

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2015 – 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, February 5, 2015 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.

Chair Ernst called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

PRESENT:

Chair Greg Ernst
Comm. William Settoon
Comm. Stanley Brien

FURTHERMORE PRESENT:

Comm. Thomas Fierke

ABSENT:

Vice Chair Darrel Saizan

STAFF:

Cornelia Ullmann – Chief Operating Officer
Sharon Martiny - Non-Flood
Capt. Craig Boudreaux – OLD Police

ALSO PRESENT:

Charles Curtis – Legal Counsel
Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant
Walter Baudier - DEI
Jim Martin – DEI
John Davis – Lake Vista
Tom Long – Lake Vista Crime Prevention
Lynn Long – Lake Vista Property Owners
Ray Landeche – Lakeshore Resident
Dawn Hebert – Resident, N.O. East
Sally Walker – Resident
Kim Zibilich – Resident
Greg Stewart – Wren Street, LLC
Lori Stewart – Wren St., LLC
Dianne Caverly – Resident, Lake Vista
Steve Bernard – Resident
Tim Moffett – Resident
Lloyd Jarreau – Metro Security
Calvin Lopes

ADOPT AGENDA

Comm. Settoon offered a motion to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Comm. Brien and unanimously adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. Brien offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2014 and January 8, 2015 Recreation/Subdivision Committee meetings, seconded by Comm. Settoon and unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON CURRENT RECREATION/SUBDIVISION ISSUES

Chair Ernst noted that the items on the Agenda speak for themselves, and will be addressed under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1) Traffic Controls on Lakeshore Drive

The COO advised that this item would be deferred. This item addresses the accident on Lakeshore Drive of January 2, 2015. To date, no police report has been issued.

2) Discussion and status of La. Dept of Transportation and Development projects (Lakeshore Drive Recreational/Operational Improvements - \$279,000 and Lake Vista Sidewalk/Multi-Use Path Repairs - \$400,000) for inclusion in the Transportation Alternatives Program for 2014-2016

The COO advised that both projects require community participation. Formal resolution accepting the grant offer must be submitted by March 31, 2015. The Authority previously passed a resolution for the bike path project which stated the Authority would participate and be the sponsoring organization; Lakeview Civic Association would be the partner, provide the 20% local match and all other related costs and expenses and maintain the project. Resolutions are needed with respect to these two projects, which can be recommended to the full board at the February 26th meeting. The bike path is located on the New Basin Canal Park, which is the long park that runs from Robt. E. Lee to Veterans. Chair Ernst noted that the Authority is partnering with Lakeview Civic Improvement Association. Comm. Stack spearheaded the project for Lake Vista Sidewalk/Multi-Use Path project with the DOTD. There is money available. The Authority pays 20% of the project, plus the engineering costs, and the remainder will be paid by the State.

Chair Ernst advised that there is \$400,000 set aside for the Lake Vista Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Repairs. One question is whether the Authority could partner with Lake Vista Property Owners for the 20% local contribution. The project will replace existing 4-foot paths with new 5-foot paths. The lighting will be repaired and updated. This item will be discussed further and recommended for approval at the board meeting.

The COO advised that the Lakeshore Drive Recreation and Operational Improvements grant amount is \$279,000 and has a 20% match. The project involves restriping of Lakeshore Drive, cross walks, etc.

As long as federal funds are not accepted, the Authority can decide not to go forward. All committee members were in favor of recommending to the full board that the Authority proceed with application for DOTD funds and the motion carried to the full Board.

3) Discussion regarding coordination and consideration of requests (current and anticipated) for Lakefront events for the weekends including Saturday, August 29, 2015 (10 year anniversary of Katrina).

The COO informed that the Authority is receiving requests for events on the weekend of the 10 year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Before any requests are granted, it is important that Non-Flood and Flood Authority of Orleans Levee District consider what, if any, events the Levee District will host for the 10-year anniversary. One event request is for a small run (200 participants) from Shelter No. 1 to Marconi and back. The event date requested is the morning of Saturday, August 29, 2015. OLD police will be required for the event, but it is not known what other commitments the police will have. This is something that the full Board has to discuss.

Tom Long, Lake Vista Resident, advised that the CBD will have Katrina 10 media centers throughout the City. There will be a comprehensive list of Katrina events and where those events will be held. Media will be intense with all national and international media present for this occasion.

