

**MINUTES OF  
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**

PRESENT: Chair Esmond Carr  
Vice-Chair Stanley Brien  
Commissioner Patricia Meadowcroft  
Commissioner Dawn Hebert

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director  
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director  
Winifred Christopher – Airport Manager  
Gerard G. Metzger – Legal Counsel to the LMA

ALSO

PRESENT: Commissioner Wilma Heaton  
Al Pappalardo  
Ashley Haspel  
Abraham Kinkopf founder of the Virtual Krewe of Vapor Wave

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The Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport at 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

Chair Carr called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. and led in the pledge of allegiance. Director Capo called the roll, and a quorum was present.

**Opening Comments:**

- Chair Carr opened with his appreciation of the work done to clean up the lakefront. It is looking beautiful.
- Director Capo plans to recognize the staff from ARCGNO for the work done at the Lakefront at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Meadowcroft talked about some of the steps that the team took. They had a meeting to discuss implementing steps for improvement.
- Director Capo added that putting rolling dumpsters really helped expedite trash removal. We also added an additional 100 trash cans 50 were wire basket style. 21 signs were put out. Mr. Capo dropped off 150 trash bags to volunteers who passed them out to people on the lake during Mother's Day. There were also mounted police and cameras.
- Commissioner Meadowcroft added that this was a great dress rehearsal for going forward.

**Motion to Adopt Agenda:**

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

**Motion to Adopt Minutes from March 15, 2022:**

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

### **Director's Report:**

Director Louis Capó briefed the board on upcoming activities on the Lakefront:

- Shelter #4 skylights are going in this week.
- There is a slight delay with the bathroom renovations which should be up in 2 weeks. Shelter #4 should be opening shortly after that.

### **Public Comments:**

Ashley Haspel President of Lake Terrace spoke on the following topics:

- Follow up to the pdf of her personal survey of the streetlights which was sent on June 24<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Martin who is no longer with the agency. The streetlights are still out in St. Bernard Park. He was supposed to get a cherry picker to complete numerous jobs and replacing the lights in the park was on the list. Director Capó will look into replacing the lights on the flat part of the park.
- Signs at Robert E. Lee and Paris Avenue have exposed electrical wires which are very dangerous and need to be repaired.
- St Bernard sign is great.
- Lakeshore Drive sign has collapsed and fell and needs to be repaired. David had it and said it would be repaired by this week and it has not. Chair Carr asks Director Capó to address the issues. Director Capó states he will get a purchase order to address the exposed wires. Chair Carr states the signs are refurbished they just need to be installed.

Ray Landeche (LPOA) represented himself regarding Mr. Capó's decision that a Letter of No Objection is needed to repair the fire damaged roof on his home. After reading the rules aloud he disagrees with Mr. Capó and further states that former Director of Engineering and Maintenance, Mr. David Martin told him verbally that he agreed with Mr. Landeche's interpretation of the rules.

- Chair Carr asks for clarification on how the process works to obtain A Letter of No Objection.
- Director Capó clarifies that this item stopped with David Martin's opinion. This has to do with maintaining consistency with the City Department of Safety and Permits.
- Chair Carr recalls LMA having a meeting with the City's Permit Department regarding this. He further does not expect there to be a delay or cost for Mr. Landeche to obtain the Letter of No Objection today.
- Ashley Haspel asks for clarification as to when a Letter of No Objection is required. Chair Carr and Commissioner Meadowcroft clarified that the board wants to issue a Letter of No Objection on every interior and exterior building permit issued under the city code. The LMA staff will filter the city permits with no architectural modifications which require review so that we do not incur costs and pass those on.
- Mr. Landeche provided additional helpful information regarding his delayed demolition and building permit process. He had to make sure he didn't demolish any of the burnt structure before obtaining the demo permit because of the location of the fire damaged garage and cabana on his property line. It was important to link the demolition permit to the building permit otherwise he would have had to go through Zoning which can be a problem. Because of the length of time it's taken he may be required to go through the sequential reconstruction process.

## **I. Old Business**

### **1) Update on Lake Pontchartrain RFP.**

- The RFP are out for proposal. There is a Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Meeting scheduled in the large conference room on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Proposers must attend. Proposals are due back to LMA no later than 2:00pm July 8<sup>th</sup>. The RFP is downloadable on our website at no additional cost. However, there is a form to fill prior to downloading.

## **II. New Business**

### **1) Motion to recommend approval of the installation of the Krewe of Vaporwave plaque at the Mardi Gras Fountain**

A motion was made by Commissioner Meadowcroft and Second by Commissioner Hebert.

- Abraham Kinkopf founder of the Virtual Krewe of Vapor Wave here to revisit the krewe's request for permission of installation of their plaque. Mr. Kinkopf has volunteered his krewe to come in a to pressure wash to pieces at Mardi Gras fountain in lieu of paying an actual fee.
- Commissioner Carr appreciates the krewe's suggestion of community services. However, the LMA has incurred staffing costs around his activity. To which Mr. Kinkopf inquired what was the amount incurred and that he offered to remove the plaque himself.
- Commissioner Carr asks if we could accept the krewes offer to volunteer their time and service to the pressure washing services.  
Attorney Metzger speaks to the guidelines placed in the resolution for the krewe's requirements being a permit for ingress and egress, insurance and a contract for installation. Also, the cost of the plaques being placed prior to approval by the OLBD must be reimbursed.
- Mr. Kinkopf requested a copy of the past resolutions for prior krewes.
- Chair Carr requested that we revisit the following items at the next board meeting:
  - questions regarding acceptance of community service in lieu of fees
  - the labor cost assessed to remove and store the plaque on LMA property
- Commissioner Carr is not opposed to accepting community services in lieu of funds.

**Motion to differ the Krewe of Vaporwave Resolution to the next month was offered by Commissioner Brien and second by Commissioner Meadowcroft.**

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

1)Tuesday, June 14, 2022– 4:30 P.M.

### **Adjourn:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Bien, seconded by Commissioner Meadowcroft, and unanimously adopted, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21PM.