

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2014 – 2:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Non-Flood Asset Protection Management Authority was held on Thursday, June 5, 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

FURTHERMORE PRESENT:

Chairman Robert E. Smith Lupo
Commissioner Eugene Green
Commissioner Rodger Wheaton
Commissioner Michael Stack

ABSENT

Vice Chair 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.
Jay Proskovec – PCCP Constructors
Sarah McLaughlin – USACE
Lee Walker - USACE
Paul Rodgers – WVUE-TV
Nick Asprodites – The Blue Crab
Dawn Hebert – ResiUent, Lake Willow
Octave Raney – Resident, Lake Willow
Dennis McSeveney – Resident
Robert T. Massart – Resident
Lloyd Kelly – Resident, New Orleans East
Ann Duffy – Resident, Lake Oaks
Andre Baugh – Resident, New Orleans East
Ray Landeche – Resident, Lakeshore

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 3, 2014 Recreation/Subdivision meeting were deferred.

REPORT ON CURRENT RECREATION/SUBDIVISION ISSUES

Mr. Capo reported that 100 new trash barrels would be ordered for Lakeshore Drive. The cost is \$23 per barrel and burlap sacks and stainless steel screws to secure the sacks will be ordered. The labor to assemble the barrels and the cost of the materials will be approximately \$30 per barrel. We hope to do that within the next couple of weeks and start bringing those new barrels to the Lakefront.

The cameras by the Mardi Gras Fountain have been non-operational and have been removed for probably four weeks. The cameras became non-operational and we had them tested. They were removed and sent back to Earth Cam. Earth Cam determined that they could not get the cameras operational. The manufacturer has sent two new cameras. Wallace Drennan, the contractor that was the general contractor on the fountain, is waiting for Earth Cam installers to install the cameras. We will hear from them hopefully in the next week and get the cameras operational. Commissioner Ernst clarified that the cameras were within the warranty period so this is not costing the Authority any money.

Mr. Capo added that yesterday was a walk-through with the contractor and the Flood Authority for substantial completion on the plaza project on the north side. While it was the Flood Authority's project, I participated and it is my understanding that the Flood Authority will issue a substantial completion as of June 4, 2014 to the contractor who did the work for the Flood Authority.

Entergy and the contractor will make the final connection for the utilities on the protected side of the levee by Shelter No. 1, which will enable the Shelter House and all of the lights along that roadway to be energized and functional. That should take place Monday, June 9, 2014 and should last one and a half days to get that completed. Commissioner Brien noted that the utility connection would be for the entire length of Reach 1. Commissioner Wheaton questioned if the restrooms would be opened. Mr. Capo reported that the restrooms would not be opened as they are in bad condition. I am looking into getting the Shelter Houses power washed and cleaned. Shelter No. 1 is in very bad shape due to the mud that has washed over the seawall over time. Shelter No. 1 is in very bad shape. The Shelter Houses will remain closed.

PRESENTATIONS

USACE/PCCP Constructors – Update on the status of the permanent canal closure project and discussion on possible additional Rights of Entry (IERS 5/a)

Mr. Capo informed the Committee that representatives from the Corps and PCCP will give a presentation regarding the work on the three outfall canals.

Lee Walker, Evans-Graves Engineers, advised the Committee that she is contracted to the Corps of Engineers as a project manager. Today I will be speaking about the additional rights-of-way that we are looking to acquire for this project. After the design/build contract was awarded, the designer started to really get into the nuts and bolts of things and found that there were small pieces that through the design they found that they needed these additional rights for things such as utility tie-ins and access. I will walk you through the different areas of permanent right-of-way that we are seeking. I will start with the Orleans Avenue Canal and go into a little more detail on this one because I understand that people have been reaching out to the Non-Flood Authority about that canal in particular.

I will walk you down the Canal to show you these areas of additional rights-of-way. What you are seeing on the screen in orange are areas that we have already received rights for temporary construction. The blue line is the permanent right-of-way we are currently using. At the north end is Lake Pontchartrain and the road crossing is Lakeshore Drive. I will walk you down the Canal. Just as the Canal passes under Lakeshore Drive we are looking Crystal Street – what we have at Crystal Street, the 17th Avenue Canal is here along with the Levee and Flood Wall that run along both banks; what we are looking to do here, we need a secondary access route. The primary access to the project is going to be off of Lakeshore Drive so the everyday traffic would be coming into the project via that route. We want something on the protected side of

the flood protection in case of a hurricane or storm that we can get vehicles into the project site so we are looking for something on the back side. Through this area there would be an approximately 25-foot secondary access road that would only be used primarily during those storm conditions. We also need to tie into the existing water and sewer system in this area so there would also be an easement through this area, all of which would be underground.

