

NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Recreation-Subdivision Committee Meeting
Tuesday September 21, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Recreation-Subdivision Committees of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Tuesday, September 21, 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 4:30 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

Furthermore Present:

Chair Wilma Heaton

Absent:

Comm. Dawn Hebert

Staff:

Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant
Ngoc Ford – Deputy Director

Also Present:

Gerry Metzger – Legal Counsel
Ray Landeche – Lakeshore Resident
Monte Shalett – Lake Vista Resident
Mike Moffett – Lake Vista Resident
William Wright – Bernadotte Ventures
Ron Welcker - Bernadotte Ventures
Ann Duffy – Lake Oaks Resident
William Rafferty – House of Representatives (Hilferty)

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 June 6, 2017 Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting minutes, second by Comm. Settoon. Comm. Ernst offered a motion to approve the July 20, 2017 Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting minutes, second by Comm. Settoon. Comm. Ernst offered a motion to approve the August 22, 2017 Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting minutes, second by Comm. Settoon. Motions passed.

Director's Report

Deputy Director Ngoc Ford reported that the E.D. is currently working on the Asset Management Plan and will have a draft to all Committees in October. Lakeshore Landing will continue with the concert series in September on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A promotion had been given to Ms. Martiny, who will now be working under the new Maintenance and Operations Manager. The promotion was approved by Civil Service and will enable Committees to receive detailed reports of ongoing projects within the Authority. The E.D. continues preparing the new grass cutting plans and specs which are being done in-house.

Chair Wheaton added that the plans are being prepared in-house in lieu of the DEI contract, which is upward of \$50,000 for preparation of the specs by DEI. Chair Heaton noted that renegotiation of the MOU with the Flood Authority will determine if it is feasible that the Flood Authority assist with grass cutting as they have the required equipment. The MOU was prepared in 2007 and revised in the latter part of 2008; the MOU has not been updated since. There are many properties that have come on line that are not identified as Flood or Non-Flood, which properties will be renegotiated in the new MOU. The Board will have final approval of the renegotiated MOU. A current MOU will be distributed to all Committees for consideration of what issues will be brought forward for renegotiation.

Public Comments

Ray Landeche (Lakeshore Resident) addressed the zoning for Shelter No. 1 and requested a copy of the Master Plan that E.D. Noel is preparing prior to any future zoning proposals as the neighborhood associations are not in favor of that zoning change either. Mr. Landeche requested a review of the process and plan for the 5.6 miles of linear park that should be open to the public and the 30% open space calculations.

Old Business

1) Update regarding Shelter No. 1 zoning

Chair Wheaton noted that there are no new issues regarding Shelter No. 1. A letter was received from Lake Vista requesting the Authority place a concession stand at the Shelter 1 site, which is no more appropriate than a restaurant as it is still a commercial development. The Authority will entertain a proposal from Lake Vista to open a concession stand run by possibly St. Pius as the Authority lacks personnel to run the Shelter and handle cash transactions for the Shelter. The facility could be used for maintenance staff or a Park Ranger could be placed in the Shelter on weekends.

Mr. Moffett clarified that the LVPOA feels a concession stand might be justified, but nothing more than a concession stand. Lakeshore Dr. is the only part of New Orleans lacking a Master Plan setting out a path forward for that area. The Master Plan should be developed with public support in order for the Authority to develop properties without public debate. The process is backwards as the Authority is attempting to do land use planning based on the need for maintenance of public restrooms. The general community consensus is that it is better to have plan and direction prior to development.

2) Update on Lake Terrace Fountain including Entergy rebuild of electrical service

Mrs. Ford advised that a licensed plumber has been retained to file 6-month vacancy inspection to ensure the water is turned on to the Lake Terrace Fountain. Entergy was given permission to demolish the old vault and rebuild the new one at no cost to the Authority, and Entergy has agreed.

3) Update current year parks and parkways budget

Mrs. Ford noted that Shelter 2 is at 60% completion. Staff will request to transfer \$225,000 from the Alternate Project budget line to Major Maintenance for repair of shelters, fountains and restroom facilities. Comm. Ernst requested a breakdown of what the \$225,000 will be used for.

New Business

4) Motion to recommend an extension to Bernadotte Ventures LLC lease of Shelter No. 1

Chair Wheaton advised the Mr. Wright (Bernadotte Ventures) pays insurance on Shelter No. 1, and as per the lease paid a \$2,500 deposit to lease Shelter No. 2. Mr. Wright has done several repairs on the Shelter, has painted the Shelter and made it a safer place for the public. In light of the opposition from Lake Vista and Lakeshore, Mr. Wright has elected to move forward with plans for the Shelter. Mr. Wright also ran into opposition of how the Authority approached the City Planning Commission regarding permitted/conditional use of the Shelter.

Comm. Settoon moved to recommend to the Board an extension to Bernadotte Ventures LLC lease of Shelter No. 1, second by Comm. Ernst. The vote to recommend was unanimous.

1) Review and recommendation of Capital Outlay Request for recreational property

Chair Heaton advised that the application for Capital Outlay Requests must be in Baton Rouge by November 1, 2017. Although there is little that the State can give, requests by each Committee must be vetted to determine the priorities. Several Airport requests will be dropped from the list as those projects can be funded through the FAA. E.D. Noel recommends striping on Lakeshore Drive and playground equipment as requests out of the Recreation/Subdivision Committee. The list must be approved by the September 28, 2017 Board meeting.

Announce Next Recreation/Subdivision Meeting

Chair Wheaton announced the next Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Comm. Settoon offered a motion to adjourn, second by Comm. Ernst. The meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.