

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024 – 4:30 P.M**

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Stan Brien – Vice Chair
Commissioner Randy Odinet
Commissioner Stan Cohn

ABSENT: Commissioner Sandra Thomas – Chair

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Adam Gulino – Director of Operations and Engineering
Kel Brownfield – LMA Human Resources

ALSO

PRESENT: **Commissioner Terry Scott**
Thomas Long

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 4:30 PM at the Lakefront Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 after due notice of the meeting was sent to each board member, the news media, and posted.

- I. **Called to Order at 4:31 PM.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Brien.**
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (3) members present quorum was established.**
- IV. **Opening Comments – Vice-Chair Brien - NO COMMENTS.**

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Odinet.

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

VI. Motion to Approve Minutes

1) Recreation Minutes – March 19, 2024

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Odinet.

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

VII. Public Comments – Limited to (2) Minutes NO COMMENTS

VIII. Director's Report

- Juan LaFonta's annual Juneteenth Celebration is scheduled for tomorrow, June 19, 2024, at shelter #3. It is free and open to the public with food, music, and fireworks.
- Grass is growing and the contractors are playing catch up after the daily rain.
- The maintenance crew is currently fixing the picnic tables along Lakeshore Drive.
- We are also working to bring the play spots up to code. They are currently closed off due to worn matting, etc.

Commissioner Odinet shared that City Park is going through the same process. There is a specific kind of person to inspect their playgrounds.

Adam Gulino added that he reached out to Pelican Playgrounds who is working a full mock-up of what we could put at the play spots. He also mentioned that they are assessing how much of the play equipment could be repurposed and salvaged. However, the majority of the expense would be incurred by replacing the matting.

Commissioner Odinet discussed similar issues at City Park and said he would look into what funding sources they used at City Park.

Vice-Chair Brien asked about the pooling at shelter #1.

Mr. Capo said that the marshy area at shelter #1 has been eradicated as a result of the Flood Authority's \$ million project to replace drainage pipes from shelter #1 down to Canal Blvd.

Mr. Gulino added that any strong wind still pushes the water onto Lakeshore Drive which causes pooling in the parking area.

Mr. Gulino continued with the Director's report:

- The Mardi Gras Fountain rebuild for the inner circle pump has gone out. We will outsource the job to rebuild the pump. The installation will be done in-house.

Vice Chair Brien asked about Mr. Spears' Bubbles and Boils event.

Mr. Capo informed the committee that Mr. Spears' event had a much smaller footprint than his fall event. There was a minor issue with parking for his event due to UNO's graduation programs at the arena. We averted the issue by moving the parking to another location. The turnout was not as Mr. Spears expected.

Mr. Capo let the committee know that he was not a proponent of holding future events of this nature on the Lakefront during graduation season. He added that Mr. Spears will hold the Fried Chicken Festival in October in the same location.

Vice-Chair Brien asked if we had any upcoming movie shoots or events.

Mr. Capo informed the committee that the movie shoots had been slow to book since the strike.

IX. New Business

- 1. Motion to recommend approval of a contract with Employment Development Services, Inc. for Trash and Debris Removal Services on Lakeshore Drive, the New Basin Canal Park, the Orleans and South Shore Harbor Marinas and Stars and Stripes Boulevard for a term of (1) year, commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Odinet.

Mr. Capo directed the committee to the EDS contract handout and talked about who they are and their services.

Vice-Chair Brien commented that they do great work.

Mr. Capo discussed the state's procurement process for contracting EDS. He also explained that it is difficult to find a more reasonable contractor considering the amount of work the trash contracts entail.

Commissioner Cohn concurred with Commissioner Brien that they do great work.

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

Vice-Chair Brien announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

- X. Announcement of the Next Recreation Committee Meeting**
a. Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 4:30 PM

XI. Adjourn at 4:52 PM

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Odinet.

Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.