

NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Recreation-Subdivision Committee Meeting
Thursday March 9, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Recreation-Subdivision Committees of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., in the 2nd Floor Conference Center – Lakefront Airport Terminal Building located at 6001 Stars & Stripes 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 Wheaton called the meeting to order at 4:36 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

Furthermore Present:

Commissioner Stanley Brien

Staff:

Jesse D. Noel, P.E. – Executive Director
Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant
Ngoc Ford – Deputy Director

Also Present:

Gerry Metzger – Legal Counsel
Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant
Mike Moffett – Lake Vista Property Owners Assn.
Monte Shalet – Lake Vista Resident
Ray Landeche – Lakeshore Resident
William Wright – Shelter No. 1 Lessee
Bob Mora – Batture
Nathan Lott – Water Collaborative

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Ernst offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2016 Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting minutes, second by Comm. Hebert. Motion passed.

Public Comments

None

Director's Report

E.D. Jesse Noel presented the proposed Mission Statement that will focus the direction of staff. Each Committee will have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Mission Statement, which will be presented to the Full Board on March 30, 2017 for final approval. The Authority is currently operating under the 2005 O.L.D. Policies and Procedures manual. A special meeting of the Human Resource Committee will address implementation of a revised Policies and Procedures manual for NFPAMA employees. The current grass cutting contract is being reviewed for possible alternatives and efficiencies.

Presentations

Presentation by Nathan Lott – Water Collaborative

Mr. Lott advised of concerns from residents of Lake Vista regarding storm water runoff and the threat of some flooding in the Lakeview neighborhoods resulting from that storm water. There is an abundance of potential green space in the interior parks and parkways that could be used for water drainage. Parishes including Jefferson, St. Bernard and Orleans are in the implementation stage of proposed storm water drainage programs provided by Water Collaborative, who is looking for the opportunity to partner with NFPAMA to provide green infrastructure plans for all Lakeview neighborhoods to address flooding concerns. Chair Wheaton agreed with the potential prospects provided by Water Collaborative regarding sinking points in the parks and parkways, which could be resolved with the proposed drainage provided by Water Collaborative.

Old Business

1. Discussion and status regarding sharefile capability for electronic submission of house, fence and pool plans for review by Licensed Architects Status regarding tree trimming along St. Bernard

Mr. Noel advised that he is working with IT staff to determine options for security of NFPAMA documents. Staff is considering such options as FTP, Sharepoint, Dropbox, and Office 365 to transmit large data files amongst staff and professional consultants. Concerns regarding security of house plans will be addressed prior to use of such sharefiles.

2. Motion to recommend approval to the full Board for a “text amendment” regarding Shelters 1 & 2 to allow two restaurants/concession stands at the sites of current Shelters 1 and 2 as a permitted use within area of Lakefront Park between West End and Bayou St. John that is zoned SL-P and report on meeting with Councilmember Brossett

Chair Wheaton advised that this would authorize the Executive Director to move forward with a way to bring Shelter Nos. 1 and 2 back on line. The Authority moved forward with a lease for Shelter No. 1, and the lessee has encountered difficulties in obtaining the required permits to proceed with plans for Shelter No. 1 due to zoning issues. The Authority is aware of concerns from residents of the surrounding neighborhoods, and protections were included in the lease for Shelter No. 1 to address those concerns. The zoning is S-LP, which currently deems the 1936 Shelters illegal buildings. As a result of the adoption of the CZO, which may have been done without the knowledge of the O.L.D., the zoning is more restrictive in the area of Shelter Nos. 1 and 2. There was a meeting with E.D. Noel, presidents of Lake Vista and Lakeshore, Chair Heaton and a representative for the City Planning Commission (Stephen Crowell). The concept of bringing Shelter Nos. 1 and 2 back on line was favorable. The cleanest option is to include a text amendment, which would not change the zoning but would allow a permitted use to restaurants and concessions stands only limited to two in number in the location of Shelter Nos. 1 and 2. FEMA invested funds to repair Shelter No. 1, and the Authority pays for flood insurance for the Shelters. Shelter rental will bring much needed revenue to the Authority to cover the cost of the required flood insurance. Shelter Nos. 3 and 4 are presently shuttered, and are not leasable because those Shelters contain only restrooms; no kitchen or concession area. Ray Landeche noted for the record that he is opposed to opening the shelters, and suggested using Lake Terrace Pkwy. or the Old Naval Reserve Facility to open the desired concession/restaurants that will be opened at Shelter Nos. 1 and 2.

3. Status on Lake Terrace Fountain including Entergy rebuild of electrical service and estimate of needed repairs to fountain and pump house

Deferred.

New Business

4. Discussion regarding issuing an RFP for Licensed Arborists to submit bid packages to trim trees in the parks and parkways

Deferred.

5. Motion to recommend approval to the full Board the request from PCCP Constructors (a Kiewit joint venture), to extend their lease terms through August 31, 2017

Chair Wheaton advised that PCCP has agreed under the original contract to return the leased area to the state it was originally in when it was leased by NFPAMA. The lessee shall grade the leased premises to drain and will reestablish the turf at the end of the lease. PCCP is requesting a two month extension of the lease, which currently ends on June 30, 2017.

Comm. Ernst moved to recommend to the full Board an extension of the PCCP lease, second by Comm. Settoon.

Announce Next Recreation/Subdivision Meeting

Chair Wheaton announced the next Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Comm. Settoon offered a motion to adjourn, second by Comm. Ernst. The meeting ended at 6:33 p.m.