

NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE RECREATIONAL / SUBDIVISION
OBLIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012 – 2:30 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Recreation Committee of the Non-Flood Asset Protection Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 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 2:35 p.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 Joe Hassinger
Commissioner Stanley Brien

ABSENT:

Commissioner John Trask
Commissioner Greg Ernst

STAFF:

Louis Capo, Executive Director
Sharon Martiny, Non-Flood
Dawn Wagener, Non-Flood

ALSO PRESENT:

Gerard Metzger
Albert Pappalardo
Wesley Mills
Jim Moriarity

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to a lack of quorum, the Agenda was not approved. The meeting was informational only.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes from the Recreational/Subdivision Obligation Committee meeting of January 12, 2012 will be approved at the March 8, 2012 meeting.

REPORT ON CURRENT RECREATIONAL/SUBDIVISION ISSUES

Mr. Capo advised that signs were placed along Canal Blvd. & Robert E. Lee and Marconi & Robert E. Lee to alert motorists of closures to Lakeshore Drive. When the cap behind the seawall is complete, Lakeshore Drive will not be closed.

There is an issue with standing water at Shelter #1 and east of Canal Blvd. The lines were cleaned last year by Blue Flash, but there have been subsequent washout events that pushed the mud back. The maintenance director informed of a possible broken drain line. Blue Flash will be contacted to clean and video the lines to detect and repair any beaks in the lines as the standing water presents a health hazard.

Mr. Capo advised that Connie Uddo (Hike for Katrina) is working with Opsail to paint Shelter #4 in preparation for Navy Week. Ms. Uddo and John Benton (Bayou Tree Service) will be planting approximately 150 trees between Shelter #4 and Franklin Avenue. Ms. Uddo and Mr. Benton will provide the trees and

labor. The trees will require watering for one year at a cost of \$7,500 per year. This is a project that is worth looking into. Tables and benches are being repaired in-house along Lakeshore Drive to make the tables usable and safer and the damaged bumper guards were replaced in the Shelter #4 area.

Chairman Hassinger complimented in-house staff and the grass cutters on the work along Lakeshore Drive as the area looks very nice. Once the area between Lakeshore Drive and the seawall is complete it will look spectacular.

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Moriarty – Ancient Order of Hibernians

Mr. Moriarty addressed the Irish monument on the neutral ground between West End and Pontchartrain Blvd. and informed the Committee that the Irish Cultural Society, who built the monument in the 1980's, requested the Ancient Order of Hibernians take over maintenance of that area. One member of the Hibernians is a contractor/designer and has put together a nice proposal including a full set of plans for enhancement of the area. Improvements include a paved walkway in front, a sidewalk around the monument and possible monuments recognizing the Irish immigrants that built the canal. Lakeview Civic is on board with the project and the City Planning Commission wants to make sure everyone is on board with the project. The Ancient Order of Hibernians would be responsible for funding the construction and continuing to maintain the area around the monument on a long-term basis. This will go hand in hand with the lighting of the walkway from Harrison up and down West End Boulevard. The lighting scheme will be incorporated in the plans.

Mr. Metzger informed the Committee that the concept is a long-term, triple net lease for a nominal sum. All liability and maintenance obligations will be the tenants' responsibility. This issue will be presented to the Committee upon receipt of the final plans and a survey of the leasehold space. Mr. Pappalardo added that the plans depict a beautiful monument that will include earth work and some berms. An area with metes and bounds will be defined and put into a lease. It will be a memorial park much the same as the Vietnam monument and something the entire community will be proud of.

Mr. Moriarty advised that money will be raised through fundraisers that the Hibernians put together. Matthew Ahern, a contractor with the Hibernians, is also a landscape designer and has manpower and machinery to help offset the costs. The lighting and water costs dovetail with what the LCA is doing. Mr. Metzger advised that the Hibernians will come back to this Committee with their final presentation and a survey.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

Mr. Capo addressed projected costs for Lakeshore Drive and noted that Chairman Lupo suggested one maintenance person be dedicated to Lakeshore Drive in anticipation of everything being back on line which would cost approximately \$65,000 per year.

Chairman Hassinger requested the final budget be published to the four neighborhoods so the public understands where money is spent and what we are attempting to accomplish over the next year. Mr. Capo informed that the budget reflects things that will be needed once the lights are up, the promenade behind the seawall is repaired and concrete caps are inserted as there will be a need for additional trash pick-up and work on the grass cutting side. Vandalism and graffiti cleanup was included to address the graffiti problem on the shelter houses.

Wesley Mills, Design Engineering, informed that the plan for the area of the current promenade going east toward West End is broken into two phases. Phase 1B will run from the sidewalk near Landry's Seafood past the Mardi Gras Fountain and will include decorative stamped colored concrete with planters, benches and trash receptacles. Phase 2 (Reaches 4 and 5) includes the west side of Franklin to Shelter #4, the proposed site for Shelter #3 and Shelter #4 and will also include a decorative colored concrete, planters and trash receptacles. Most plans have been developed but there are some major modifications. Phase 1 has a design schedule of approximately 90 days. To advertise and bid will take approximately 2 months and construction will take approximately 150 days. Reaches 4 and 5 will start immediately after construction for Phase 1B.

Completing this phase will resolve the issue of seawall wash-out and erosion and will prevent the embankment from washing onto Lakeshore Drive. The project includes LED seawall safety lighting spaced 100 feet along the entire project. Larger drainpipes that discharge into Lake Pontchartrain will be installed to prevent clogging. This project will be no cost to the Non-Flood Authority.

The lighting will be on two separate meters: safety seawall lighting and Mardi Gras Fountain/Shelter Houses. The seawall lighting will be LED decorative overhead lighting offset from the back of the seawall. The Corps has completed the final stability analysis for the utility crossings. Shelters #1 & #4 and the Mardi Gras Fountain will require modifications on the flood side and protected side berm. Some of the Lake Vista utilities along the levee not previously impacted may now be impacted. The biggest part of the utility crossing is over and it is in DEI's hands to make the changes. DEI has fulfilled all requirements as far as the Letter of No Objection.

Mr. Capo recommended moving forward with the Lake Terrace Fountain and going out for an RFP to get the fountain restored for the base cost which does not include lighting. The fountain needs to be cleaned, de-watered, replastered and all electrical has to be removed. This project is budgeted for \$25,000 in the 2013 budget to the General Fund. Mr. Capo suggested going out for an RFP for a dollar amount and bringing this issue back to the Committee with the final dollar amount for recommendation to the Board. Mr. Metzger informed that this is under the contract limit of \$150,000 and requires 3 quotes over the telephone or fax. At some point there will be funding for Lakeshore Drive and for lighting the fountains. Lighting packages add substantially to the cost and was not added in the 2013 budget. An overall recap sheet shows the effect of Lakeshore Drive on the overall budget. With the \$700,000 from the Flood side, we are still \$755,000 short of funding on Lakeshore Drive if all items were up and running.

An RFQ that includes proposed rates for review of building plans will be submitted to architects who will then respond to the RFQ knowing how much they will be paid for reviewing house plans, fences or additions. Mr. Metzger advised that the RFQ process is the way to go because people respond and you select the most qualified. Mr. Capo added that residents from several subdivisions expressed interest in reviewing building plans so an RFQ will be forwarded to the four presidents of each homeowners association. It is possible that more than one architect will be signed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Chairman Hassinger announced the next Recreation/Subdivision Obligations meeting scheduled for March 8, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to lack of quorum, there was no Motion to Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.