

**MINUTES OF
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019**

PRESENT: Chair Wilma Heaton
Vice Chair Thomas Fierke
Commissioner Roy Arrigo

ABSENT: Commissioner Pat Meadowcroft

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Bruce Martin – Deputy Airport Director
Sarion Granger – Human Resources Analyst
Felton Suthon – Director of Engineering & Operations

PUBLIC: Ralph Hennessy – M.B.I. (Michael Baker International, Inc.)
Brian Smith – M.B.I. (Michael Baker International, Inc.)
Paul Dimitrios – R.C.L. (Richard C. Lambert Architecture, L.L.C.)

The Airport Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, in the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chair Heaton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Opening Comments:

Chair Heaton introduced Sarion Granger, Human Resources Analyst, to the Airport Committee. She announced that, henceforth, Ms. Granger will be transcribing the committee's minutes. She commended Ms. Granger for adopting the challenge of transcribing the minutes of previous committee meetings.

Chair Heaton announced that the Franklin Augustus Remembrance will be hosted on Saturday, August 31, 2019 in the Airport Terminal Conference Room.

Louis Capo, Executive Director, acknowledged Bruce Martin, Deputy Airport Director, and Captain Christopher Henderson for their efforts on Friday, August 16, 2019. Chair Heaton

thanked both for their quick response to the plane crash. She complimented them for maintaining their composure in such a high-pressure situation.

Motion to adopt Agenda:

A motion was offered by Commissioner Arrigo, seconded by Commissioner Fierke, and unanimously adopted, to adopt the agenda.

Public Comments: None

Director's Report:

Louis Capo, Executive Director, advised that a trailer is arriving on Thursday, which will be used to house the firemen because their existing fire station is unsafe.

Paul Dimitrios, R.C.L., advised that the estimated cost for the roof work on the fire station is \$58,489.00. He stated that the roof would be insured under a 20-year warranty. Mr. Dimitrios explained that a roofing contractor discovered that the roof wasn't fully repaired after Hurricane Katrina, so he deemed the roof to be unstable. He suggested that building a new roof would be more beneficial than repairing the damage.

Mr. Dimitrios advised that one of his company's mechanical consultants estimated that the cost for a new mechanical design that includes a new unit and ductwork is \$2,500. He stated that he hired a Mechanical Engineer to inspect the roof. Mr. Dimitrios explained that the Mechanical Engineer has inspected the roof twice and he is hoping to inspect it for the third time on Friday, August 23, 2019. Mr. Dimitrios advised that the Engineer would be paid \$2,500 for his expertise. The \$2,500 is for the evaluation and design plan. He explained that the design plan will include the ductwork size of each room. Mr. Dimitrios believes that the project will be completed in a month and a half.

Commissioner Arrigo requested a status update on the fountains. Mr. Dimitrios stated that Ms. Grenier is cleaning the premiere of the fountain, and she is almost finished cleaning all the statues. She is covering the statues to protect them from rainwater. Mr. Dimitrios reported that the slab, for the building that will house the pump, is being poured. He commented that he believes that they may be able to perform the foundation work, replaster the bottom of the base and make it watertight and install the pumps for a reasonable price.

Chair Heaton announced that the Authority will be hosting a breakfast for Enrique Alferez's daughter to brainstorm fundraising ideas for the fountain. Chair Heaton explained that Mr. Alferez's daughter offered to assist with raising funds if the Authority respects her father's artwork.

Mr. Dimitrios stated that the estimated cost for glazing the windows at Flightline, the Williams' Hangar, and the Moffet Hangar is \$110,000.00. He believes that the glazing method is too

expensive, so he recommended that Roof Technology Inc., install metal panels on the windows, which would be 1/3 of the original cost for the glazing.

Old Business:

1) **Status of Runway 18R/36L Project:**

Bruce Martin, Airport Deputy Director, reported that the Runway 18R/36L project began on Monday, July 29, 2019 and they are three weeks into the project. Mr. Martin explained that the company is setting up the drainage. He mentioned that the milling and overlay phase is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Martin reported that Runway 9 is still available for takeoffs, and Runway 27 is closed. He presented photos of the construction to the Committee. Chair Heaton questioned the duration of the simultaneous Runway shut downs. Mr. Martin responded that the timeframe would be from three weeks to a month.

Mr. Martin met with the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, and the Federal Aviation Administration to become informed on the Airport Capitol Improvement Plan. He advised that he hopes to meet with the Airport Committee to discuss the future plans for the Airport.

Mr. Martin discussed previous events, recent upcoming events that are scheduled in August, and in the works projects.

Chair Heaton mentioned that she spoke with Jorge Sisson, Procurement Specialist 3, about hosting a car show in November at the Lakefront Management Authority. She requested that Mr. Martin consult with Jorge and research if the event is possible within the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) regulations.

Commissioner Arrigo recommended that the Authority enforce that the handicap spaces are to be respected during the filming of movies.

2) **Status of the ARFF Station Repairs:**

Chair Heaton summarized the status of the fire station repairs, because Mr. Capo and Mr. Dimitrios extensively covered this topic during the Director's Report.

New Business:

1) **Discussion and recommendation of a policy regarding driving access onto the apron areas near the FBO's:**

Chair Heaton stated that the Authority doesn't have a written policy to prevent driving access onto the apron areas near the Fixed Base Operators (FBO's). She explained that FBO's are allowing individuals to drop their clients off at the steps of the planes. Mr. Martin commented that this issue could violate FAA protocols and jeopardize grants money. Chair Heaton spoke with signage about tightening up security. Commissioner Fierke recommended that the Big Easy Wing be added to the policy.

2) **Artwork/Murals Appraisal:**

Louis Capo, Executive Director, stated that he spoke with Elise about the appraisal of the murals in the Airport Terminal Atrium. Chair Heaton commented that she is hoping that the Authority can host an event to unveil the new murals.

3) **Rebranding:**

Chair Heaton requested that the Committee consider renaming the Airport Terminal Atrium to the Huey P. Long Atrium and the Airport Terminal Conference Room to the Amelia Earhart Conference Room. She explained that renaming these areas would add a historical aspect to the Airport.

Announcement of next Airport Committee Meeting:

1) **Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 2:30 PM**

Adjourn:

A motion was offered by Commissioner Fierke, seconded by Commissioner Arrigo, and unanimously adopted, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.