

**MINUTES OF  
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Eugene Green  
Vice Chair Esmond Carr  
Commissioner Stan Brien  
Commissioner Dawn Hebert

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Bob Romero

**STAFF:** Louis Capo – Executive Director  
Madison Bonaventure – Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Secretary  
David Martin – Director of Engineering & Operations

**PUBLIC:** Jay Baudier - LVPOA  
Richard Bienvenu – Self  
Ashley Haspel – LTPOA  
Wilma Heaton – LMA Chair  
Brian Hope – LPOA  
Kevin Gray – EDS, Inc.  
Ray Landeche – Self  
Gerard Metzger – Legal Counsel to the LMA  
Megan Pavageau – Self

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The Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and Commissioner Hebert led in the pledge of allegiance. Louis Capo, Executive Director, called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Opening Comments:** None

**Motion to Adopt Agenda:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert, and was unanimously approved to adopt the agenda.

**Motion to Approve Minutes:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Brien, and was unanimously adopted to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2021 meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Richard Bienvenu introduced himself to the Committee. He explained that he had a portable snowball trailer that he wished to position close to the Mardi Gras Fountain so he could sell snowballs. He advised that he carried insurance.

Chair Green advised that there was a challenge due to zoning along Lakeshore Drive as commercial activity was zoned for areas between Franklin Avenue and Seabrook which is why functions, such as the Fried Chicken Festival and other events, have transpired or have planned to take place in that area. He advised Mr. Bienvenu would need proper city approvals, licenses, etc., as well.

Commissioner Carr asked Mr. Bienvenu if he was trying to gauge the Committee's interest. Mr. Bienvenu confirmed that was the case. Director Capo said that they had no procedure in place for the permitting of the sale of goods on the lakefront. Commissioner Carr offered that he could coordinate with Director Capo about a potential agreement.

Director Capo said that others have expressed interest in selling food items on the lakefront. He expressed concern about not offering the opportunity to others and offered that a Request for Proposals/Qualifications may be an appropriate venue for soliciting interest. Commissioner Carr concurred and offered that Director Capo could designate an area for businesses to consider.

Megan Pavageau said she had a proxy attend the last meeting to propose a community garden on Orleans Levee District property. She said it was her understanding that she needed to make a request in writing, and she had prepared a request to distribute to the Committee regarding the desired location and water source. She felt that if she returned to the Committee again, they would be having the same discussion again. Commissioner Carr explained that the Committee needed to have well-developed plans to consider a request of that nature. Chair Green asked about the issue of the water source. She said she had reached out to the nearby church for a water source and was awaiting a response. She said that they would not be requesting a fence, and the plot would be managed by residents of Lake Oaks. Director Capo said that more specific information and assurances were needed. Commissioner Carr requested that she return with a more comprehensive plan.

Director Capo asked if the request would be submitted on the behalf of the Lake Oaks Civic Association. Ms. Pavageau said it would not be. Commissioner Carr encouraged her to seek support from the Association.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) **Motion to recommend approval of the request of the Lakeshore Property Owners' Association for installation of a flagpole in the vicinity of the Canal Blvd. Lakeshore Subdivision entrance.**

Brian Hope, President of the Lakeshore Property Owners' Association, said he was helping his community by speaking about the request. He said members involved in the garden club wished to place a flagpole in the vicinity of the neutral ground on Canal Boulevard.

Chair Green asked if the project had the support of the LPOA. Mr. Hope advised that it did have the support.

Commissioner Carr asked if the flagpole would be professionally installed. He said they were working with a program that benefitted military veterans to obtain the flagpole, and they could confirm with them.

After further review of the location on Google Maps, it was determined by staff and the Committee that the location in question was actually on a small piece of city property.

Gerard Metzger advised that the LMA would need to authorize a permit for the flagpole, much like the permit for the Hibernian Memorial Park, and they would need to maintain and ensure the flagpole and its elements should they request a flagpole be placed on LMA-managed property.

