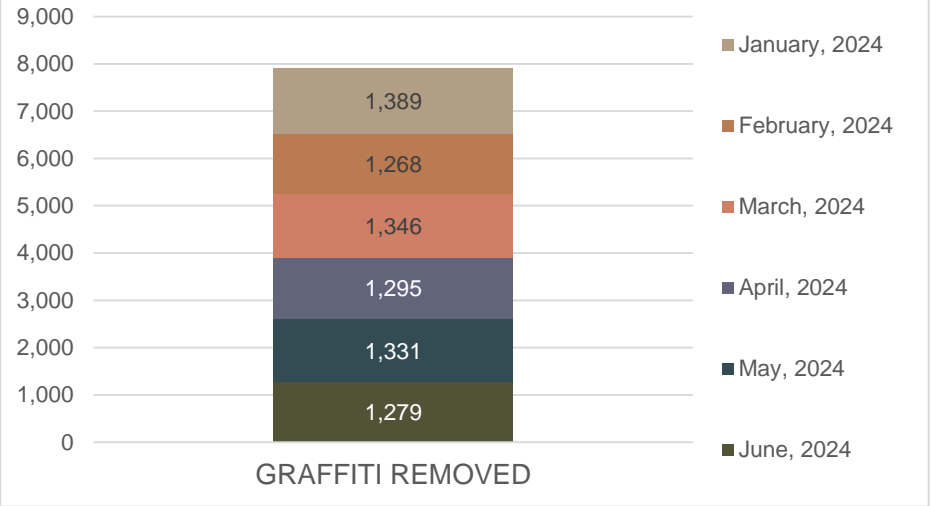
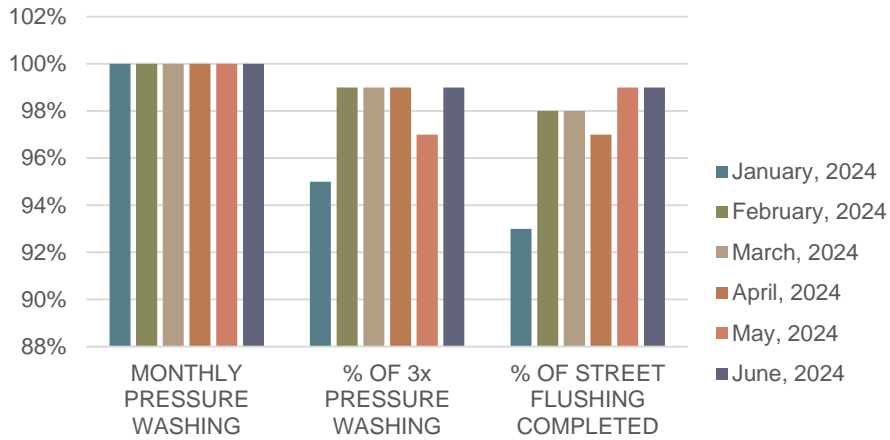
Instances of speeding 5+ miles over the speed limit over 120 routes in **June**



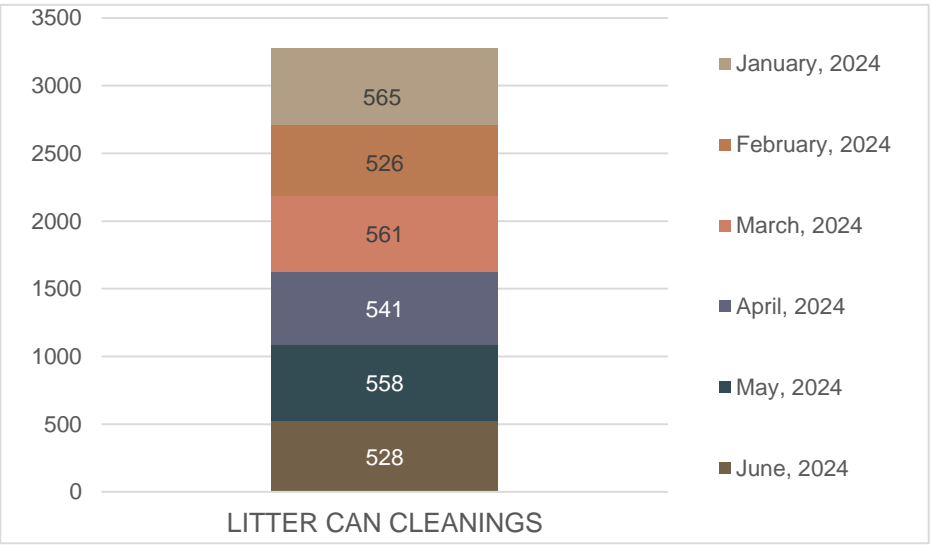
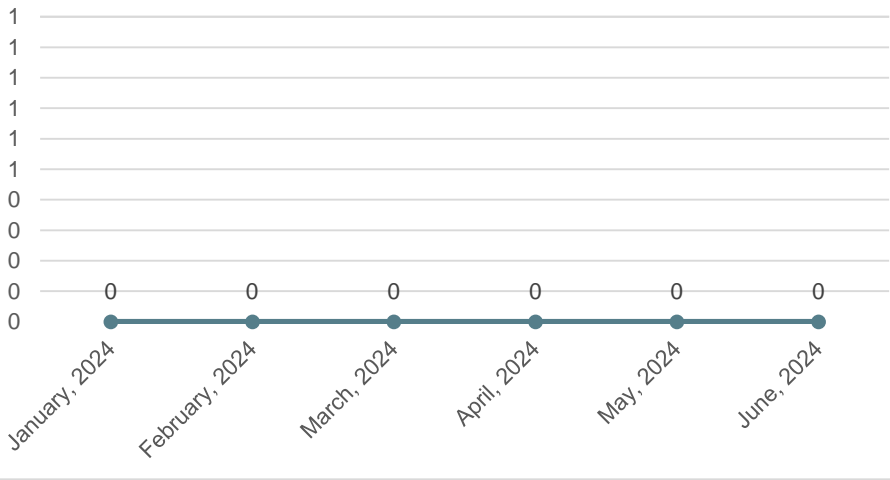
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Detail litter can cleanings by our supplemental crew

