

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, AT 4:30 PM**

**6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126**

PRESENT: Commissioner Stan Brien - Vice-Chair
Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Dawn Hebert

ABSENT: Commissioner Sandra Thomas

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Adam Gulino – Director of Operations and Engineering

ALSO

PRESENT: Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Jeff Dye – LMA Counsel
Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant
Ashley Haspel – President, LTPOA
Maya Curtis – Arts New Orleans
Phalon Cornist – President, LOCA

The Recreation Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 4:30 PM at 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Stan Brien called the meeting to order at 4:44 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Brien led in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Mr. Capo called the roll and with (3) members present, a quorum was established.

IV. Opening Comments – Chair Sandra Thomas

Vice-Chair Brien had no opening comments.

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was offered by Commissioner D. Hebert seconded; by Commissioner Carr.

Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VI. Motion to Approve Minutes

1. Recreation Committee Minutes – May 16, 2023

A motion to adopt the agenda was offered by Commissioner D. Herbert; second; by Commissioner Carr

Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Recreation Committee Minutes - March 14, 2023

A motion to adopt the agenda was offered by Commissioner D. Herbert; second; by Commissioner Carr

Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VII. Public Comments – Limited to (2) Minutes

There were no public comments.

VIII. Director's Report

Mr. Capo reported the following:

- Juan LaFonta will hold his annual Juneteenth Celebration at shelter #3. The event will be free to the public from 12 noon to 10 pm. He will close out with firework display. LMA will be sending out notifications to the neighborhoods. He will not be closing off Lakeshore Drive.
- OLDPD will be moving to a third party to provide security detail for Lakefront events. The new company will be charging \$55 per hour, per officer.

- The permit for the It was my pleasure sculpture at St. John Park is in review at the City of New Orleans again. We are waiting on their response.
- Someone has been stealing stainless steel plates from the plumbing in the lakefront restrooms.

There was a discussion regarding the camper that moves between two spots either Roberts or the big lot. The owner is a doctor who has appeared before this board. He is the reason we had to purchase the No Parking signs. OLD PD had not been able to address the issues because the camper moves around

Mr. Capo also discussed the LMA's efforts to bring New Basin Canal's properties back into commerce. He also said that there are new leases for W-7 and W-8.

IX. New Business

1. **Motion to recommend approval of a contract with Employment Development Services, Inc. for Trash and Debris Removal Services, Lakeshore Drive, the New Basin Canal Park, the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, the Orleans and South Shore Harbor Marinas and Stars and Stripes Boulevard for a term of one (1) year, commencing on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr; seconded by Commissioner D. Hebert.

Commissioner Carr asked if the Airport should be included in this motion.

Mr. Capo stated that the Airport I a separate contract and should not be included in this motion. He introduced Kevin Gray as the Administrator for EDS and went over the breakdown of the total cost for trash pick up the contract.

Commissioner Carr discussed the Fried Chicken Festival, and what are our options to charge the for the event.

Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote on the motion on the floor. All were in Favor. The motion passed.

2. **Motion to recommend acceptance of the lowest responsive bid and approval of the Lakefront Management Authority's Mowing Contract for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, with (2) one-year options to renew.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr; seconded by Commissioner D. Hebert.

Adam Gulino detailed the bid process and selection of a company for the contract.

Vice-Chair Brien remembered a time when the mowing contracts were much more costly. He commended staff for getting a handle on the mowing contracts.

Mr. Capo discussed that LMA budgeted \$418,000 and the bids came in at \$372,000 which gives us the flexibility to increase the cutting frequency if necessary.

There were other unrelated discussions.

Adam Gulino informed the committee that there will be a contract to pressure wash the shelters. He explained that the importance of this contract is that it will free up maintenance staff to complete other in-house work. The contract is \$30,000 annually. It will be with Corvus who currently cleans the terminal and the marinas.

Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote on the motion on the floor. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Chair Brien announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

X. Announcement of the next Airport Committee Meeting

- 1) Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 4:30 PM

XI. Adjourn

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr; seconded by Commissioner D. Herbert at 5:20 pm.