

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of the Recreation-Subdivision Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday November 15, 2016 – 11:30 a.m.**

The regular meeting of the Recreation-Subdivision Committees of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Thursday, November 15, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Lake Vista Community Center located at 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 Wheaton called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance. The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

**Present:**

Chair Rodger Wheaton  
Comm. Greg Ernst  
Comm. William Settoon  
Comm. Dawn Hebert

**Staff:**

Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant

**Also Present:**

Monte Shalet – Lake Vista resident  
Michael Moffett – LVPOA  
Ann Duffy – Lake Oaks resident

**Adopt Agenda**

Comm. Ernst moved to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Comm. Hebert. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Comm. Wheaton offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2016 Joint Legal/Recreation-Subdivision Committee meeting, second by Comm. Ernst.

**Opening Comments:**

Chair Wheaton noted that Charles Silbernagel, Architect, will not be in attendance as his mother is ill.

**Public Comments (Shelter No. 1):**

Mike Moffett and Kevin Lagraize discussed issues regarding a fence at 6402 Beauregard. Mr. Moffett noted that if the Authority allowed this type of fence for one person, it would potentially allow every neighbor to follow suit.

Chair Wheaton advised that the residents would have to reach some type of compromise within the scope of the building restrictions regarding the fence. The Authority does not have the funding to initiate lawsuits against homeowners not complying with the building restrictions. These issues should be addressed with each neighborhood association. The Authority does not have adequate staff to ensure compliance with building restrictions. The Authority cannot waive anything, but can encourage residents to resolve these issues between themselves.

Ann Duffy advised of a large hole in Lake Oaks Park that is used for drainage. The grate fell off leaving an uncovered hole. Mrs. Duffy requested that this be repaired as it is a safety issue.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Discussion regarding request of Terry and Rhonda Hall regarding camouflage to backflow preventer located across the street from 500 Lakeshore Pkwy.**

This item was deferred as the Halls were not in attendance. Chair Wheaton advised this is an issue regarding a backflow preventer located across the street from the Hall's new residence. Entergy has also erected a new electrical rack. It is possible a screen or chain link fence could be erected around the electrical

rack and the backflow preventer. The Authority should not get into the position that it is paying for landscaping to hide backflow preventers. Approval for such landscaping will but authorized, but paying for the landscaping will be up to the resident. There are two or three Entergy racks that impact the neighborhoods. The Authority will give approval to put shrubs or mesh around the backflow preventers and Entergy vaults for a few thousand dollars.

### **New Business**

#### **2) Discussion and approval to enter into a contract with the selected licensed architect to review house plans for the Non Flood Protection Asset Management Authority**

Deferred as the standing Committee has not had sufficient time to review and grade the submittals. Comm. Wheaton suggested the full standing Committee review the five (5) proposals and address issues such as resubmittal fees for plans reviewed more than one time. The Authority can present the fee schedule to several firms and advise that the Architects can be approved as long as they accept the fee schedule. Residents would then have a choice of architects to submit plans in the event that one architect is not available for review. Staff should also be taken out of the interfacing with the residents as there are an abundant amount of phone calls.

#### **3) Discussion regarding fence at 6402 Beauregard (Kevin Lagraize)**

The issue was addressed under public comments.

#### **4) Discussion regarding fences and locks at the entrances of the easements in Lake Oaks subdivision**

Mrs. Duffy advised the Committee that the fences were erected by Orleans Levee District and the keys to the easements were kept at the O.L.D. Police Station. When a resident had to gain entry to the easement, the O.L.D. Police would give them the key. Many gates and fences to the easements are in poor condition and many no longer have locks. Some of the fences are covered with vines and the grass surrounding the easements is high. Some residents are trying to clean the easements, but some neighbors think the high grass prevents burglars from entering the homes. I would like to see the easements back to the way they were prior to Hurricane Katrina.

Chair Wheaton advised that the subdivisions are very different. The easements with fences and locks are only located in Lake Oaks. It is not known if the fencing is legal. This issue was brought to the attention of this Authority when a resident had to gain entry to his utilities. Gerry Gillen, Executive Director of the Flood Authority, instructed Maintenance to cut the chain lock with a bolt cutter. It is not known where the keys to the easements are located. The gates are in various states of repair. The NFPAMA now employs a maintenance person. The Authority does not want to maintain or replace fences and gates when it is unknown if this procedure is legal. The Authority is trying to get back where it was pre-Katrina.

Comm. Ernst suggested turning maintenance of the easements back to the Homeowners Association as there are no keys. The Authority does not have the resources to maintain the easements, gates and locks. The easements may have been maintained by the Authority in the past, but we do not have the resources to provide those services at this time.

Comm. Wheaton noted that the Authority is prepared to give the easements back to the Property Owners Associations as far as maintenance and upkeep. Entergy has advised that gates are not needed. This Authority does not take the position to maintain or lock and unlock those gates. The gates are not attractive and this Authority does not want to spend money to repair or replace gates that may have to be torn down at a later date.

**5) Discussion regarding the potential screening of electrical panels**

This issue was discussed under New Business Item No. 1.

**Announce Next Recreation/Subdivision Meeting**

Chair Wheaton announced the next Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Comm. Hebert offered a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Comm. Ernst. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.