

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

PRESENT: Chair Wilma Heaton  
Vice Chair Thomas Fierke (\*arrived at 3:17 PM)  
Commissioner Renee Lapeyrolerie

ABSENT: Commissioner Sean Bruno  
Commissioner Pat Meadowcroft

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director  
Daniel Hill – Director of Engineering and Operations  
Bruce Martin – Airport Director  
Madison Bonaventure – Assistant to the Executive Director/Board Secretary

PUBLIC: Gerard Metzger– Legal Counsel to the LMA  
Addie Fanguy – Signature  
George Groh – Kutchins and Groh

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The Airport Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Thursday November 12, 2020, 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 2:30 P.M., and Commissioner Lapeyrolerie led in the pledge of allegiance.

Louis Capo, Executive Director, called the roll. There was not a quorum present. A quorum was met at 3:17 PM.

**Opening Comments:**

Commissioner Heaton said that since a quorum was not present items would be discussed for information only.

**Motion to Adopt Agenda:**

When a quorum was met, Chair Heaton made a motion to amend the agenda to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting since a quorum was not present at the August 18, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fierke. All voted in favor except Commissioner Lapeyrolerie who abstained as she was not yet a member at the time of the June Committee Meeting.

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

**Motion to Approve Minutes:**

When a quorum was met, Vice Chair Fierke offered a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2020. Commissioner Lapeyrolerie seconded the motion. All voted in favor except for Commissioner Lapeyrolerie who abstained.

**Public Comment:**

Addie Fanguy, of Signature, introduced himself to the Board. He explained that Oschner’s Medivac unit was significantly impacted due to the National Guard Hangar roof damage. He said that Oschner’s Medivac center transports critically ill infants and has a contract with Children’s Hospital, so it was important to get the state-of-the-art dispatch center back to its normal operations. Mr. Fanguy said he has found a temporary space for Oschner Medivac until the roof is repaired.

Mr. Fanguy said he thought the Airport could benefit from getting in touch with LaDOTD about procuring street sweepers for clean up after storm events.

**Airport Director’s Report:**

Bruce Martin, Airport Director, recounted Hurricane Zeta damage at the Airport facilities and showed photographs of extensive foreign object debris brought in by the storm surge of Lake Pontchartrain. He said that Airport staff worked sunup to sundown to clear the debris to return the Airport’s airfield.

He said that about 6,000 square feet of the National Guard Hangar roof was damaged, and the McDermott Hangar roof will need to be replaced as a result of Hurricane Zeta damage.

He said that staff was working with the FAA and the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower staff to request restoration the legacy hours

**Old Business:**

**1) Motion to recommend approval of the Airport Master Plan.**

When a quorum was met, Vice Chair Fierke made a motion to recommend approval of the Airport Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lapeyrolerie and was unanimously approved to recommend approval of the Airport Master Plan.

George Groh, of Kutchins and Groh, indicated that the Airport Master Plan is a living document, and when an airport updates its Capital Improvement Plan the Airport Master Plan must also be updated and sent to the FAA.

Mr. Martin said that the FAA has given approval for the Airport to decommission Runway 9-27. He explained that the FAA would issue a grant for the project because it would take care of a hotspot, an accident prone intersection, and would allow for more development at the Airport.

**New Business:**

**1) Update on overall Hurricane Zeta damage at the Airport.**

This item was covered during the Airport Director’s Report.

2) **Motion to recommend approval of Task Order No. 7 to RCL Architects, L.L.C. for architectural services for roof repairs at the Airport in a total amount not-to-exceed \$71,234.68.**

When a quorum was met, a motion was made by Vice Chair Fierke, seconded by Commissioner Lapeyrolerie, and was unanimously approved, to recommend approval of Task Order No. 7 to RCL Architects, L.L.C. for architectural services for roof repairs at the Airport in a total amount not-to-exceed \$71,234.68.

Daniel Hill, Director of Engineering and Operations, said that the services would include designs for repairs of the National Guard Hangar, McDermott Hangar, and some miscellaneous roof repair designs at the Airport.

3) **Discussion regarding emergency demolition of the roof on the National Guard Hangar.**

Daniel Hill, Director of Engineering and Operations, said that emergency demolition of the roof of the National Guard Hangar was necessary to take next steps to mitigate water intrusion into the building. He said staff was working with the LMA's IDIQ architect consultant RCL Architects, LLC to design the subsequent repairs.

Mr. Martin said staff was still waiting on additional quotes from contractors before proceeding.

Director Capo said staff would strive to get all quotes in before the Board meeting so staff could proceed with repairs.

4) **Update on the 2020 Warbird Expo.**

Mr. Martin said that despite the short notice and Hurricane Zeta, the small-scale event was a success and visitors left happy.

Chair Heaton said that the event was a great opportunity for the Airport to remind the public of the facility

5) **Discussion regarding the reopening of Messina's Runway Café in the Airport Terminal.**

Chair Heaton explained that Mr. George Messina, owner of Messina's Runway Café, expressed a desire to extend the café's closure.

Gerard Metzger, Legal Counsel to the LMA, indicated that the Board had passed a resolution to authorize the 90-day closure beginning on August 9, 2020.

Chair Heaton explained that staff cannot change the terms of a lease. She said she was copied on a communication from Mr. Messina as the meeting started, but she did not have the opportunity to review.

**Announcement of next Airport Committee Meeting:**

1) **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 2:30 PM**

**Adjourn:**

Commissioner Lapeyrolerie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Fierke seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.