

NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE
RECREATIONAL / SUBDIVISION OBLIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 – 2:30 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Recreation Committee of the Non-Flood Asset Protection Management Authority was held on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 2:30 p.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 Hassinger called the meeting to order at 2:56 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENT:

Chairman Joe Hassinger
Commissioner Stanley Brien
Commissioner Greg Ernst

FURTHERMORE PRESENT:

Chairman Robert E. Smith Lupo

ABSENT

Commissioner John Trask

STAFF:

Louis Capo, Executive Director
Sharon Martiny, Non-Flood

ALSO PRESENT:

Gerard Metzger
Albert Pappalardo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ernst offered a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Brien and unanimously adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ernst offered a motion to approve the minutes from the Recreational/Subdivision Obligation Committee meeting of June 9, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Brien and unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON CURRENT RECREATIONAL/SUBDIVISION ISSUES

Mr. Capo noted for the record that an inspection of Lakeshore Drive resulted in a list of improvements needed on Lakeshore Drive. The list is comprised of short term projects such as benches that have broken, trash cans and trees that need to be cut down to get Lakeshore Drive cleaned up. There are some long term projects needed such as finalizing the re-striping of Lakeshore Drive from Robert E. Lee to the Seabrook Boat Launch. Stuart Consulting Group is designing a set of plans to go out for an RFP for the re-striping which includes parking, center lines and handicapped spaces.

Mr. Capo and Chairman Lupo met with Sheriff Gussman and his Chief Deputy to review ways to incorporate prison labor with projects on Lakeshore Drive. Mr. Capo and the Major will view the area to see what is needed and if prison labor is possible for those services.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by Chuck George, Race Director for the New Orleans Running Systems Road Race Management, to hold a race on lakeshore Drive on Saturday, December 31, 2011 at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. George informed that this run is a new event on New Years Eve. This will be a 2 mile family based run/walk for runners who would like to have something different to do on New Years Eve. The race will start at 9:30 p.m. and it is a 2 mile race with the slowest walker finishing at approximately 10:00 p.m. After the race, Kona Fitness will provide refreshments and have a small New Years Eve party for participants. The road time frame is 9:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.. There will be a limit of 400-440 participants due to the capacity of the building that will host the party.

As for lighting, this is a two mile race and the first half to Shelter #1 is currently lit. We plan to put cones down Lakeshore Drive every 25-50 feet and we are going to attach light sticks to the cones. The 1 mile turn around is approximately 200 yards before the Orleans Canal Bridge. There will be lights and a generator with lights at the water station with additional lights if needed on the course. This lighting should illuminate the course safely for the runners. Chairman Hassinger noted that Lakeshore Drive is closed at night to vehicle traffic so that would not be an issue. Mr. George added that Lakeshore Drive is dark at this hour but Breakwater Drive seems to be lit by the moonlight which makes a big difference. The Kona Sunrise race in August had a magnificent sunrise eastbound on Lakeshore Drive and this is something we want to continue next year. There were approximately 200 people for the brand new race. The New Years Eve race is at the same location but a different scene.

Mr. George informed that the light sticks would be tested for brightness as they were used for participants but not for the course. These are glow sticks with fluid inside.

Mr. George informed that each participant signs a waiver and they have required insurance certificates for the Authority. One of the regulations of the insurance is an ambulance must be on site throughout the duration of the event

Commissioner Ernst questioned if the release of liability in the application that releases Kona from liability also releases this Authority. Mr. George informed that the wording does include this organization, it is generic. This can easily be changed to the wording needed in the waiver. Commissioner Ernst expressed concern because it is dark at this hour of the night and requested something be included in the release specifically for this Authority.

Mr. George has never had an event at night on an unlit road on New Years Eve, but stated that this would be a safe event with the area illuminated and tested prior to the race. Mr. Capo stated that there are lights no on Lakeshore Drive. The seawall area frequently has puddles from splash over of the seawall and wash out which could be dangerous. Chairman Hassinger requested that the race's insurance cover premises liability claims against the Authority for conditions on the ground

Chairman Hassinger advised that an endorsement on a insurance certificate is restrictive and covers the Authority for claims arising out of the race's operation. The endorsement needs to cover the actions based on the race's negligence and this Authority's negligence.

Chairman Hassinger suggested a motion recommending approval of the event subject to the insurance coverage being approved by the Executive Director and the legal counsel. Mr. Metzger requested to review the insurance policy

regarding concerns over coverage, additional insured status and premises liability. Mr. Pappalardo questioned if spectators would also sign insurance waivers for the event. Mr. George stated that spectators don't sign waivers because there is no tie-in as a participant. Other than participants, family and friends there won't be any spectators.

Commissioner Ernst suggested a New Years Day resolution run during the daytime on New Years Day. Mr. George stated that the Saints play on New Years Day which generally has a negative effect on races. Mr. George stated the race could proceed toward West End if there are no problems with civic or property owners associations. Mr. George requested that the race be re-routed to Lake Marina out toward Breakwater Drive. Chairman Hassinger advised Mr. George to figure out what route would be used and come back next month to the Committee so the details could be worked out.

Chairman Hassinger requested to recommend to the Board that if the organizer opts to go Lakeshore Drive that we recommend approval of the event with the appropriate insurance coverage to be reviewed by the Executive Director and legal counsel. Chairman Hassinger requested the actual policy be produced to the Board.

Commissioner Brien offered a motion to recommend to the Board approval of the event with the appropriate insurance coverage to be reviewed by the Executive Director and legal counsel, seconded by Commissioner Ernst and unanimously adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Capo announced the next Recreation/Subdivision Obligations meeting scheduled for October 6, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ernst offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brien and unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.