

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MARINA COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 – 3:30 P.M**

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Philip Clinton – Chair
Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Terry Scott

ABSENT: Commissioner Stan Cohn

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and Engineering
Mike Sciavicco - Harbormaster
Helaine Millner – Harbor Manager
Kel Brownfield – HR Director
Laetoya Black – Grants Administrator

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel
Stanton Murray
Blair Stork – Lofton Security
Claude Pierre – Lofton Security
Tom Long

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:30 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 3:30 PM.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Scott**
- III. Roll Called by Mr. Capo (4) members present for a quorum.**
- IV. Opening Comments – Chair Philip Clinton had no comments.**

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

A motion was offered by Commissioner T. Scott and seconded by Commissioner Heaton.

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

VI. Public Comments - Limited to (2) Minutes No Public Comments

VII. Director's Report

Mr. Capo reported the following

- We are in the process of cleaning W. Roadway abandoned
 - o Trees
 - o (3) abandoned structures to be demolished and removed
 - o Called police to remove a squatter

Cahir Clinton commented that he was glad to hear about the clean up as it is a blight to the community and LMA. He asked what must be done to get it back into commerce.

Mr. Capo explained he, Mr. Pappalardo and Mr. Alshamaileh, met and will go with option 2. He also said they were working with Entergy to move the power poles back. They will also work with SW&B on the drainage and water sources.

Mr. Alshamaileh said there will be (10) 24' and (2) 34' lots.

Commissioner Scott asked if we had a cost associated with putting them back into commerce.

Mr. Capo discussed the costs saying they didn't have total cost, but the clean-up is approximately \$35,000. He will have a discussion with the city on whether the house could be built on land or not and showed a google map of the area of discussion.

Commissioner Brien suggested putting out an RFP that would allow bidders to be creative.

Mr. Capo commented that we will be putting up a sign at 406. S. Roadway. He detailed the previous Bertucci deal that didn't materialize due to The City Council's zoning.

We will also be putting up a for lease sign at the space between Junius Ship-Shape and the Condos.

Stanton Murray commented that he was happy about the 'For Lease' signs being put up. The Dockwa lease process was easy. Wi-Fi at the marina is a plus.

He asked Mr. Capo to go back to the map to discuss a boathouse on S. Roadway near Schubert's that has a worn tarp on the roof and is falling apart. Its a blight, an eyesore, and a potential trash projectile in storm season.

Mr. Capo gave the history of the sale of the boathouse. The new tenant promised to tear the structure down in exchange for a lease extension. He had a discussion with the tenant on what needed to be done for the lease extension. We heard nothing else from him.

Mr. Capo introduced Laetoya Black as LMA's new grants administrator.

Chair Clinton asked Mr. Sciavicco for a status on the pump grant application.

Mr. Sciavicco stated that it hasn't been awarded yet.

There was a discussion on (5) derelict boats to be removed.

Commissioner Heaton asked about the Seabrook Boat Launch Capital Outlay request and mentioned that Mr. Capo should get Ms. Black acclimated with the process to get it shifted from Priority 5 to Priority 1.

VIII. New Business

- 1. Motion to recommend approval of an agreement with Lofton Security Services, Inc., to provide security services on an as-needed basis in the Orleans and South Shore Harbor Marinas.**

A motion was offered by Commissioner T. Scott and seconded by Commissioner Brien.

Commissioner Scott asked for clarification on time and a half as the straight time rate and time and a half rate were not correct.

Mr. Capo called Lofton representatives to speak to the rates. Straight time rate was \$22.65, and the overtime rate was \$29.25

Blaire Stork commented that her boss was the person to talk with about the rates.

Mr. Capo stated we need to get clarification by next Thursday.

Mr. Sciavicco informed the committee that Lofton was the most interested and responsive. They had great questions and requested a copy of the guard schedule.

Mr. Capo added that Lofton was on state contract, and it would be a smooth transition. He mentioned that the previous harbormaster went to in-house guards. It has been difficult to keep the guards fully staffed and felt this would be the better way to go.

Commissioner Heaton was in favor of the staff's idea to go move to a third party to staff the guards.

Commissioner Scott asked given the present climate conditions; is there a reason we are going with un-armed guards.

Mr. Capo stated that we have always utilized unarmed guards. OLDPD has a great response time and works well with the marinas.

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

2. **Motion to recommend approval of a contract with Employment Development Services, Inc. for Trash and Debris removal at Orleans Marina and South Shore Harbor Marina (2) days per week for a term of (1) year commencing on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026.**

A motion was offered by **Commissioner Heaton** and seconded by **Commissioner T. Scott**.

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

Commissioner Cohn arrived at 3:56

Chair Clinton announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

IX. Announcement of the next Marina Committee Meeting

- 1) **Tuesday, JULY 15, 2025, at 3:30 PM**

Commissioner Clinton also let the committee know that he would be unavailable July and August.

X. Adjourn

A motion was offered by Commissioner Heaton and seconded by Commissioner T. Scott.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.