

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, March 19, 2024 – 4:30 P.M**

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Sandra Thomas – Chair
Commissioner Stan Brien – Vice Chair
Commissioner Brad Brandt

ABSENT: Commissioner Stan Cohn

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Mark Schexnayder – Batture

The Recreation Committee Meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 4:30 PM, at the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars, and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70126.

- I. **The meeting was Called to Order at**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Brandt**
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (3) members were present, and a quorum was established.**
- IV. **Opening Comments – Chair Sandra Thomas thanked the one public person who showed up for today’s meeting. She mentioned that there have been many comments regarding no Recreation meetings. She said there has also been very low or no attendance from the community. She encouraged the community to attend the scheduled meetings.**
- V. **Motion to Adopt Agenda**

A motion to adopt the agenda was offered by Commissioner Brien and seconded by Commissioner Brandt.

Chair Thomas called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VI. Motion to Approve Minutes

1. Recreation Committee Minutes – January 23, 2024

A motion to adopt the agenda was offered by Commissioner Brien and seconded by Commissioner Brandt.

Chair Thomas called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VII. Public Comments – Limited to (2) Minutes – NONE

VIII. Director's Report

Mr. Capo reported the following:

- **The Ted Hickey/Seabrook Bridge** will be out through June 2024. Once repaired it will open all (4) lanes. The bridge closure will affect the Easter and Mother's traffic on Lakeshore Drive.

Chair Thomas mentioned that her office is also receiving calls from constituents regarding the bridge closure.

- **Easter and Mother's Day Holidays on the Lakefront:**
 - ARC-NOLA will add additional trash bins
 - Horse mounted Police and other increased police presence
 - (2) ambulances
 - Cameras
- **Cleveland Spears** will host "Bubbles Boils and Brews" on May 10th and 11th at shelter #3.
 - Friday, May 10th will be Teacher's Appreciation Day
 - Saturday, May 11th will be open to the general public.
 - Much smaller footprint than the Chicken Festival
 - \$12,500 will be the fee for the event
 - Mr. Spears has agreed to leave his port-o-let rentals and trash cans on-site during Easter Sunday as well.
- **Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant:**
 - We have received 10 trash cans with lids.

- We are waiting for the signs to come in.
- **We will be bringing the port-o-lets back this week.**
 - **(15) standard port-o-lets and (5) handicap port-o-lets**

Adam Gulino, Director of Operations and Engineering, reported the following:

- **Shelter #4**
 - Sewer lines and connections need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$60,000.
- **Lake Vista:**
 - Bus shelter(s) roof work is done. We are currently looking for a painter.
- **Lake Oaks:**
 - Needs gates and fence work. We will begin looking for quotes for this work.

Mr. Capo went over the proposed 2024-2025 Operational budget and the Capital Projects budget.

- There has been a delay in receiving the ad valorem tax due to the tax bills going out late. We are projected to receive \$2.4 million We have received \$80,000 thus far in ad valorem taxes.
- **Revenues**
 - \$41,000 received in Location agreements, movie shoots etc.
 - \$15,000 in shelter rentals
 - \$2.3 million in revenues overall
 - \$2.1 million in expenditures
 - \$227,000 surplus
- **Capital Projects**
 - \$75,000 – shelters
 - \$40,000 - \$10,000 for each subdivision

- \$30,000 Lake Shore parking lot signage
 - \$50,000 – Tree trimming on Lakeshore Drive and subdivisions
 - \$100,000 – Maintenance Department requested equipment purchase
 - \$250,000 for the Seabrook Boat Launch
- Projecting \$9.4 million in revenue and \$9.4 million in expenditures to balance the books
 - The Seabrook Boat Launch is part of the Capital Outlay Projects.

Commissioner Brien asked about the substantial reduction on the grass-cutting line item.

Mr. Capo explained that the flood will take on grass-cutting along Lake Shore Drive. It will be an annual savings of \$120,000. We pay the invoices and Flood reimburses us.

Mrs. McKee added that it was part of the recent MOU agreement.

Mr. Capo added that this budget report will be going to the full board for review and approval.

Commissioner Brien asked if the Sewerage and Waterboard issues were remedied.

Mr. Capo said it seemed to be returning to normal readings. She said finance monitors the bill and sees no spikes in usage.

Chair Thomas asked if Sewerage and Waterboard perform actual meter reads.

Mr. Gulino said that it was situational.

Chair Thomas announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

IX. Announcement of the next Recreation Committee Meeting

1. Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 4:30 PM

X. Adjourned at 4:54 pm.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Brien and seconded by

Commissioner Brandt at 4:54 pm.