LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MARINA COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 – 3:30 P.M

6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

PRESENT: Commissioner Philip Clinton - Chair
Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Stanley Cohn
Commissioner Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Terry Scott

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Laith Alshamaileh – Director of Operations and Engineering
Cindy Grace, LMA Finance
Richard Huddle, Harbor Master
Helaine Millner, Harbor Manager
Kristin Clinard - Finance Manager
Breal Hillery - Finance
Kel Brumfield – HR Director

ALSO PRESENT: Gerry Metzger – LMA Counsel

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2025, at 3:30 PM at the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70126, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

I. <u>Called to Order</u> at 3:31 PM.

II. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> led by Commissioner Clinton.

III. <u>Roll Called by Mr. Capo.</u> (5) members were present for a quorum.

IV. Opening Comments – Chair Clinton thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

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 – NONE

VII. Director's Report

Mr. Capo reported the following:

- Introduced the new Harbor master Mr. Richard Huddle and added that Mr. Schivicco will stay on through December 2025.

- There are (12) derelict boats under water. Notices have been served. Now waiting on court dates

- Marina Occupancy:
  - Orleans Marina: 7% drop in occupancy to 80% after new leases
  - SSH
- The maintenance department has been fantastic at repairing wood planks and replacing dock boxes

- Discussion on Coaxum Development. Meeting is set with Mr. Capo for tomorrow where he will ask Mr. Coaxum to update the board.

- Chair Clinton suggested an RV development at SSH

- Issues with the washer/dryer placement due to an owl issue. Marina staff have called several entities and have been told numerous times that they cannot touch the owl because it is a protected species.

- All OM electric meters turned on

- Discussion on Junius Ship Shape. He will take the entire space at the market rate at a cost of $26,000.

- Discussion regarding cleaning up at West. Roadway. Laith has a quote for $27,000 that will demolish the steel structure, the boathouse, fencing and the trees. The company is going through the process to become a vendor.

- 406 S. Roadway no activity or interest to lease yet.

Mr. Metzger discussed the resolution that was approved by the board last month to have the attorney fees reimbursed on lease transfers

VIII. New Business

1. **Motion and recommendation to apply for the Boating Infrastructure Grant for silt removal at the New Basin Canal.**

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

Commissioner Clinton informed the committee that this would be a 75/25 grant application to improve a portion of the Pennick dock with new deck perforated deck board, new electrical, new water lines, gates and structural updates.

- Restrict use for transient dockage for 30years
- Edgewater would file the application for $15,000
- 300ft or 6-50ft slots at a cost of $1.1 million

Mr. Sciavicco felt that we should scale this project down to allow charter boat services. He felt that the larger transient boats could go inside the marinas as there are 2-75 ft transient slips available.

The committee discussed several aspects of the grant. Laith suggested maybe reducing the scope from 300 linear ft ($1.1 million) down to 100 linear ft.; and whether it was worth applying for.

Mr. Capo felt that we could always refuse the grant down the line if we weren't able to meet the requirements.

Commissioner Scott asked if we would forfeit the $15,000 application fee if we refused the grant down the line.

Mr. Capo replied that was correct.

Chair Clinton suggested recommending the motion to the board to discuss our options to approve or not.

Chair Clinton hearing no further questions or comments, Chair Clinton called for a vote. All were in favor.

Chair Clinton announced the next Marina committee meeting and called for adjournment.

IX. Announcement of the next Marina Committee Meeting

1) **Tuesday, OCTOBER 14, 2025, at 3:30 PM**

X. Adjourned at 4:17 pm.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Scott.

Chair Clinton called for a vote hearing no questions or comments. All were in favor. The motion to adjourn passed.