

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 10, 2014 – 2:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 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 Trask called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

PRESENT:

Chairman John Trask
Commissioner Stanley Brien
Commissioner Greg Ernst

ABSENT

Commissioner Darrel Saizan

STAFF:

Louis Capo - Executive Director
Sharon Martiny - Non-Flood

ALSO PRESENT:

Gerard Metzger – Legal Counsel
Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant
Walter Baudier – Design Engineering, Inc.
John Holtgreve – Design Engineering, Inc.
Jim Martin – Design Engineering, Inc.
Sarah Mclaughlin – USACE
Lee Walker – USACE
Todd Klock - USACE
Avis Gaines - USACE
Dan Bradley - USACE
Byron Casey – Resident
Larry Marino – Resident
Dan Peters – DEI
Brent French – DEI
Ray Landeche – Resident

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2014 Recreation/Subdivision meeting were deferred.

REPORT ON CURRENT RECREATOINAL/SUBDIVISION ISSUES

Mr. Capo reported that the cameras located near the Mardi Gras Fountain became non-operational and were sent to Earth Cam and the manufacturer. It was determined that an electrical discharge in the vicinity of the cameras damaged the zoom function. The cameras will be reinstalled early next week in coordination with DEI.

The Mardi Gras Fountain has issues with several nozzles and the filter pump. Due to the high pressure caused by large amounts of debris in the filters, the filter pump is also damaged. One recommendation is to install a sand filter and a quote was requested from the contractor who maintains the fountain. The filters cost \$200-\$250 per filter and the motor costs \$300.

In 2012 the Lakeview Civic Association requested the Authority be the sponsor for state and federal applications to assist with funding for lights in the New Basin Canal area and the walking path. The dollar amount is \$986,000 with \$200,000 coming from the Lakeview Civic Association. The federal government will provide the balance if the project is approved. Responsibility for future maintenance rests with the Lakeview Civic Association. The Authority has no obligation to maintain the lighting or pay for utility costs associated with the lights. Freddi Yoder is assisting the Civic Association and will forward the application for signature to meet the deadline tomorrow. There are letters supporting this project from Mt. Carmel, Commissioner Lupo and several City officials.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion of additional right-of-way for USACE Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP) Project

Lee Walker, USACE, advised the Committee that maps and details were provided for what was needed from each parcel USACE is requesting. The public comment period expired and there were questions requesting specific detail of the Orleans electrical conduit. There were no strong objections and the Colonel signed the decision record. The Corps real estate office will submit formal request to CPRA. CPRA will acquire the land and give USACE rights to construct on the land. Some progress was made with the Orleans conduit. Engineers reviewed several plans and options provided by the designer. The conduit will be as close to the levee as possible without impacting safety. The line will be staked where the alignment will go and the arborist will assess any trees that may be impacted by the line. Commissioner Lupo previously suggested digging up the sidewalk to run wirings. Ms. Walker informed the Committee that there are trees against the road which would be impacted by the lines, which would also run underneath several light poles.

Under the Attorney General's opinion regarding land of the property owner; if the land is needed for a flood purpose the Levee District, governed by SLFPA-E, grants right of entry. USACE would like this Authority's concurrence although it is not legally required. CPRA signed a partnership agreement with the Corps. The Corps has responsibility for rights of way. Levee Districts acquire property rights and on behalf of themselves and CPRA grant those rights to the Corps. There is a Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director of the Levee District to grant authorization of entry. Concerns regarding the conduit are currently in discussion. This issue has not gone before the SLFPA-E Board.

The conduit will be placed as close to the levee as possible without compromising the integrity of the levee. This is an issue that SLFPA-E is concerned about. Several methods were reviewed to lay the conduit. Opening up a trench and laying the conduit is one option. The top of the trench must be six feet from the toe of the levee to avoid stability issues. Another option is the dry bore method, which is done in 100 foot segments. This method also requires a trench to get boring started. Both options are safe as long as the trench is six feet from the apparent toe of the levee.

2) Discussion and approval for the redesign and rebid for Shelter No. 3

Tim Martin, DEI, advised that DEI is designing and will bid a project to construct Shelter No. 3. Two official bids were received on the original design. The project budget was \$1.6 million, and the low bid received was \$2.8 million. One unofficial bid of \$1.4 million was received which shows if more bids were received the budget may still be good. The project will be changed significantly and rebid to ensure more bids are received. The revised project has fewer canopies, but will include an added alternate. Scoring and decorative pavement were reduced to get the cost in line. Design documents will be prepared as a bid with an alternate.

Commissioner Ernst moved to recommend approval of the base level with the alternate to the full Board, seconded by Commissioner Brien and unanimously adopted.

3) Discussion regarding The Young Leadership Council's request to install a bicycle rack near the New Basin Canal Lighthouse

Dan Jaters, Way to Rack, informed the Committee that the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation contacted Way to Rack regarding sponsorship of a bicycle rack to be installed between the Light House and Landry's Restaurant. The property is under this Authority's administration and currently leased to Landry's. Pictures indicate the general site of the recommended bike rack. If approved, additional concrete will be laid in that area for racks to be mounted to. It is a standard bicycle rack that Way to Rack uses in the City. Landry's is interested in the bike rack concept. As this is Levee Board property, step one is this Authority's approval. Landry's will then be contacted and the Foundation will secure the donation. Way to Rack will take ownership and responsibility for the rack.

Mr. Metzger advised that Landry's must consent to the bike rack as it will be placed on Landry's property. Any donation of property will violate the state constitution as public property cannot be donated. Landry's will have to accept an indemnity agreement with the Basin Foundation to maintain the bike rack and be responsible for any injuries. If Landry's obtains an indemnity agreement from the Basin Foundation, the Basin Foundation would be liable for any injuries. After the indemnity agreement is accepted, the issue will come back to the Committee.

Commissioner Ernst noted that the Committee has no objection and encouraged continued pursuit of the bike rack. Mr. Metzger suggested no objection with the proviso that the Authority has no responsibility and all liability will be on Landry's or the Basin Foundation. Under Landry's lease, this Authority's consent may not be needed to install a bike rack although a Board Resolution may be needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Landeche – Lakeshore Property Owners Association

Mr. Landeche advised that the Property Owners Association wants to make sure that the right of way is clearly defined and as minimal as possible. There was a comment regarding a roadway, but a roadway is not part of the project. Ms. Walker advised that the roadway would be a secondary access route which will only be used in the event of a hurricane to insure that emergency vehicles could access the facility.

Chairman Trask advised that Committee that this meeting marks the end of his term as Commissioner. It has been fun working with the Committee and staff. Please pass along to my fellow commissioners that it has been enjoyable. I would like Mr. Landeche to convey my appreciation to the Lakeshore Board for allowing me to represent the Lakefront neighborhoods as well as the presidents throughout Lake Terrace, Lake Vista and Lake Oaks.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Chairman Trask announced that the next Recreation/Subdivision meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 5 at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.