

**MINUTES OF  
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

PRESENT: Chair Rodger Wheaton  
Vice Chair Dawn Hebert  
Commissioner Roy Arrigo  
Commissioner Robert Romero

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The Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Opening Comments:** Chair Wheaton deferred the opening comments.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda by Commissioner Romero, seconded by Chair Hebert, and all were in favor. The agenda was adopted.

**Presentation:**

Mr. Jim McKay, National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, reminded the committee that several years ago their company took four acres of land and built a Hibernian National Memorial Park. Mr. McKay provided a brief background of this project, and then he deferred to Mr. Jim Moriarty, President of Louisiana Hibernian charity. He stated that when the talks of redoing the cross began, he was more interested in redoing the sidewalk that stretches from West end to Pontchartrain boulevard. Mr. Moriarty explained that the curbs weren't Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. He wanted to make the cross more visible.

Mr. McKay stated that they raised the cross approximately five to six feet, put a sidewalk across, and they laid the foundation for all the groundwork that they have in their plans that they have been working on for the last two years. The Irish government rewarded the company with a \$250,000 grant. He stated that Phase I is completed. Chair Wheaton asked, "How many phases are there? And when do you anticipate being done with the project?" Mr. Jim replied that there are three phases and probably within the next year they plan to initiate and complete Phase II. He gave a tentative timeline of two years. He explained that Phase I is the foundation work, Phase II is the more concrete work and brickwork, and Phase III is the educational elements that details the Irish's contributions to the community. Mr. McKay stated that there was confusion on

the lighting for the project. He hasn't received an update on the lighting from Larry McFarland in the last month.

### **Public Comments:**

Mr. John Skinner, Treasurer of Lake Oaks Subdivision's Improvement District, thanked the committee/agency for their work on the Eastern and New York streets. He stated that you could see from one end to the other. He inspected the gates and discovered that some of them had missing locks. He proposed to the board a meeting with the Engineer to discuss this issue.

### **Old Business:**

#### **A. Fountain Renovations:**

Mr. Felton Suthon thanked Darrell Merrick, R.J. Forester, and Philip Jones for their work. He stated that he will provide the committee with photos to show what they had to clean out. He shifted his focus to the fountains and stated that the pump and motor have been removed from the Lake Terrace Fountain. He explained that a tag wasn't on the motor, so the contractors must determine which pump and motor to inspect. He stated that this issue will take some time to investigate. The pump and motor need to be replaced in the Lake Terrace Fountain. He suggested that the fountain may need a better filtration system and he is working with several individuals on this idea. He stated that he knows that the project isn't progressing in a timely manner, however, they are making progress. He explained that the tag identifies the pump. Since he doesn't have a tag, the contractors must take the pump to the shop and take it apart to determine its identity and a matching motor.

Mr. Suthon stated that he received bids for the cosmetic renovation of the Four Winds Fountain. The lowest bid was \$186,400. Mr. Capo commented that the \$16,000 pump needs to be replaced in the Mardi Gras Fountain. He stated that the Mardi Gras Fountain repair is estimated at \$40,000.

Chair Wheaton asked, "Do we have any confidence that we can keep it running?" Mr. Louis Capo replied that he believes that he can because he knew the pump when it was initially installed. He explained that the cartridge filters were being clogged with sand and dirt daily, so they were replaced with two sand filters.

#### **B. Shelter Renovations:**

Mr. Suthon stated that the bathrooms in Shelter 1 are not in good shape and the maintenance crew is using the shelter as a storage. He stated that he will investigate the issue.

**C. Draft Master Plan for Restoration/Bike Path:**

Alejandro Flores, representative from G.E.C, stated that he attended a meeting with Mr. Felton Suthon and Mr. Louis Capo approximately two to three weeks ago. He stated that they discussed the scope of work under the contract of G.E.C. He explained that the company has completed the initial research and G.E.C. is preparing a tentative analysis that will be presented to the board. He stated that once the plan is determined, then the company can move forward with the design process. Chair Wheaton explained the background of why the committee decided to expand the scope.

**D. Interior Paths within Lake Vista:**

Alejandro Flores, representative from G.E.C, stated that the company is performing a visibility study and evaluating the existing conditions of the sidewalks. He explained that they have completed all the field work, all the measurements, and all the cost estimates. He stated that they will be able to present a draft report to the board within a couple of weeks.

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion regarding adoption of records retention policy:**

Mr. Louis Capo, Executive Director, stated that the Flood Protection Authority-East developed a records retention policy approximately a year or two ago. He mentioned that Chair Heaton distributed FPA's records retention policy at the last board meeting. He stated that he realized that their policy tailored to Non-Flood's needs as well.

**B. Discussion of Recreation/Subdivision Budget Review 2019-2020:**

Mr. Louis Capo pinpointed several important subjects of the budget review to the committee.

• **Announcement of next Recreation/Subdivision Committee Meeting:**

1) **Tuesday, April 16, 2019 – 4:30 PM**

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned.