

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 2016 at 3:30 p.m., in the Lake Vista Community Center, 2nd 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 Wheaton called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

Present:

Chair Rodger Wheaton
Comm. William Settoon
Comm. Stanley Brien
Comm. Dawn Hebert

Furthermore Present:

Comm. Thomas Fierke

Staff:

Ken Schwingshagl – Executive Director
Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant

Also Present:

Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant
Stephen Villavaso – LVPOA
Rhonda Hall – Resident
Terry Hall – Resident
Robert Lupo – Lake Vista
Ann Duffy – Lake Oaks
Dennis McSeveney – Lake Terrace
Dawn Hebert – New Orleans
Octave Raney
Pearl Cantrelle
Monte Shalett
Ray Landeche – Lakeshore resident

Opening Comments

Chair Wheaton noted many items on the Agenda and advised that the meeting will proceed fairly quickly.

Adopt Agenda

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

Approve Minutes

Comm. Brien moved to approve the May 5, 2016 Recreation minutes, second by Chair Wheaton. Motion passed.

Report on Current Recreation/Subdivision Issues

Presentations

Hugh Bartlett – Request to use former Naval Reserve Facility as a soccer field

Hugh Bartlett of New Orleans International Sports Exchange appeared before the Committee to request use of the former Naval Reserve Facility located on Lakeshore Drive for a soccer facility. Mr. Bartlett provided a presentation on the project and advised that fill from the levee capping project could be used to create a soccer facility.

Chair Wheaton advised that creating a soccer field will require a significant amount of funding that the Authority does not have. The Authority cannot support this venture, and there is currently not enough information to approve this request. Comm. Fierke suggested advertising an RFP for that parcel of land to determine any potential use of the area, which is located outside of flood protection. Chair Wheaton suggested the item be tabled and that an RFP be prepared and structured for a recreational use area as the Lakefront is currently under-utilized.

Old Business

1) Discussion and approval to exercise the third option of four 1-year options for the Rotolo Consultants, Inc. grass cutting contract

The E. D. advised that Rotolo Consultants currently has the contract for grass cutting. Rotolo provides satisfactory services and should be granted the third option included in the current contract. Comm. Settoon moved to exercise the third option, second by Comm. Brien. The item will be placed on the July 28, 2016 Board Agenda.

2) Discussion and approval to execute contract with Employment Development Systems (EDS) for trash pick-up

The E. D. advised that four contracts for trash collection were recently consolidated under one contract with EDS, the current contractor providing trash collection for the Authority. Trash is collected from the Seabrook Bridge to West End six days per week. Trash is currently not collected on Wednesdays. The rates for trash collection remain the same, and approval of this contract is recommended by staff.

Comm. Brien offered a motion to recommend this issue to the Full Board for approval, seconded by Comm. Hebert. The motion passed and will be added to the July 28, 2016 Full Board Agenda.

3) Discussion regarding use of motorized vehicles and/or golf carts in the parks and lanes in Lake Vista and approval of regulations prohibiting operation of motorized vehicles - including but not limited to golf carts - in the parks and lanes of Lakefront subdivisions under jurisdiction of O.L.D.

Chair Wheaton advised that utilizing golf carts in the parks of Lake Vista is illegal when driven by minors. The Lake Vista Crime Prevention District has requested to post signs in the Lake Vista Parks advising Lake Vista residents that use of motorized golf carts in Lake Vista Parks is prohibited. The Levee Board police are not required to patrol the parks and will not be required to issue citations to those utilizing golf carts as the police are currently busy patrolling the Lakefront. Signs can be placed in the parks, but may not be enforced due to lack of police manpower. Signs can be designed and placed in the parks after approval by the Authority subject to funding. Private funding will be provided for the poles and placement of the signs in Lake Vista Parks.

Comm. Settoon offered a motion to recommend placement of signs in the Lake Vista Parks, seconded by Comm. Brien. The motion passed and the item will be placed on the July 28, 2016 Board Agenda for approval.

4) Discussion regarding temporary restroom facilities along the Lakefront and approval to authorize the Executive Director to:

a) Increase current expenditure for temporary restroom facilities on Lakeshore Dr. from \$1,800 per month to an amount not to exceed \$4,000 per month June through September, and;

Chair Wheaton noted that there are not enough adequate public restroom facilities located on Lakeshore Drive, and requested the budget for same be increased to \$4,000 to allow for additional restrooms along Lakeshore Drive. Restroom facilities must be placed along all of the reaches located on Lakeshore Drive in order to satisfy the needs of the public. The current restroom facilities located in each shelter are not currently accessible to the public as the facilities require extensive cleaning. The facilities currently do not have the necessary supplies needed to accommodate public use of those facilities. The E.D. advised that Finance Chair Stack would be advised of the budget increase. Additionally, an RFP was recently advertised for the leasing of Shelter

Nos. 1, 2 and 4 for use as a concession stand. Proposals are due no later than July 29, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Comm. Brien offered a motion to provide additional rest room facilities along Lakeshore Drive within spending authority of the E.D., second by Comm. Settoon. The Budget will be increased from \$1,800 to \$4,000 and is within the spending authority of the E.D. The item will not be added to the July 28, 2016 Board Agenda as it is within the spending authority of the E.D.

b) Execute necessary contracts to secure such services.

The E.D. was authorized to execute all necessary contracts to secure additional temporary restroom facilities along Lakeshore Drive within the spending authority.

5) Discussion and approval to request Flood Authority deploy additional detail O.L.D. police officers to enforce speed limits, provide traffic control, and monitor parking congestion and noise/disturbances to residents on weekends and holidays after dark

Chair Wheaton advised of increased noise and disturbances on Lakeshore Drive. The Levee District police currently focus on enforcing speed limits along the Lakefront. The Flood Authority has agreed to pay for additional patrol in that area as additional officers were added to the force. Chair Wheaton requested the E.D. coordinate extra patrol with the Flood Authority in an effort to reduce complaints of noise and disturbances in the area.

6) Discussion regarding procedures to place Mardi Gras Krewe plaques by the Mardi Gras Fountain and approval to adopt prior O.L.D. procedures as modified by the Executive Director

After discussion regarding requests to place additional Krewe plaques at the Mardi Gras Fountain, Chair Wheaton suggested that a design be prepared for the tiles, which design will be approved by the full Board. The tiles will be painted and returned for approval prior to being placed at the Fountain. Procedures will be prepared for the approval, design and placement of the plaques at a later date.

7) Discussion and approval to contract with Charles L. Silbernagel for subdivision house plan review

The E.D. advised that the current contract with Charles L. Silbernagel for subdivision house plan review was written to automatically renew annually; no Resolution was passed last year for this contract. The E.D. advised that the current contract is intact and suggested the Authority re-issue the RFQ for a Licensed Architect to review house plans. Submittals will be reviewed, and a Licensed Architect or Firm will be selected. The new contract will include a 30-day notice of termination.

Comm. Brien moved recommend approval to contract with Charles L. Silbernagel for subdivision house plan review, second by Comm. Settoon. The motion passed and will be included on the July 28, 2016 Board Agenda.

Announcement of Next Meeting

Chair Wheaton announced that the next Recreation/Subdivision meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Comm. Settoon moved to adjourn, second by Comm. Brien. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.