

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.**

Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center
6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126

PRESENT: Commissioner Sandra Thomas (Chair)
Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Dawn Hebert

ABSENT: Commissioner Stan Brien (Vice Chair)

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Adam Gulino – Director of Operations and Engineering
Cindy Grace, LMA Finance
Margie Brown, LMA Finance

ALSO

PRESENT: Jeff Dye – LMA Counsel
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Michael Leabert, PBF

The Recreation Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 4:30 PM at 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

- I. **Called to Order** at 5:11 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Commissioner Carr
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo.** With (3) members present a quorum was established.
- IV. **Opening Comments – Chair Thomas - None**
- V. **Motion to Adopt Agenda**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner D. Herbert.

VI. Approval of Minutes

1. Recreation Minutes – June 13, 2023

A motion was offered by Commissioner D. Herbert and seconded by Commissioner Carr.

2. Special Joint RECREATION/LEGAL/COMMERCIAL Real Estate Committee Minutes – Saturday, May 20, 2023.

A motion was offered by Commissioner D. Herbert and seconded by Commissioner Carr.

3. Recreation Minutes – May 16, 2023

A motion was offered by Commissioner D. Herbert and seconded by Commissioner Carr.

VII. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes

Michael Leabert, PBF, addressed the committee to ask if the LMA/Board had plans to put Ponchartrain Beach back into commerce and if another RFP would be issued. He read an excerpt from page 32 of ACT 292 of the 1928 Legislation on The Ponchartrain Beach.

He also inquired about mitigation plans regarding the hazards that visitors will experience when they arrive by boat.

He asked if there were steps to preserve the original 1920's seawall which is eroding from weather effects.

Chair Thomas thanked Mr. Leabert for expressing his concerns and explained that the committee and board will have discussions on his concerns in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Heaton asked Mr. Leabert for a copy of the pictures he showed of the seawall. She stated that the seawall is the first line of defense and was under the Flood Authority who has spent over \$50,000,000 on erosion control.

VIII. Director's Report

Mr Capo reported o the following items:

- A notice as sent out regarding Lake Shore Drive will be partially closed near the Lighthouse Condos to move a huge crane. It will take place tomorrow between 10 am and 7 pm.
- Mr. Capo took Rick Moore, Liter Abatement Director of the Lieutenant Governor's Office for a tour of Lake Shore Drive. He brought some NO Litter signs and gave some good information for mechanisms to get funding for tables and decorative trash cans with lids. he could get us blue barrels for trash and more signs if needed.

IX. New Business

1. **Motion to recommend the modification of Resolution VII 05-10272022 to substitute the Arts Council of New Orleans as the permittee for the installation of the It was my pleasure sculpture by Anastasia Pelias in St. John Park and to add the City of New Orleans as the intervenor and guarantor for the performance of the terms and conditions in the permit.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner D. Herbert.

Jeff Dye stated that item previously came before this committee. It went to the board who passed a resolution. After which encountered issues at the city level with signing the permit. After further discussions, an agreement was reached on all sides and both the City and the Arts Council have agreed to sign the permit.

Mr. Dye added that this revised resolution is housekeeping so that the resolution would align with the permit.

With no further questions or comments, a vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Update on the National Fried Chicken Festival

Mr. Capo informed the committee that Mr. Spears Group has entered into a three-year location agreement with the same terms and conditions as the previous year. We are leasing ground space with the following terms of the contract

Year 1 (2023) - \$25,000

Year 2 (2024) - \$30,000

Year 3 (2025) - \$35,000

We also agreed to allow them to fill the water bottles for grounding the tents.

Chair Thomas asked about the area they leased and thought they were moving closer to shelter #4.

Commissioner Carr asked how did we negotiate our rate and if we were paying for the water.

Mr. Capo stated that he spoke with Mr. Marco at UNO regarding parking. Their rate was \$55,000. He had further discussions about our rate with Mr. Papalardo and we agreed that the three-year fee schedule was fair.

Commissioner Carr said he researched information from city park and asked why we didn't get a surcharge on alcohol sales. He said he didn't understand why we charged a flat fee with as many visitors who came.

Chair Thomas expressed her thoughts that it was unfeasible to approach every independent vendor for a sur-charge

She also shared her personal experience the tickets sales were very minimal. In fact, thousands of tickets were given away to get a higher number of community participation.

Commissioner Carr expressed his disagreement with the terms of this festival. He felt the rate fee was not commensurate with the size of this event.

Chair Thomas announced the next committee meeting and called for adjournment.

X. Announcement of the next Airport Committee Meeting

1) Tuesday, August 17, 2023, at 4:30 PM

A motion was offered by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Hebert.

XI. Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.