Chairman Trask clarified that there is a road, but you want to build a new road when we already have General Haig and Crystal. Ms. Walker advised that the road would be leading from Crystal and to the project site. Currently, there is no way to get from Crystal into the pump station unless we come from Lakeshore Drive. To come from Crystal, we would need to build a road. If something happens in the pump station and we need to get in there, the vehicle would come up General Haig and Crystal and turn into the pump station on the new 25-foot road. Chairman Trask noted that the long stretch on the green space is really for underground power. Ms. Walker advised the Committee that there would be temporary impacts as they are doing the construction, but the permanent – except for some manholes – you would not see anything. It would be grass again. What we need to put in, in order to get power to the entire complex, the amount of power that is being fed to the project, Entergy has informed the designers that we cannot feed off of the power from the neighborhood through the existing power system. We would have to actually run the power all the way from Robert E. Lee, which is the feeder that Entergy has directed us to come off of. What that means is that we need to build a conduit down the canal that would tie into the power feed at Robert E. Lee. Some of the difficulties we are having in this area – as you all know there are trees in the area and there is a very narrow right-of-way in between the canal levee toe and the curb in some of those trees. Right now what the designers are trying to do is look at different options of how we can weave between trees, try to stay out of the levee toe to make sure that we don't compromise any levee safety and try different construction techniques so we can avoid having to impact any of those trees.

The design builder has given us this latest option of what they are thinking. It is still early in the design stage, but this is their current thinking on it and it gives you an idea of the sort of ideas that they are tossing around to try to figure out how to avoid the trees. You can see that they have actually marked out where the canopies of the trees are so they are not only trying to avoid the actual trunks of the trees, but we also hope we avoid any impacts to the roots so we don't damage the trees that way. What they are looking to do is in the areas where there is sufficient right-of-way to the project area. The two techniques that the design builder is looking at is a direct bury trench, a little trench about three feet wide and one foot deep and it we would actually bury the conduit just below the surface cover it with dirt and reseed it. In some areas there is just not enough room to do that. The contractor has looked into a direct bore option which utility and oil companies use a lot. It is a way to go deeper and we can possibly go under the tree roots and not impact the tree roots. Because of the twists and turns in this area, the tree roots and the levees they may have to come up and down a few times to make that work, but it is an option that they are looking at. Because of all the design considerations this design is taking us slightly longer. I know that people want to know what it will look like and what trees will be impacted. I apologize at this time because we just don't know because we are pushing the contractor to keep looking at how to avoid the tree impacts.

Chairman Trask addressed the Homeowner's and questioned if all of the work would be on public property or will private property be used. Ms. Walker stated that no private property would be used. It will be public property. Chairman Trask If these questions come up, what should we say to these homeowners; should they expect disruptions for a month or two months? Is there any ballpark idea once the work starts? Ms. Walker stated she did not look that up, but would get back with the Committee on that.

The blue line is what they would directionally drill, because the trees you can see that the levee toe runs one way, there is a curve and then you have trees so there is no way to possibly go under everything. Commissioner Lupo stated that there is sidewalk only on a certain portion of the street on the Levee Board side. Is there a reason why they

are not considering pulling up the sidewalk where it is and then completing the sidewalk all the way to the site and going across and then you have done something for the community. You have given them a sidewalk where there is not one right now and you completely avoid any impact on the oak trees. Ms. Walker advised that she would check with the designer to see. I have been in several of the meetings where they tossed out ideas, but I have not been in all of them. I would not be surprised if they looked at it because I feel like they left no stone unturned when it came to this. They looked at everything they could think of. I will definitely run that by them to see if they considered it.

Looking at directional drilling from the northern end, you will see here that it really is pinched by the interim control station - the pump station that is out there now - here is the curve - so there is really limited space so they want have to directional drill there. As we move away and get into the whiter area, we would likely have the opportunity to do an open trench and try to weave through the trees. That is a rough idea right now of what they are considering.