### PRESSURE WASHING & FLUSHING



### INSTANCES OF SPEEDING



# French Quarter KPI Reporting for the month of July

**99%**

Of 3x per week and daily pressure washing completed; incompletions due to construction, crime, movie filming, and other unforeseen detours



Graffiti removed from 1322 spaces of public property in July

**99%**

Street Flushing Completed



100% of monthly pressure washing blocks completed

**0**

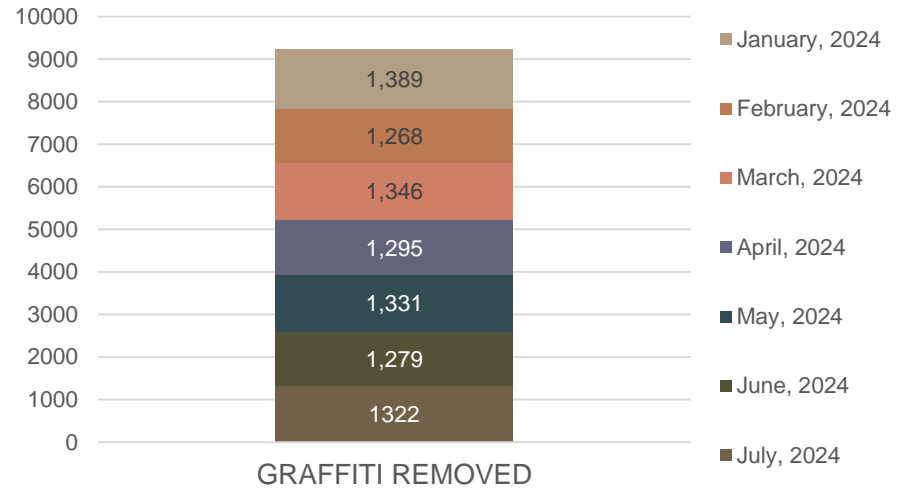
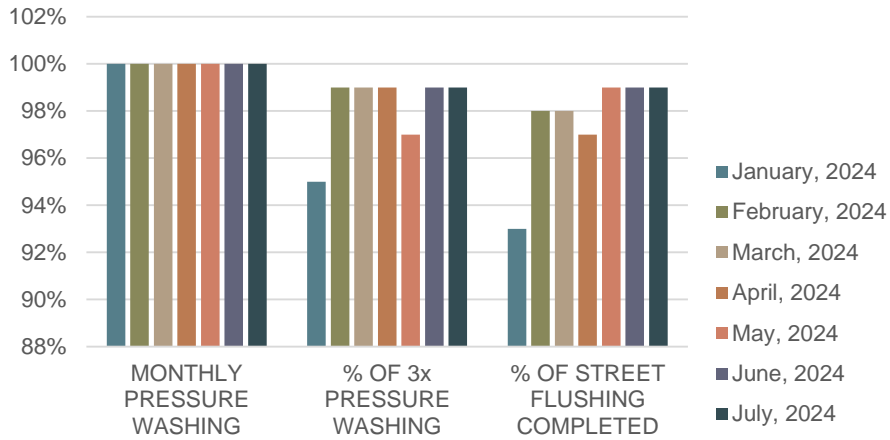
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### PRESSURE WASHING & FLUSHING



### INSTANCES OF SPEEDING

