

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023, at 4:30 PM**

**6001 STARS AND STRIPES BLVD.
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70126**

PRESENT: Commissioner Sandra Thomas (Chair)
Commissioner Stan Brien (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Dawn Hebert
Commissioner Pat Meadowcroft

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director

ALSO

PRESENT: Soja Duhé – LPOA President
Ann Duffy – Lake Oaks Resident
Harold Matherne – Lake Oaks Resident
Al Pappalardo – PCI
Ashley Haspel – LTPOA
Ray Landeche
Patricia Fullmer
Mike Ricci – PBF Counsel

The Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport at 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

- I. **Call to Order at 4:32 PM.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Thomas**
- III. **Roll Call was called by Mr. Capo all (5) members were present for a quorum.**

IV. Opening Comments – Chair Sandra Thomas/Commissioners

Chair Thomas thanked everyone for attending The Recreation and Subdivision Committee meeting and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Carr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. All were in favor and the motion passed.

VI. Motion to Approve Minutes

1. Recreation Committee Minutes - November 9, 2022 – Approved.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Brien; Seconded by Commissioner Hebert. With no questions or comments, all were in favor. The motion passed.

VII. Director's Report

Director Capo reported on the following:

LMA Staff met with the four neighborhood presidents.

- Lights that were struck by lightning along Lakeshore Drive have been restored.

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Commissioner Meadowcroft expressed that lights are out throughout the city and asked if we had partnered with CNO on the issue.

Chair Thomas commented that CNO will also be working on lighting.

Adam Gulino, Director of Engineering and Operations reported on the Maintenance department's projects list.

- Bathroom valves were replaced.
- Lake Terrace's sign should be installed by next Friday.
- Lighting on St John Park

VIII. **Public Comments**

Patricia Fulmer spoke about removing problematic crepe myrtle trees in her neighborhood parks. Her neighborhood park has spent funds and requested financial assistance from LMA to complete the work.

Jeff Dye said he would meet with Entergy regarding damaged trees at Breeze Park and Floral Park. The meeting date is January 26, 2023.

Ashley Haspel spoke with Chair Thomas about emails regarding residents' requirements to obtain and submit a Letter of No Objection (LNO) from Lakefront Management to the City Permits for renovation work on their homes.

Mr. Capo stated that his conversation with Mr. Jackson at City Permitting was to have all renovation work vetted through LMA before applying for city permits.

Ms. Haspel asked what should she do if residents have skipped the LNO process.

Mr. Capo and Chair Thomas both agreed that she should report it to Ms. Jackson's office at City Permitting.

Ray Landeche asked who was handling the wetlands work at Shelter #1.

Adam Gulino stated it would be Flood Protection.

IX. **Old Business**

1. **Update on Pontchartrain Beach Lease**

Jeff Dye informed the committee that the draft lease was prepared and presented to Ponchartrain Beach Foundation and is waiting for a response.

Commissioner Carr and the committee discussed when negotiations began, set time limits on the negotiations, and what would be the process to send out another RFP for new developers. He also suggested setting timelines for negotiations in the future.

Mr. Dye informed the board the first step would be to rescind the existing resolution.

Mike Ricci, Attorney for Ponchartrain Beach Foundation, talked about the timeframe and staffing constraints over the holidays but assured the committee that the PBF would be returning their redlined draft of the lease. He also spoke about PBF hiring experts to develop plans in the areas of concern.

Harold Matherne, Lake Oaks Resident, commented that they are waiting to see the controlling elements of the draft lease. He is hoping for a public forum after the residents have had a chance to dissect the lease.

Ms. Haspel commented that she has been working with Mr. Matherne and concurred with his statements

X. **New Business**

1. **Motion to recommend approval of contracts for repairs to the Mardi Gras Fountain with Nordin Mechanical, LLC to supply and install a hydromantic submersible pump and release valves for a price and sum not to exceed \$23,185.00 and with Waterworks Maintenance and Repairs to supply and install a Control Panel and LED Lighting Control Modules for a price and sum not to exceed \$38,509.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr; seconded by Commissioner Brien.

Mr. Gulino informed the board that this would be the cost to get the Mardi Gras fountain up and running.

Commissioner Brien asked if there would be a warranty in place for work and equipment. He felt that the cost was expensive, and it did not function long.

Mr. Gulino stated that there's a 2-year warranty on the pump but was unsure of the warranty on the company work.

Mr. Capo talked about the placement of the pumps. He felt that there was no design issue. He ran the fountain remotely with no issue. The previous operator gutted the fountain's control panel due to not fully understanding how to operate the system. Staff recommended getting the fountain up and running.

Commissioner Meadowcroft suggested that staff be properly trained to care for and operate the fountain to preserve longevity.

The committee discussed the implementation of a care and filtration maintenance plan for the pumps. They also discussed the pc placement and security.

Commissioner Hebert talked about the quote was good for 30 days and soon expiring and asked if the companies were working together.

Mr. Gulino replied that they were not working together.

Commissioner Carr asked if it was necessary to go to the board and asked about placing a contingency for the amount of the contracted work.

Mr. Gulino recommended a 20% contingency, although the work was straight forward.

Mr. Metzger advised the board of the motion on the floor and the committee's options moving forward.

Commissioner Carr suggested to not recommend the motion to the board, it could die in committee with the full understanding that is within the Executive Director's authority to move forward with repairing the fountain.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Thomas read the motion again and called for a vote. All committee members voted against the motion.

MOTION FAILED.

Chair Thomas announced the next meeting and was in favor of moving the next meeting to another date due to traffic obstructions of the parades. She called for adjournment.

Mr. Capo suggested moving all meetings up by a week.

XI. Announcement of next Recreation Committee Meeting:

1. February 14, 2023, at 4:30 PM

XII. Adjourned at 6:08 PM

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr; seconded by Commissioner Brien.