Commissioner Lupo clarified that Ms. Walker would get back to this Authority and explain why the sidewalk is a bad idea? Ms. Walker stated that could be done. Commissioner Stack questioned how the interim structure was powered as they don't have a pump station? Ms. Walker stated that they looked into that. It is, I believe - I will have to get details on this. Commissioner Stack advised that there were people in the audience that could answer that question. Anthony Bertucci, Joint Venture, advised he is doing the construction and is the manager for Orleans and London Avenue. Entergy does not feel that they have sufficient power and the cabling in the area is not up to sufficient grade to handle the additional load of the pump station. That is why they cannot put any additional load on that. We have requested it for temporary powering to the station during construction and they do not feel like they can handle that load either so we would have to do most of that temporary powering by generators.

Commissioner Stack noted that the interim is on the existing grid. Mr. Bertucci advised that it is on the existing grid. It is out of one of the power vaults on the Marconi side of the Canal, those little power house vaults.

Ms. Walker addressed UNO on the east side and a neighborhood on the left. There is an existing road that exists now that we are using for temporary access to the construction site. What we would like to do is turn that into a permanent primary access road. I will show you where that ties in. Here is Leon C. Simon, so it would turn this temporary road into a permanent road and feed-back north of the interim control structure into the project site. The pump station will go on the right. On the left side there are utility tie-ins. There are existing sewer and water on one side that we still do not know the exact alignment. They are working to get the utilities on that side. Along this road we would also have our primary tower coming in along this route.

Commissioner Wheaton questioned if there was a permanent area that USACE was requesting on the Lake Terrace side, higher than the London Avenue Canal, that they had asked for in the event of repairs in the future they wanted a permanent right away. I know that you submitted comments objecting to it, so I want to know if it has been approved or what. Ms. Walker informed that she does not recall that being on London. Commissioner Wheaton added that this was right in the middle of a park up in the upper area, a little bit further down. If it has been removed, that is fine. This is one that was staked out in the immediate event that you needed repairs in the future and you wanted a permanent right-of-way in the middle of a park and we objected. I want to make sure that it does not get put down that you presented this and there is no objection. Ms. Walker clarified that the Authority recently submitted comments made to the Individual Environmental Report. Commissioner Wheaton clarified that the deadline was June 3, 2014. Ms. Walker stated that they would have the utilities crossing through here, now I think I understand what you are speaking about. The Individual Environmental Report referred to maintenance of those utilities. Commissioner Wheaton noted that it was something further up that they were talking about. Ms. Walker stated that there would be utilities here so I took a second look at it this morning and it did say that it would be

used for maintenance of the utilities, but I will double check that. If you sent a comment you will be getting a response to that.

Commissioner Stack questioned who granted the right of entry. Ms. Walker stated she would have to check with the Real Estate Division. Commissioner Stack noted that the issue he had with it is that road is extremely close to the bridge. You would need a City of New Orleans permit, and I am not sure if you have that. To make it a permanent structure you don't meet the criteria for a permanent roadway because it is so close.

Chairman Trask noted that the Corps has been granted rights of way by somebody who is seeking permission for rights of way. Ms. Walker noted that everything you see in red, the non federal sponsor of the State is the one that acquires the rights of way for this permanent rights of way for the project so they will be seeking the rights, but then they would give us the temporary construction permit. The Corps would be in there temporarily constructing. Chairman Trask noted that the formal ask has not taken place. Ms. Walker noted that it cannot take place. The Individual Environmental Report, as he noted, the public comment period ended on Tuesday and once the public comments are reviewed, the Colonel has a chance to digest everything. He will sign the decision record and put it in the Individual Environmental report. At that point we have some internal paperwork to do and then we can issue a statement from the Corps.

Chairman Trask questioned if the request will be made to this Board or to a different Board. Ms. Walker stated that she did not know. The Real Estate people and the State handle that so I am not sure. Commissioner Stack questioned if the site can be accessed from Pratt Drive and crossing the structure; can you get to the same point that you do from this other side? Ms. Wright advised that the way that the composition is going to be laid out, the Generator Building, the Fuel Farm and all of the auxiliary equipment will be on the east bank of the canal so the pump station and the gate structure will be crossing. In order to put fuel in the fuel tanks, you would have to cross the canal.

