

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2016 – 3:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Non-Flood Asset Protection Management Authority was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 3:30 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 3:36 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called which did not constitute a quorum.

**Present:**

Chair Greg Ernst  
Comm. William Settoon  
Comm. Stanley Brien

**Staff:**

Cornelia Ullmann – Chief Operating Officer  
Sharon Martiny - Non-Flood  
Melissa Bailey – Accounting

**Also Present:**

Ray Landeche – Lakeshore resident

**Opening Comments**

Chair Ernst noted that the budget process is one of the most important charges of the Board. The COO advised that each committee vets their budget before it is presented at a special budget meeting (Finance Committee – March 15, 2016). The budget is passed in March and due in Baton Rouge April 1, 2016.

**Adopt Agenda**

Comm. Settoon moved to adopt the Agenda, second by Comm. Brien. Motion passed.

**Approve Minutes**

Comm. Settoon moved to approve the December 8, 2015 Joint Marina/Commercial Real Estate/Recreation minutes, second by Comm. Brien. Motion passed.

**Report on Current Recreation/Subdivision Issues**

The COO advised that the two Chairs for the Beautification of Lake Vista Property Owners' Association will assist with getting projects in the parks completed. Projects include cleaning the signs, clearing drains and completing lane markers, which will assist Entergy and S&WB with directions in the parks. The cost for these projects (approximately \$1,000.00) was included in the budget under Informal Maintenance.

There is electricity at Shelter No. 1. The S&WB must inspect the backflow preventer before the water is turned on. The next step is to clean the Shelter and toilets, and determine the condition of Shelter No. 1. Shelter No. 2 was vandalized over the weekend, and S&WB must inspect that backflow preventer. Several lights have gone out on the east end of Lakeshore Dr., and copper wire was stolen from the light posts. Theft of copper wire and stainless steel bolts is ongoing and very expensive to repair. The Flood Authority has been paying the repair costs. Theft of copper wire takes place near Shelters 3 and 4, and out of camera range. Cameras located in Lake Vista are expensive with NOPD having access to the cameras on a limited basis. The cameras are located in city light posts and photograph each car and the license plate entering or leaving Lake Vista. Under the CEA with the City, the camera film/images can be accessed only after a police report is filed. The Flood Authority has no agreement with the City as light poles are owned by the Flood Authority. Cameras can be placed in those poles and monitored by O.L.D. police. Chair Hassinger and the Flood Authority Board are working through the camera issue.

Shelter No. 3 is near completion. Approximately \$22,000 was authorized in the budget for interior/exterior graffiti coating for the Shelter. There is electricity, but Shelter No. 3 has not been turned over to date. Restrooms are not open, and vandalism measures were taken to secure the electrical box. Hundreds of high school students were having a picnic at Shelter No. 4 recently.

Donald Trump will be arriving at Lakefront Airport to give a speech. Orleans Levee District P.D., NOPD and Secret Service will provide security for the event. Donald Trump for President, LLC rented the Ball Park (east apron) and the lot for parking. The Authority will not incur any costs; it will be paid by the Trump campaign.

## **New Business**

### **1) Discussion of the Lakefront/Park & Parkways FY 2017 proposed budget**

The COO advised that Maria Chedid (Comptroller – Flood Authority) will notify when millage funds are received. The millage goes to the Flood Authority as Orleans Levee District authorized the millage. Approximately \$1,360,000 is expected in millage fiscal year 2017, which is a conservative estimate. Millage funds are received in several payments: two large payments in March and April and smaller amounts as taxes are collected. Taxes are due by February 1, 2016. Chair Ernst requested the COO follow-up with the Flood Authority regarding the tax millage funds as those funds are important for this Authority's budget.

Chair Ernst noted that BP are not part of the budget. The COO advised that the budget is an estimation of revenues and expenses. The BP funds are like money in the bank and can be supplemented in the budget as needed. FEMA funds (Other FEMA Reimbursement) were included to balance the budget. The Authority paid for items that FEMA reimbursed so receipt of the income is included in the budget. This is reimbursement for direct administrative costs. Duncan Laughridge (Stuart Consulting) is adept at moving deductibles to maximize money received from FEMA. This was the aggregate of closing out PWs only at the Airport. This is not alternate funding as those funds have not yet been received.

Chair Ernst noted that the alternate funding will not be shown in the budget. Those funds are one-time monies that will affect decisions regarding expenditures. The overall budget has a shocking \$2 million deficit. The COO advised that facilities make requests and staff projects costs for those items. That negative number is resolved by reducing Capital Expenditures (money spent on attorneys and engineering projects). When a positive cash flow is shown, it is moved to Informal Major Maintenance or Capital Expenditures to be spent. The COO advised that the budget deficit is a result of the Lakefront being a non-revenue producing asset. The Lakefront will reflect negative expenses, which is offset by NFA Administrative (tax revenue). The negative \$1,575.03 will be offset by the tax revenue. The \$74,436 negative at the Airport will be offset by a reduction in expenses so the projected income will meet the expected expenses. Chair Ernst requested a revised budget spreadsheet showing a zero balance.

Chair Ernst requested that the Lake Terrace Fountain be removed from the Recreation budget. The COO advised that Lakeshore Dr. is a non-revenue producing asset - a statutory obligation – and rolled into the General Fund, which is everything that is not a specific enterprise fund. The proposed grass cutting budget (Contractual Services) is \$532,000. Additional cuts were added to meet grass cutting obligations. Chair Ernst advised of a possible Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Flood Authority to reduce costs, but keep the same number of cuts. As no decision has been made on the issue the cost will remain in the budget.

Tree Maintenance and Removal is the same as last year, but Landscaping are doubled due to the beds at the Airport and planters along Lakeshore Drive. As more of the seawall is cemented, more planters are added. The planters require frequent weeding, dirt and bedding materials. The Fiscal Year 2017 budget includes Undesignated Reserves - reserve money that could be spent under this current budget. That amount

is anticipated revenue that could be spent on opening the shelters. The Facilities Maintenance Manager could be used to better monitor the Shelters. A budget for Maintenance Manager II is important due to the facilities opening up.

The COO advised that the budget was combined with Orleans Levee District and SLFPA-E. The budget is submitted to the State and rolled in with SLFPA-E.

**Announcement of Next Meeting**

Chair Ernst announced that the next Recreation/Subdivision meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Comm. Settoon moved to adjourn, second by Comm. Brien. Motion passed.  
The meeting ended at 4:41 p.m.