

**Minutes of Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority
Recreation/Subdivision Committee Meeting
February 22, 2018 – 4:00 PM**

Present:

Commissioner Wheaton
Commissioner Ernst
Commissioner Hebert

Staff:

Executive Director Jesse Noel
Executive Assistant Kim Vu

Also Present:

Gerry Metzger – Legal Counsel
Octave Rainey
Tom Long
Robert Bell – Bike Easy
Anne Duffy – President of Lake Oaks Neighborhood
Matthew Ahearn – Hibernian Charity/Ahearn Construction
Cathy Langhoff – President of LTPOA
Monte Shalett – LVPOA
Dennis McSeveney - LTPOA

The Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority met on Thursday February 22, 2018 at 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd. in the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building on the second-floor conference center. Chair Wheaton called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M.

Opening Comments –

Commissioner Wheaton stated he would like to move forward with adopting the agenda.

Motion to Adopt Agenda – Moved by Commissioner Settoon, second by Commissioner Hebert and all were in favor of adopting the agenda.

Public Comments –

- 1) Tom Long addressed the concern of adding bike lanes on Lakeshore Drive and the Recreation committee noted that further details will be discussed when it comes up on the agenda.
- 2) Mote Shalett addressed specific comments about bike lanes. He spoke about wanting to help the authority work out something with bike lanes that will be most feasible for everyone. Commissioner Wheaton requested the neighborhood associations get together and work on a presentation and come back to the Recreation committee to re-visit this issue.
- 3) Octave Rainey was concerned with the issue of bike lanes on Lakeshore Drive and the Recreation committee noted that further details will be discussed when it comes up on the agenda.

Director's Report –

E.D. Noel updated the committee on an administrative update, Lakeshore Drive maintenance, shelter updates, status of fountain repairs, and ongoing projects.

Old Business –

a) Status update on ongoing projects

E.D. Noel stated that the operations and maintenance staff continue to work hard on the shelters and fountains to gear up the upcoming spring and summer seasons.

New Business –

a) Motion to recommend a bid advertisement for grass cutting services

Commissioner Wheaton noted that due to lack of grass cutting services, the neighborhoods and surrounding areas have suffered. E.D. Noel proposed the idea to the Recreation committee to put out a bid advertisement for grass cutting services breaking it out into four separate bids to cover all the appropriate locations: Lakefront Airport and South Shore Harbor, Lakeshore Drive Parks, Lakefront Subdivision Parks, and New Basin Canal Park and Orleans Marina.

Motion for E.D. Noel to put out specs for bid advertisement for grass cutting services moved by Commissioner Settoon, second by Commissioner Hebert, and all were in favor.

b) Discussion regarding Hibernian Memorial Park project

Gerry Metzger, legal counsel, stated that NFPAMA approved a permit for this project with Irish cultural society a few years ago. Mr. Ahearn explained to the committee that they need the board's approval for these upcoming plans and specs including adding sidewalks, limestone walkways, landscaping, and maintenance at Hibernian Memorial Park.

Motion to recommend approving permit to Hibernian Memorial Park project moved by Commissioner Hebert, second by Commissioner Settoon and all were in favor.

c) Discussion regarding dedicated bike lanes on Lakeshore Drive

Commissioner Wheaton explained this bike lane topic isn't meant to be controversial to the public. He recommended that there be discussion about what could be a recreational activity or resource on Lakeshore Drive without taking away the actual driving lanes. E.D. Noel stated that he recently met with Mr. Rob Bell and Mr. Dan Favre from Bike Easy to discuss potential alternatives to increase friendliness to both pedestrians and bicyclists. Commissioner Wheaton asked representatives from Bike Easy for proposals and alternatives to present to the committee. Mr. Rainey from the public was concerned about both the responsibilities of a biker and responsibilities of a driver. He suggested extending the sidewalk versus dedicating one of the two lanes as a bike lane. Commissioner Wheaton suggested that everyone work out this process because it involves many different issues that will take time and the Recreation committee will re-visit this issue.

d) Discussion regarding consideration of public art display along Lakeshore Drive

Commissioner Wheaton stated that Lakeshore Drive is one of the most beautiful assets, yet one of the most underutilized as a public asset. He further stated that there's art all around the city, and that Lakeshore Drive should have public art installation. Mr. Dennis Mc Seveney stated that in the past, maintenance on art was a problem so art isn't there anymore. However, he suggested getting a review panel of artist to pick from to display art along Lakeshore Drive. The Recreation committee agreed that public art display is a good idea and they will discuss further.

Chair Wheaton made the announcement of the next Recreation/Subdivision Meeting to take place on Thursday March 15, 2018 at 4:30 P.M.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn moved by Comm. Hebert, second by Comm. Settoon, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.