

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
MARINA COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 – 3:30 P.M**

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

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Philip Clinton – Chair  
Commissioner Stan Brien  
Commissioner Stan Cohn  
Commissioner Wilma Heaton (Arrived at 3:42)

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Louis Capo – Executive Director  
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director  
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and Engineering  
Michael Sciacicco – Harbor Master  
Helaine Millner – Harbor Manager  
Cindy Grace – LMA Finance  
Kristin Klinard – LMA Finance  
Kel Brownfield – LMA HR

**ALSO  
PRESENT:** Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel

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The regular monthly Marina Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 3:36 PM at the Lakefront Terminal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3:36 PM.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Clinton.**
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (3) members present quorum established.**

IV. **Opening Comments** – Chair Philip Clinton said that he had been working with consultants on the Marina plans. They will be meeting again to drill down to a solid ‘can do’ plan in the near future.

V. **Motion to Adopt Agenda**

A motion was offered by **Commissioner Cohn** and seconded by **Commissioner Brien**.

With no questions or comments, Chair Clinton called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was passed.

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

**Mr. Capo** introduced Laith Alshamaileh as LMA’s new engineer.

VII. **Director’s Report** –

**Mr. Capo reported the following:**

- Both marinas fared well after H. Francine. No major damage. Two boats took on water at SSH but are back up now.
- They have begun laying asphalt in the Orleans Marina parking lot. The work should be completed in approximately 60 days.

**Mike Sciavicco** added that they will also fill the sinkholes under the new promenade area with flow fill once they complete the asphalt job.

**Mr. Capo** said he would look into getting them to fill the other sinkholes on the main walkway as well.

**Commissioner Wilma Heaton** arrived at 3:42 pm.

**Mike Sciavicco** continued the report as follows:

- Damaged dock boxes
- Foliage debris
- SSH gate down due to keypad damage

- Removal of derelict boats removed by towing service. One boat sank. There is a second invoice to remove (4) boats for an additional \$26,400
- We are working separately on the Hatteras boat. There are currently two contractors interested in purchasing it.
- Dockwa, each marina is at 93% complete with the contracts. Ms. Millner will be going to court to file for evictions for non-contracted tenants.

Mr. Sciavicco spoke about Dockwa's sign-up process to authenticate a lease in the new system and said that Orleans Marina was outstanding with 32 tenants and South Shore Harbor was outstanding with 24 tenants. Attempts have been made to contact these tenants with their contact information.

- Update on the Harbormaster building is currently waiting for occupancy permits and Fire Marshall walk through and was told that we wouldn't receive an occupancy permit until the entire job was complete to include the handrails.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **1. Motion to recommend approval of the 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Projects requests.**

**A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Brien.**

**Chair Clinton** asked why was there a request to dredge at South Shore Harbor and not the New Basin Canal.

**Mr. Sciavicco** spoke about dredging at South Shore Harbor stating that there were a few areas that needed to be addressed

- Inland coming into the marina
- The rock area that borders the east end of the inland

**Commissioner Brien** asked when was the last dredging.

**Commissioner Heaton** informed the committee that there was an emergency dredging done 5 years ago. The South Shore Harbor had become virtually unusable due to severe silting. We were only able to address the emergent need due to lack of funding.

**Commissioner Heaton** said she gave her word that the West End would be included in the next dredging project conversations.

She suggested that the fifth project on the Capital Outlay Projects request be amended to include dredging at both South Shore Harbor and the New Basin Canal. It could also aid LMA on a legislative level to have West End and East Side Legislators collaborating on this issue. The Governor is currently working with the Orleans Delegation on some of these issues.

**Mr. Sciavicco** mentioned that he recently had to deny a 120-foot transient boat due to dredging issues.

**Chair Clinton** asked why pavilions were included the Capital Projects requests.

**Commissioner Heaton** informed him that the Capital Outlay Request is a board resolution that is inclusive of different components of the agency and added that it had been awarded.

There was further discussion amongst the committee about how to word the dredging request.

**Chair Clinton** asked if the Seabrook boat launch and Frank Davis Fishing Piers was a Marina committee project.

**Mr. Capo** informed him that those projects really belonged to the Recreation committee. Former Chair Hebert of the Marina committee took on the project and working with DEI on the design. However, there is an issue with the design phase regarding floating piers.

**Mr. Capó** said he would connect our new engineer with Adrian Becnel at the state level

**Mr. Metzger** advised the committee that they needed to go back to amend the Capital Outlay dredging request. He captured and read the motion to amend:

- A motion to amend the Capital Outlay Projects request, item number 5 to include both the South Shore Harbor and the West End as a single dredging project for \$500,000 each and a total of \$1,000,000.

**A motion was offered by Commissioner Heaton and seconded by Commissioner Cohn.**

**With no questions or comments, Chair Clinton called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was passed.**

**Mr. Metzger** informed the committee that a motion to approve as amended.

**A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Brien.**

**With no questions or comments, Chair Clinton called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was passed.**

**Mr. Metzger** informed the committee that he and Mr. Sciavicco were working on completing a lease for a charter boat service.

**Chair Clinton** announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

**IX. Announcement of the next Marina Committee Meeting**  
**1. Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 3:30 PM**

IX. Adjourn at 4:13 pm.

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

With no questions or comments, the Chairman called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was passed.