Mr. Hope advised that he needed to communicate the needs to the garden club, such as insurance requirements and the like. Chair Green offered that they could reach out to Councilman Brossett's office for installation at their desired location if they felt it was the most ideal.

Chair Green withdrew the motion.

Ray Landeche raised the issue of electrical power since the LMA took care of the signage and lighting in the area. The Committee and Director Capo discussed signage issues.

2) **Motion to recommend approval of the request of the Lake Terrace Property Owners' Association for installation of a Little Free Library stand and a dog amenity station in Boreas Park.**

Ashley Haspel introduced herself to the Committee as the President of the Lake Terrace Property Owners' Association. She said she sent a written communication to make a formal request for a Little Free Library and dog amenity station. She said after discussions with Director Capo, the dog amenity station request was withdrawn by the LTPOA due to their being no trash service provided in Boreas Park.

She said the LTPOA will be installing and maintaining the Little Free Library.

Commissioner Hebert thought the Little Free Library was a good idea for the community.

A motion was offered by Chair Green to recommend approval of the of the Lake Terrace Property Owners' Association for installation of a Little Free Library stand in Boreas Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carr and was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

Ms. Haspel discussed an issue with lighting in the neighborhood. She gave information to Mr. Martin about the lighting issues and signage issues.

1) **Motion to recommend approval of the Trash Pick-Up Service Contracts for Lakeshore Drive from West End Drive to Seabrook Bridge, West End Park, and Special Event Pick-Up for FY2022 with Employment Development Services, Inc.**

Director Capo explained that Employment Development Services, Inc. was a state use vendor, and they employed those with developmental disabilities through ARC of New Orleans.

He explained that he had included prior year's quotes to show that the rates had not changed.

He said that they utilized their services six days per week and had special event contracts to accommodate busy weekends and holidays.

He added that the LMA would be contracting with a street sweeper service to clean the parking lots which have been a challenge for the trash collectors. He said for approximately \$1,800.00 per month, a street sweeper would provide services four times per month to supplement trash collection services. Commissioner Hebert asked when the street sweeper's services would begin. He advised that they would begin in July 2021. Mr. Metzger advised that the contract was within Director Capo's spending authority.

Commissioner Hebert asked about the frequency of pick-ups during a special event period. Director Capo said they come once a day.

Kevin Gray, of EDS, Inc., further explained that additional temporary workers and resources are allocated during special event days. Mr. Gray discussed the challenges with trash collection during high visitation days. He thanked the Committee and the hard workers who made trash collection a success along the lakefront. Chair Green thanked them for their efforts.

A motion was offered by Chair Green to recommend approval of the Trash Pick-Up Service Contracts for Lakeshore Drive from West End Drive to Seabrook Bridge, West End Park, and Special Event Pick-Up for FY2022 with Employment Development Services, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carr. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Director Capo introduced Mr. David Martin to the Committee. He explained that he was the replacement for Mr. Daniel Hill, the former Director of Engineering and Operations. He said Mr. Martin had extensive experience with municipal projects and had practiced at H. Davis Cole, an engineering firm, for fifteen years. He commended Mr. Martin on hitting the ground running with learning about the LMA's various properties and advancing projects.

Mr. Martin said he and maintenance staff had identified various issues with Shelter No. 4 and would be seeking quotes to remedy the issues to get it into working order. He also noted that he would be assembling a package to receive quotes on the bus shelters in Lake Vista.

Commissioner Hebert asked if Shelter No. 1 was complete. He explained that it was not due to issues with repetitive flooding. He believed it was possible to design a solution in house to help prevent the issue, but he understood that the FPA was looking into repetitive flooding in that area as well. He advised that maintenance received the last batch of brackets to finish out the replacement of bench backs along the lakefront.

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

- 1) Tuesday, July 13, 2021– 4:30 P.M.

**Adjourn:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Brien, and unanimously adopted, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.