

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Non-Flood Asset Protection Management Authority was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., in the Lake Vista Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6:27 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  
Comm. Patrick DeRouen  
Comm. Michael Stack

**ABSENT**

Vice Chair Darrel Saizan

**STAFF:**

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

**OPENING COMMENTS**

Waived

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 5, 2015 Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting have been deferred.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1) Discussion regarding motorized vehicles (golf carts, mini-bikes, etc.) in the parks, parkways, lanes, etc. of Lake Vista**

Chair Ernst addressed the use of motorized vehicles in the parks and advised of a complaint from Lake Vista Property Owners Association along with a request that Capt. Boudreaux periodically check the parks. Comm. Settoon noted that the ordinance read “Ride a vehicle across neutral grounds, park or public place.” There is a related issue with the age of those driving gulf-carts as the Lake Vista By Laws state that parks are for the exclusive use of children of Lake Vista. Chair Ernst requested Mr. Metzger give a legal opinion on whether the City Ordinance applies to the parks in Lake Vista and the law with respect to motorized vehicles in the parks owned by this Authority. Comm. Settoon requested the age factor be addressed in the legal opinion.

Comm. Fierke noted that the cut-throughs at the top of the cul-de-sacs are owned by the Authority; it is actually part of the park, not the servitude or easement. Residents are planting shrubs to obstruct people from walking through them. The COO advised of complaints, but no action has been taken at this point. The old Levee Board had

surveyors on staff who would stake out Levee District property and inform the homeowner accordingly. This Authority does not have a surveyor to determine what is considered Levee District property. Comm. Brien advised that there is no obstruction on Dove Street. The neighbor next door advised me that it was the only unobstructed path because I was taken aback at the steady stream of people walking next to my house. There was nothing indicating the path in any legal documents. Recently they had the disclosure documents changed to reflect that.

## **2) Discussion of speed cameras and other traffic control measures on Lakeshore Drive**

Chair Ernst requested Capt. Boudreaux give Board members a recommendation regarding speeding and safety issues on Lakeshore Drive, particularly around Shelter No. 1 and the turn on to Lakeshore Dr.

Capt. Boudreaux informed the Board that OLD Police are down to 24 officers. The NOPD officers patrol across from Brisbi's and issue citations for speeding. Speed cameras could be placed near Shelter No. 1 where the fatal accident occurred in January. Cameras could also be placed near the bridge at Stars & Stripes Blvd. NOPD officers previously issued 40 citations within one hour at that location. Comm. Stack advised that NOPD was paid through a safety grant through Highway Safety Commission.

Comm. Stack informed the Committee that research indicates speed cameras relocate speeding along the corridor, and suggested additional police enforcement that can move around to different locations. Capt. Boudreaux agreed to provide off duty detail officers to patrol the area and issue citations. There is a four hour minimum at \$35.00 per hour for one detail officer.

Comm. Settoon stated that the Lakeshore Property Owners Association suggested speed bumps be placed on Lakeshore Dr. to prevent speeding. Comm. Stack advised that speed bumps cause the tire to leave the surface of the roadway. The immediate concern is to authorize funding for police patrol. The COO noted that police detail is an operational expense and can be authorized without Board approval. Comm. Stack requested a limit of \$10,000 for police detail on Lakeshore Dr. and suggested that bicyclists be aware of safety issues and warned accordingly.

## **3) Further discussion regarding portable toilets for Lakeshore Drive**

Mr. Dixon advised that a two stall restroom trailer (\$2,706) with a one-time set up charge (\$1,000) would cost \$3,706 for the first month. The Authority is responsible for cleaning and utilities and the vendor pumps the restroom once a month.

Chair Ernst questioned the time frame in which the shelters would be completely refurbished. The COO advised that utilities (water and electricity) must be turned on, shelter doors must be reframed and replaced with secure doors and the shelters need to be cleaned. Advertisements will be placed for a maintenance person and a back-up person for Lakeshore Dr. or the Authority could pay a flat fee for an operator, such as a snowball stand, to run the Shelters. Once utilities are turned on an RFP for a snowball stand could be advertised. The Blue Crab expressed interest in the shelter as an auxiliary kitchen, but that would require a complete code change. The Health Dept. declined the permit as this was not a traditional use for the Shelters. There is an argument that the property is this Authority's private property. Shelters are old recreational models costing the Authority money and should be gutted and replaced with picnic tables. Chair Ernst advised that the new shelter will have sufficient restroom facilities. There are public places with restrooms throughout the country that people go to for recreational purposes. Once a secure door is obtained for the shelters, a person could be hired to open and maintain the restrooms on a daily basis. The COO suggested opening the shelter from Thursday afternoon through Sunday night and replacing the doors with roll down doors, which are more secure and difficult to kick in.

Mr. Dixon advised that port-o-lets are \$75 each per month and are cleaned weekly. Currently, there is one port-o-let located at each Shelter. The Non-Flood Authority provides the port-o-lets. The COO advised the backflow preventer will cost approximately \$75,000.

Comm. Settoon questioned the status of N.O. Paddleboards. The COO advised N.O. Paddleboard is not functioning. The Blue Crab fuel dock should be functioning on the water and land side, but the land side has no terminals or signs because it interferes with parking for the restaurant. Blue Crab wanted to sublet to N.O. Paddleboard, but the lease does not allow sub leases. Mr. Asprodites' attorneys wrote in a March, 2015 letter that Mr. Asprodites owns a parent company with many small corporations, therefore it is not subleasing. I have not had a chance to respond. Mr. Asprodites informed that the Coast Guard does not have an issue with paddleboards as the Canal is a public waterway and was vigilant that the Levee District could not dictate what types of vessels could function in that canal. Comm. Settoon noted that paddleboards are a safety issue.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Chair Ernst announced that the next Recreation/Subdivision meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 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 7:20 p.m.