

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
REC/SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 – 4:30 P.M**

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Sandra Thomas – Chair
Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Stan Cohn

ABSENT: Commissioner Randy Odinet

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Cindy Grace – LMA Finance
Kristin Klinard – LMA Finance
Kel Brownfield – LMA Human Resources

ALSO

PRESENT: Mark Schexnayder – Coastal Environment

The regular monthly Rec/ Sub Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 4:46 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 4:36 PM.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Capo.**
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (3) members present quorum established.**
- IV. **Opening Comments – Chair Sandra Thomas** was profoundly disappointed that there was no public attendance at this or any of the meetings so far this year.

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

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

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

VII. Director's Report – Marina

Mr. Capo reported on the following:

- **Play spots along Lakeshore Drive**. Adam Gulino had them inspected. They were installed in the late 1990's. Due to the age, the maintenance crew has removed them to prevent injury.
- **H. Francine**: Lakeshore Drive fared well in the hurricane.
 - o A lot of tree branches down
 - o It may be better to do clean-up with in-house staff rather than contracting out as Orleans Parish was not declared a disaster site.
- **Mr. Capo** introduced LMA's new engineer, Laith Alshamaileh.
- **Lake Oaks Alleys**: LMA contracted with H&O for \$10,000 to do (2) cuts and (2) sprays to maintain the vegetation in the alleys on the back side of the subdivision. The maintenance crew will look into maintaining the gates. We will go back to padlocking the gates to regain control of access.
- Mr. Capo also mentioned that Mrs. McKee received a complaint report from a resident at the corner of Music and Leon C. Simon regarding a homeless person that was living in the oleander bushes across from her home. The maintenance crew will be cutting and removing the bottom branches to prohibit any hiding or living in those bushes.

Commissioner Brien asked the location of the New Basin Canal issues

Mr. Capo said it was at the fallout shelter. The trees were overgrown and bushy.

Commissioner Thomas asked if anyone had seen the homeless person. She could see what resources were available through her council member's office.

Mr. Capo continued his report stating that he got a call from Mr. Sage Michael who was concerned about an event he heard about at Ponchartrain Beach this Saturday from 12 noon to 6pm. This event was not authorized by LMA. We alerted OLDPD to go out and patrol. Maintenance will also go out and be sure the property is properly locked.

Commissioner Cohn asked if we knew for sure that it was advertised on social media.

Mr. Capo and McKee both confirmed that it is advertised on social media.

There was more conversation about who was holding the event, where they were located and contact information was discovered to be sure to notify them not to hold the event.

Mr. Capo informed the committee that he, Mr. Bruce Martin, the new engineer, and some of the tenants were planning to attend the Flood's operations Committee meeting to discuss the negative effects of closing gate L-18 to the airport and also closing the valve which prohibits the water from draining out. Mr. Capo said he would ask Flood to do a study on gate L-18 closure.

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.

Mr. Capo informed the committee that we are doing the resolution for the Capital Outlay request in September to give us time to gather the letters of support from our legislators before the November 1st deadline.

Two items for Recreation are the public use pavilions and the (4) play spots along Lakeshore Drive. He would like to increase the ask from \$225,000 to \$750,000 to include the funds for the play spots. He stated that the quote we received for one play spot was \$170,000 and requested a motion to amend the amount to \$750,000 to include the (4) play spots.

Chair Thomas stated that she would entertain a motion to amend from the committee.

Commissioner Cohn moved to amend the amount on item 1 of the Capital Outlay request to \$750,000. **Commissioner Brien** seconded the motion.

Mr. Capo explained that the Seabrook Boat Launch had \$160,000 in priority 1 for the design phase and priority 5 for construction.

Mr. Capo said that he would like to ask the Delegation to advocate for the Frank Davis fishing pier. It is highly popular and heavily used by the community.

Mr. Capo talked about the issues with installing floating piers at the Seabrook boat launch. He said that DEI is now going back with fixed piers.

Chair Thomas asked what the difference in cost was.

Mr. Capo said he didn't have the exact numbers in front of him, the fixed piers would cost less.

Chair Thomas called for a vote on the motion to approve as amended. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Update on Marina Business and Hurricane Francine

These items were discussed in the Director's report.

Chair Thomas announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

IX. Announcement of the next Marina Committee Meeting

1. Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 4:30 PM

IX. Adjourn at

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

With no questions or comments, the chair called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.