

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 – 4:30 P.M**

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Sandra Thomas – Chair
Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Dawn Hebert

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Cindy Grace - LMA Finance Manager

ALSO

PRESENT: NONE

The regular monthly Recreation Committee Meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held at a special date and time on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 5:29 PM, at the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars, and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70126, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

- I. **Called to Order at 5:29 PM.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Carr.**
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (4) members were present, and a quorum was established.**
- IV. **Opening Comments – Chair Heaton** thanked everyone in attendance. She said this evening’s meeting will address some issues and our efforts to discover resolutions to those issues. This committee wants the FBOs and tenants to be successful.

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

VI. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes – NONE

VII. Director's Report

Mr. Gulino spoke about the Lake Vista bus shelter(s) roof repairs are underway. The workers will wait out this week's rain and resume their work when the weather permits.

- There were no issues with the fountains during the freeze.

Chair Thomas reported that there is a water main break at Lake Terrace at 6100 Paris.

Mr. Capo reported that Cleveland Spears is looking to do another event at shelter #3 called Bubbles and Boils. It will be the Friday and Saturday before Mother's Day.

- Friday will be a Teacher's Appreciation(only) event
- Saturday will be for the general public.
- Expecting 6000 ppl
- 1 stage facing the lake
- All the traffic will be directed out at Leon C. Simon
- The parking will be on Lakeshore Drive
- OLDPD is on board with working this festival

Commissioner Carr was interested in discussing what rates would be charged and suggested rates closer to market rates.

Mr. Capo said was still working on rates and would reach out to City Park.

Mr. Capo continued his report by informing the committee that the Lakefront is getting a lot of interest since the Fried Chicken Festival.

A group reached out to do a second line on the Lakefront. OLDPD is against it because there is no way to gage the crowd's participation and they don't have the manpower to accommodate this type of event.

Chair Thomas informed the committee that she had a meeting with Mr. Spears regarding the renewal of his contract with the city. She said it was suggested that he talk with her about it, and her understanding was that it would be a much smaller footprint than the Fired Chicken Festival. She talked about it being more of a contest for the best type of boil. He also said he would put the sound curtains up for Lake Oaks. She was especially happy about Friday being for teachers only.

Commissioner Carr was happy about Mr. Spears's success with his festivals, his only contrition was about the rate.

Mr. Capo also briefly informed the committee about the 420-event request on the Lakefront. He said that the OLDPD was against that event as well.

He also reported that they have begun working on mounting the cameras and other preparations for the Easter Holiday.

We are also gaining interest in movie filming again.

Commissioner Carr wanted to discuss the allies.

Chair Thomas asked that the gardeners stop dumping in the easements.

Mr. Capo said that was the real issue that we're facing.

VIII. New Business

- 1. Motion to approve a contract for tree trimming in New Basin Canal Park with A Perfect Cut Tree, Inc. for a price and sum not to exceed \$38,645.00.**

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

Mr. Gulino said it was from Lane St. down to Veterans.

Mr. Capo added that the trees are growing into the lights at the new Basin Canal soon to become a real safety issue. The cost of those lights was approximately \$1 million a few years ago. Also, Councilman Giarrusso contacted Mr. Capo to express his concerns about the trees.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Chair Thomas called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Commissioner Hebert left the meeting at 5:45 pm

Commissioner Brien left at 5:46 PM. We lost the quorum.

There was further discussion about the dumping in the easements.

Chair Thomas announced the next meeting there was no quorum to vote on adjournment.

IX. Announcement of the next Recreation Committee Meeting

- 1) Tuesday, February 20, 2023, at 4:30 PM**

X. Adjourn