

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2013 – 9:30 A.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Marina Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 9:30 A.M., in the Lake Vista Community Center, 2nd Floor, 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member, the news media, and a copy of the call was posted.

Chairman Brien called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

The roll was called which did not constitute a quorum and the meeting became informational only.

PRESENT:

Chairman Stanley Brien
Commissioner Pearl Cantrelle

FURTHERMORE PRESENT:

Chairman Robert E. Smith Lupo

ABSENT:

Commissioner Patrick DeRouen
Commissioner Darrel Saizan
Commissioner Romona Baudy

STAFF:

Louis Capo - Executive Director
Chuck Dixon – Marina Director
Dawn Wagener – Non-Flood
Sharon Martiny – Non-Flood

ALSO PRESENT:

Gerry Metzger - Legal Counsel
Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant
Steve Nelson – Stuart Consulting
Ray Landeche – Lakeshore subdivision

ADOPT AGENDA

Due to lack of quorum the Agenda was not adopted. The meeting is informational only.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Marina minutes from April 30, 2013 will be deferred until the July 9, 2013 Marina Committee meeting.

PRESENTATION ON CURRENT MARINA ISSUES

Mr. Dixon reported that Schubert's Marine, the contractor painting at Orleans Marina, has completed priming the handrails and will start the entrance and gates shortly. The scope of the painting work at Orleans Marina includes the hand rails, the super structure going to each pier and the head of each gate. The painting was broken by the restrooms, promenade restrooms, front and handrails. Painting includes the steel work surrounding the gate area and stops at the bulkhead. The super structure above and all of the steel underneath will also be painted.

1) Discussion regarding improvements on the North Wall Slips at Orleans Marina

Mr. Dixon informed that the finger piers on the New Basin Canal slips are 80% complete and the power pedestals will be shortly. A sunken boat that was beneath another boat in a slip presently being leased was removed. There were no visible identification or serial numbers on the boat. Fifteen 30-foot slips will be open shortly along with 18 30 and 40-foot slips on the north wall and several 40 and 30-foot slips on the east wall. The Authority spent approximately \$40,000 to demolish and rebuild these slips. Presently, the electrical wiring goes into the condominium building, comes back out and goes to a breaker box. Legal Counsel advised to remove the wiring from the condominium building. A line will be run from the breaker box and meter boxes will be installed and disguised with shrubs.

Stuart Consulting estimated that repair of the north wall slips will cost approximately \$100,000. Existing power from the transformer to the east wall will be used to power the New Basin Canal slips. There are 12 40-foot slips. The tenants are ecstatic with the renovated New Basin Canal slips. The finger piers have been raised as it is easier for people to step down than to step up. One tenant purchased a sliding ramp for a sea-do instead of keeping the sea do in dry storage.

National Marina Day will be held at South Shore Harbor. One of the vendors volunteered to boil crawfish and there will be yacht activities at the event which will cost the Authority two port-o-lets and a tent. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, cokes, water and a space walk for the kids. Orleans Marina tenants have been invited to South Shore Harbor for the event due to lack of room at Orleans Marina for this function. The event is to show tenant appreciation and to attract people interested in purchasing a boat or to come out for the day. Sea Tow advertised by sending flyers to approximately 2,000 customers. U.S. Boats also sent advertisements to their customers and there was a press release sent to the media. There will be approximately 300 people in attendance.

There are issues with the floating piers at South Shore Harbor which were 90% destroyed during Katrina. The floating piers consist of floating frames that cement blocks fit into. The piers were made with concrete and rebar. Concrete absorbs water and when the water hits the rebar it expands causing the blocks to disintegrate. Bids will be taken to replace the blocks with fiberglass which is double the strength. These are specially made blocks that need to be replaced because they are crumbling. Stuart Consulting is handling this issue and redoing the drawings.

Mr. Dixon advised that there were over 3,000 participants for Ironman 2013 with approximately \$2 million worth of bicycles at the marina by 4:30 a.m. There were minor issues with police not allowing people to drive down Starts & Stripes, which was corrected. The flood gate was opened at Downman to allow people access to Landmark or Flightline.

Confirmation was received that the BIG grant was received, but only one BIG grant is allowed on the second go around. The first BIG grant application is being held until September and may be up to number one on the first go around next year. The gentleman handling the BIG grants did not give an answer on the status of the application for the fuel dock which was submitted last year. Mr. Capo has approved for Stuart Consulting to prepare preliminary designs for showers, a laundry and possibly an office which will be added to the present facilities at South Shore Harbor. The footprint would be expanded toward the trailer and the trailer would be removed. This will be a tentative grant for next July. The application for the Big grant #2 has to be in Wildlife & Fisheries' hands by July 1st. The federal Wildlife & Fisheries start the year in October but the grant must be received by September.

Chairman Lupo requested that Mr. Capo request the State Representative from this District to have his staff to check the status of the fuel dock grant application on the federal level and advise that this Authority is requesting a status because it has not been provided an explanation as to what happened to the grant. There were only two requests, one private marina and South Shore Harbor, and South Shore Harbor did not receive the grant. There is something wrong. Mr. Dixon advised the e-mail he received from Randy Meyers reads as follows:

'Chuck, I am following up to advise you of the status on the grant. As Wildlife & Fisheries was only allowed to submit one Tier One grant application for the second round of FY '13 funding, Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries had previously selected a proposal through the first request for funding in September of 2012. However, the grant was not officially awarded from the Federal Wildlife and Fisheries with the first round funds. As a result, we had to submit this grant for the second round funds in order to secure the Tier One funding for this grant. Again, unfortunately we are not able to submit your grant for the cycle, but I will keep your grant application and have it available for FY 2014 funding'.

Chairman Lupo advised to let the legislators' staff look into this issue to see what happened to the grant on the federal level because this is federal grant money that came through Wildlife & Fisheries.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING

Chairman Brien announced the next Marina Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to lack of quorum there was no motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 11:27.