Commissioner Stack clarified that there would be a crossing entrance at the pump station. You will be able to get from one side of the pump station to the other; correct? Jay Proskovec, PCCP Constructors, advised that you could not from the west side because there is a flood wall that goes from the pump station to the west bank of the canal. The original primary entrance is off of the parking lot from UNO and in an effort to minimize the impacts on the UNO property, it seems necessary to make a secondary entrance so that is where this roadway came in because they were already using that as an access to the interim closure structure. There is no entrance from the west side. As we were saying, you have the generator building and the pump station. From that pump station there is just a flood wall that goes across and ties into the west bank of the canal.

Commissioner Stack addressed the aerial of the interim station and noted that you could get all the way across. Isn't that an access road? Mr. Bertucci stated there was sufficient right of way on the east side of the structure to get down and actually make an access road. Commissioner Stack: I'm not saying use that one. I'm talking about the new pump station; is it going to be set up in a similar fashion? Ms. Walker: No.. Commissioner Stack: Wow, you all are going to sell this thing to the locals? You can't get from one side of the station to the other? Mr. Bertucci: Yes, you can get from one side of the station to the other, but where the station ends there is a flood wall that picks up where the pump station ends and ties in to the levee to complete the permanent closure.

Commissioner Stack: If you could access from Pratt Drive that would be a better situation for UNO and for the safety situation. Commissioner Wheaton: Actually, that is by design because when we were first approached by this the people in Lake Terrace were told that the whole pump station would be inside the footprint of the canal. That is all green space there so nothing was going to be in there. Then, when the contractor came out and built it, it was half in UNO and half in Lake Terrace which was not what was told to the people in Lake Terrace. On the other side in UNO, it is a parking lot so

when the permanent pump station was put up for design we advocated very strongly that it be shifted to the UNO side, which it was. That is exactly what the people requested.

17th Street Canal

Ms. Walker: This is Mariners Cove, the condominiums. You can see the existing levee here. What we are looking for is: this orange box is a temporary right of way that we were granted for the project. What we would like to do is turn a portion of that into a permanent right of way. What we found during design is the tie in, they was just going to be too much pile interference between different structures in the area and there was not going to be room to fit a proper tie into the existing levee system so we needed a bit more road to shift that wall or levee, whatever the designers choose to build here. We needed a bit more room to construct that tie in to the existing flood risk production system. On this side, so this is W. Roadway turning up to more roadway around the Marina, what we were going to do here is have a sewer tie in so the underground easement through the area and we are looking into having a secondary access like we talked about on Orleans in case of an emergency and the gates are closed we need to access the pump station we will be able to get in through the protected side. We would build a road that turns into the pump station complex.

Mr. Capo: The two 60-inch circulation drains for the Marina; where are they? Ms. Walker: That is a pop quiz question. I would have to have the plans in front of me because they shifted them around. I know that we just saw that package. Mr. Bertucci: They pick up right here (pointing) and turn north and run north of where that old Coconut Beach area is. Commissioner Stack: You realize the section in Jefferson Parish that you have to deal with East Jefferson Levee District? Mr. Bertucci: Yes.

Jay Proskovec – PCCP Constructors

Mr. Proskovec: I was going to give a quick update on the temporary right of way that we are renting from this Authority. We have some preliminary drawings from our Survey Department. What we are looking at here in this drawing is the temporary right of way that we are leasing from the Authority. On the right hand side is the west boundary of the permanent right of way and you can't see it very clearly, but as it stands now you see this very light green line here and here are areas of standing water where the current configuration of the property does not drain. There is an existing grate inlet right here that is covered and does not drain the area very well either. This is the current configuration of the current state of the property. What we are proposing to do is to grade the area so that it will drain in the future so it can be put to some practical use and not always have standing water on it. You have seen the arrows here for the direction of the flow, it would all work its way toward that drain inlet. We would need to pull the top on that drain inlet and clean it out to make sure that it drains positively so that drainage can be achieved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Motion to approve sort and long term recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Lakeshore Drive on uniform traffic control and parking system for safe operation of motor vehicles and recreational uses on Lakeshore Drive**
- 2) **Discussion regarding the use of the parking lots and bays on the east side of Lakeshore Drive**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Chairman Trask announced that the next Recreation/Subdivision meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.