

**MINUTES OF
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Pat Meadowcroft

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Sarion Granger – Human Resources Analyst
Daniel Hill – Director of Engineering & Operations

PUBLIC: Gregory Trahan – AECOM (Project Engineer)
Josh Dagro – Barber Bros (Project Manager)
Ralph Hennessy – M.B.I. (Michael Baker International Inc.)
Michael Hudnall – Boh Bros. Construction Co. (Manager of Asphalt Division)
Stephen Alexander - Boh Bros. Construction Co.
Edward Scheuermann – Boh. Bros. Construction Co. (Senior VP/Operations)
Paul Dimitrios – R.C.L. (Richard C. Lambert Architecture, L.L.C.)

The Airport Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday, September 17, 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 2:35 p.m.

Opening Comments:

Chair Heaton introduced Daniel Hill, Director of Engineering & Operations, to the Airport Committee.

Motion to adopt Agenda:

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

Motion to approve minutes:

- 1) A motion was offered by Commissioner Arrigo, seconded by Commissioner Fierke, and unanimously adopted, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2019.

Public Comments: None

Four Winds Fountain Presentation:

Elise Grenier stated that she will present a more extensive update at the September 26, 2019 Board Meeting. Commissioner Fierke suggested that the Authority change the name on the front of the Airport Terminal building to the Lakefront Management Authority. Commissioner Arrigo agreed and he suggested that the new name be in the same location, font, and design as the previous name on the building.

Ms. Grenier presented the Board with photographs of the Four Winds Fountain designed by Enrique Alferez. She expressed that her desire is to refurbish the foundation and respect Mr. Alferez's original design and vision.

Ms. Grenier explained how the Hurricane Katrina flooding affected the statues and fountain. She advised that she had an analysis performed by Louisiana State University, so that she could understand the technique that Mr. Alferez used to create the fountain. She explained that if she understood the technique, then she would be able to determine how to refurbish the foundation without causing any damage.

Ms. Grenier reported that the Four Winds Fountain has been cleaned. During her cleaning process, she stated that she noticed that parts of the fountain had been whitewashed. Commissioner Fierke asked if the whitewashing was done for cosmetic or protective purposes. She responded that she was uncertain of the reason for the whitewashing.

Ms. Grenier reported that she is reassembling the fountain. She explained the process of restoration and the benefits of chemical conservation. She commented that her goal isn't to make the fountain as aesthetically pleasing as possible, but to preserve the fountain for the future.

Chair Heaton explained that FEMA will not pay for the full restoration of the Four Winds Fountain. She advised that the Authority is searching for funds for the additional costs.

Commissioner Arrigo questioned the stability of the statues. Ms. Grenier responded that the statues are stable.

Commissioner Fierke suggested that the Authority put up a billboard of the work being done on the fountain to bring awareness and raise funds for the restoration.

Airport Director's Report:

Louis Capo, Executive Director, stated that the Runway 18R/36L Mill and Overlay Project is affecting the fuel sales and the revenue for the Airport. He reported that the fuel sales for August 2019 were \$11,500.00, which is approximately \$38,000 less than the previous month.

Mr. Capo stated that the Authority is receiving more inquiries about filming at the Airport Terminal. He commented that the revenue received from filming could contribute to the loss of funds due to the Runway project.

Old Business:

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

Gregory Trahan, AECOM, explained that the pipes are being installed in the ground. Josh Dagro, Barber Bros., stated that the project has been delayed by one month and he requested additional time to compensate for the delay. Chair Heaton commented that the initial contract included an additional 30 days. She asked if they were requesting another 30 days. Mr. Dagro responded that they are requesting another 30 days for delay in the critical path of construction. He explained that they couldn't proceed with the original pipework because they were requested to perform exploratory work. Chair Heaton recommended that Gregory Trahan and Josh Dagro schedule a meeting with Bruce Martin, Airport Deputy Director, and Daniel Hill, Director of Engineering & Operations, to discuss the status of the project. She commented that a special meeting can be scheduled, if necessary.

Commissioner Fierke questioned the unknown site conditions in the initial contract. Mr. Dagro responded that he's unsure of the exact language in the contract and that he would have to examine the contract later. Commissioner Fierke asked how the project changed from ahead of schedule to 30 days behind schedule. Mr. Dagro explained that the implementation of the new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rule delayed the process.

2) **Status of the Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting Station Repairs:**

Paul Dimitrios, R.C.L., explained that he received pricing for the roof and mechanical system repairs, however, he is searching for additional pricing. He stated that the project will begin once the cost is established. Once the cost is established, he advised that the project will be completed in a month or six weeks.

Chair Heaton commented that the firemen have been moved from the Fire Station into a trailer for their safety.

3) **Status of Williams' Hangar water leaks:**

Paul Dimitrios, R.C.L., advised that the leaks in the roof were inspected. He reported that some windows are leaking. Mr. Dimitrios explained that the windows can be repaired by glazing the windows or installing metal panels in the window openings. The estimated cost of the glazing process is \$100,000, whereas, the estimated cost of installing the panels is \$26,000. The glazing process is more expensive and will require future maintenance. The installation of the metal panels in the windows is less expensive and will require less maintenance in the future.

New Business: None

Announcement of next Airport Committee Meeting:

1) **Tuesday, October 15, 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 3:33 PM.