

**MINUTES OF  
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chair Wilma Heaton  
Commissioner Roy Arrigo  
Commissioner Pat Meadowcroft

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Thomas Fierke

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

**PUBLIC:** Gregory Trahan – AECOM (Project Engineer)  
Josh Dagro – Barber Brothers (Project Manager)  
James Henderson – New Orleans Flight Club (General Manager)  
Joseph Trimmer – New Orleans Flight Club (CEO)

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The Airport Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, in the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chair Heaton called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

**Opening Comments:** None

**Motion to Adopt Agenda:**

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

**Motion to Approve Minutes:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Arrigo, seconded by Commissioner Meadowcroft, and unanimously adopted, to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019.

### **Public Comments:**

Chair Heaton thanked those who attended the “Celebration of the Restored Xavier Gonzalez Murals” event on Thursday, November 21, 2019. She mentioned that she wants the Committee to consider renaming the Terminal Airport Atrium to the Huey P. Long Atrium. She stated that Tom Gibbs would like the Lakefront Management Authority to host the WWII Air show.

### **Airport Director’s Report:**

Chair Heaton acknowledged Bruce Martin, Airport Deputy Director, and the Lakefront Management Authority’s staff for their professionalism and helpfulness during the recent movie shoot. Mr. Martin reported that the main Runway is completed and accepting aircraft again. He stated that the Runway is closed every night until December 20, 2019. Mr. Martin reported that the grooving process has begun, and the approach lighting is being installed on the north end of the Airport. Commissioner Meadowcroft asked if the project is on schedule. Mr. Martin responded that the project is on schedule. He stated that the anticipated completion date of the Terminal Elevator is March 20, 2020. Mr. Martin stated that the air conditioning ducts have been removed from the ARFF department building and the building is being treated for environmental issues. He reported that the Williams and Moffett Hangar and the Ochsner roofs have been repaired.

Mr. Martin stated that he and Daniel Hill, Director of Engineering & Operations, met with LED Supply to discuss upgrading the lighting to LED lighting to save money. He explained that the Lakefront Management Authority received grants from Entergy to upgrade the lighting for all LMA properties and they are offering to pay for 80% of the costs.

Mr. Martin discussed recent and upcoming events. Commissioner Arrigo asked how the Lakefront Management Authority’s staff operates during a movie shoot or event. Mr. Martin responded that the conditions are discussed beforehand, and everyone is advised that the Terminal Airport has to remain operational during events and movie shoots.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1) Status of Runway 18R/36L Mill and Overlay Project - Barber Brothers & AECOM:**

Gregory Trahan, AECOM, reported that they reached substantial completion of the Runway on November 27, 2019. He stated that the grooving process has begun, and the final markings will begin after January 13, 2020. Chair Heaton asked about any potential obstacles. Mr. Trahan responded that the grooving is going well, and inclement weather may interfere with the markings.

### **New Business:**

#### **1) Discussion regarding proposal submitted by Joseph Trimmer for New Orleans Flight Club to lease office space in the McDermott Hangar:**

Joseph Trimmer, CEO of New Orleans Flight Club, requested office space with high and reliably bandwidth at the Lakefront Airport to house part of his business. Chair Heaton asked if the business contains one or two entities. Mr. Trimmer responded that his business contains two legal entities and the entity that owns the app owns the New Orleans Flight Club as well. He presented several proposal options to the Committee. Chair Heaton explained that the proposal must be vetted because Mr. Trimmer is requesting that the Lakefront Management Authority loan their New Orleans Lakefront Airport brand to his business. She requested that Mr. Trimmer present a formal proposal that adheres to FAA requirements and to schedule a meeting with Bruce Martin, Airport Deputy Director, to discuss a short-term lease for an office space.

2) **Recommendation for approval of a lease for Suite 143 with State of Louisiana – House Representative District 99:**

Chair Heaton explained that Jimmy Harris, State Representative, has been promoted to the Senate and Candace Newell has been elected as his successor. She requested office space in the Terminal Airport. Chair Heaton requested that Al Pappalardo, Real Estate Consultant, meet with the U.S. House of Representatives Office to determine the cost of the office space.

- A motion was offered by Commissioner Meadowcroft, seconded by Commissioner Arrigo, and unanimously adopted, for the Committee to recommend to the Board for approval of a lease for Suite 143 with State of Louisiana – House Representative District 99.

3) **Recommendation for approval to revise the grant number of the LA/DOTD grant for the Runway Rehabilitation 18R/36L Project:**

Chair Heaton explained that LA/DOTD changed the grant number and since the Board approved the grant under a different grant number, then the Board has to approve to change the grant number.

- A motion was offered by Commissioner Arrigo, seconded by Commissioner Meadowcroft, and unanimously adopted, for the Committee to recommend to the Board for approval to revise the grant number of the LA/DOTD grant for the Runway Rehabilitation 18R/36L Project.

**Announcement of next Airport Committee Meeting:**

1) **Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – 2:30 PM**

**Adjourn:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Meadowcroft, seconded by Commissioner Arrigo, and unanimously adopted, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM.