

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 – 4:30 P.M**

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Stan Brien – Vice Chair
Commissioner Randy Odinet
Commissioner Tery Scott

ABSENT: Commissioner Sandra Thomas - Chair
Commissioner Stanley Cohn

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director
Kel Brownfield – HR Director
John Peters – Engineering Department

**ALSO
PRESENT:** Jeff Dye – LMA Legal

The regular monthly Airport Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 3:38 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 3:38 PM.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Brien.**
- III. **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (3) members present quorum established.**
- IV. **Opening Comments – Vice-Chair Brien had no comments.**

V. Motion to Adopt Agenda

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

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

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

VII. New Business

- 1. Motion to recommend that the Lakefront Management Authority authorize acceptance of the award by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development 2025 Transportation Alternative Program Grant, in the amount of \$392,343.00, for 80% of the cost for Professional Engineering Services for the New Basin Canal Park Trail Extension, Phase VI Project.**

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

Mr. Capo said that this is a grant that we are working on with the Lakeview Civic Association (Freddie Yoda) who put up the matching cost to repair and restore the sidewalk.

Commissioner Odinet asked if this grant for construction of the sidewalk and for clarity asked if we would have to come up with a 20% match.

Mr. Capo confirmed that was correct and we added that we would also have to come up with the construction.

Commissioner Odinet asked several questions about our exposure in accepting the grant and then do we have to hire someone to manage the grant and who would do the administrative work.

Mr. Capo said we would do the work in-house.

Commissioner Odinet asked what would happen if they could not contribute any funds.

Mr. Capo said that it would be up to us to come up with the funds and we could not commit financially, we could always reject the grant.

Mr. Dye asked if there was an active CEA in place to work with Lakeview Civic Association.

Mr. Capo said there was no CEA in place yet and the previous CEA was only for the lights.

Mr. Dye added that, to Commissioner Odinet' s questions, the CEA would outline who would be responsible for what.

Mr. Capo added we are in preliminary stages of talks with Lakeview Civic Association.

The committee discussed the CEA and our all-inclusive financial portion of the grant. They also talked about deferring the motion and offering an amendment to this motion.

A motion to amend was offered by Commissioner Odinet and seconded by Commissioner Scott. To read as follows:

“Motion to recommend that the Lakefront Management Authority authorize acceptance of the award by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development 2025 Transportation Alternative Program Grant, in the amount of \$392,343.00, for the New Basin Canal Park Trail Extension, Phase VI Project”.

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

2. Discussion on the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget

Mr. Capo discussed the proposed budget stating the this is the first draft after meeting with all of our department heads. We will meet again to fine tune and balance the budget. He noted that next month the budget will be balanced at the committee level to be approved at the March board meeting to submit o Baton Rouge by April 1, 2026.

The committee discussed how to decrease the financial challenges at the Airport and South Shore Harbor.

VIII. Director's Report – Discussed in item (2).

Ms. McKee announced the next Recreation meeting.

IX. Announcement of the next Recreation Committee Meeting

1) Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 4:30 PM

X. Adjourned at 5:34 pm without a quorum.