4) Discussion regarding Metro Security patrolling the internal parks and parkways

Tom Long, Lake Vista Crime Prevention District (LVCPD), addressed the January Crime Prevention meeting to discuss crime in Lake Vista in follow-up to home burglaries over the Christmas and New Year holidays. The Crime Prevention District is authorized to levy and collect a security fee and hire patrols as authorized by a bill in the legislature. It was suggested that Metro Patrol pass through the parks in the patrol trucks. Before a patrol truck is sent onto public property, several issues must be addressed to ensure that everyone is on the same page regarding this issue. The security vehicle is a small Nissan truck used by Metro Security. The truck will not only patrol the streets, but occasionally go through the parks during daytime hours only.

Issues include: Who will determine if the ground is dry enough to send patrol vehicles into the park areas? Certain parks drain better than others; who will determine which parks are too wet to drive on? Liability and legal questions include whether a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is required to send a truck through public property; what insurance coverage will be required and will the LVCPD be immune from any incidents/accidents in the park? These issues must be addressed before steps are taken regarding park patrol.

Chair Ernst requested counsel for the Board give a legal opinion regarding the Authority's exposure and any potential impact by agreeing to these patrols. The insurance agent of record can comment on whether the Authority would be added as an additional insured on Metro Security's insurance policy.

5) Status of Wren Street development

The COO advised that the Authority's architect approved the Wren Street plans that were submitted. There is no objection from the Authority's architect. The COO advised that covenants are included in the title work. Residents are required to sign and initial the title acknowledging the homeowner is aware there are subdivision restrictions. Mr. Curtis advised that the City would not accept plans until the plans were stamped by the Levee Board. He has not heard that the process has changed, but it depends on who one speaks with at the City when you submit the plans.

Chair Ernst questioned if Mr. Pappalardo had any history of this as far as the process is concerned, especially since we approved the resolution delegating this responsibility to outside architects. Mr. Pappalardo repeated what Mr. Settoon said, it was always that the City would not look at the plans without the Levee District stamp. It is possible that with the change of names from Orleans Levee District to Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority has thrown the City for a loop and perhaps a letter from the Authority letting them know that the Authority has now taken over the responsibility of approving the plans.

Chair Ernst informed the Committee that the City approved the plans to go forward without the Non-Flood Authority plans. Mr. Stewart advised that when you submit plans to the City it is done electronically. The plans are reviewed and the City leaves comments regarding items to be corrected or documents the City is looking for. The last item was a pile load test before a permit was issued, which is when this issue arose. The Authority issued a Cease and Desist letter. The permit status lists a Letter of No Objection from the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority, which the developer now has.

Chair Ernst noted that the Board is in charge of ensuring the subdivision restrictions are protected. That is the issue that was placed on the Committee Agenda and it will go before the full Board on February 26, 2015. NFPAMA attorney Curtis will give a legal opinion regarding legal implications involving the covenants. He advised that this parcel would allow condominiums under the building restrictions as it was originally for apartments; condominiums fall under that definition.

Greg Stewart, Wren Street LLC, informed the Committee that there will be sixteen condos on each side of the cul-de-sac with each condominium being two stories above

parking and containing three bedrooms. Average square footage is 1,800-2,200 square feet and the sales price ranges between \$480,000 to \$650,000. The 16 units share an elevator, and there is a common corridor. Dumpsters will be located in the garage and each side will have its own dumpster. Each unit will have a small storage space and there are will be 52 parking places, three for each unit. The City issued a demolition permit and the remaining units will be torn down when the Authority approves demolition.

Chair Ernst suggested deferring the issue until February 26th board meeting in order to hear public comment and the residents' reactions to the development. The Lake Vista Property Owners Association will schedule a meeting prior to Monday of next week. If there are no reactions or comments, the Authority will move forward consistent with the opinion of its attorney and architectural approval. Comm. Settoon requested that Mr. Stewart or his architect make a slide show that is not architectural drawings, but something that members of the public can identify with for the meeting with the subdivision residents.

6) Distribution of FY 2015-2016 budget

The COO advised that this was the distribution of the FY 2015-2016 proposed budget for this committee was circulated earlier in the day. It is primarily Lakeshore Drive and includes grass cutting. Chair Ernst urged the committee to review the budget more carefully so when the committee returns for the March meeting more detailed questions can be asked. That will give enough time to go over the numbers.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Ernst announced that the next Recreation/Subdivision meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Comm. Brien offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Comm. Settoon and unanimously adopted. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.