

**(INFORMATIONAL) MINUTES OF
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
RECREATION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019**

PRESENT: Chair Dawn Hebert
Vice Chair Robert Romero

ABSENT: Commissioner Stanley Brien
Commissioner Esmond Carr
Commissioner Stanley Cohn

STAFF: Louis Capo – Executive Director
Sarion Granger – Human Resources Analyst
Daniel Hill – Director of Engineering & Operations

PUBLIC: John Skinner – L.O.S.I.D.
Joseph Fertitta – Fertitta Auto & Marine
Jay Baudier – L.V.P.O.A. (Lake Vista Property Owners Association)
Betty Tedesco – L.V.P.O.A. (Lake Vista Property Owners Association)

The Recreation/Subdivision Committee of the Lakefront Management Authority met on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, in the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chair Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Louis Capo called the roll and a quorum was not present, so the meeting was informational.

Opening Comments: None

Public Comments:

- Betty Tedesco, Lake Vista Property Owners Association, requested that both of the bus shelters located on Beauregard be repaired, cleaned, and painted.

She mentioned that the Lake Vista Property Owners Association's Board and the residents are very interested in the prospect and plans for the sidewalk project in Lake Vista. Ms. Tedesco requested that a Lakefront Management Authority representative

attend the October 28, 2019 member meeting to present the plans and discuss the care of the trees during the construction of the new sidewalks.

She stated that the elevator at the Lake Vista Community Center needs to be repaired or replaced. She mentioned that people are afraid to use the elevator.

- Joseph Fertitta explained that he used the ramp at the Seabrook Boat Launch and damaged his boat. He stated that he wants to have his vessel repaired. Mr. Fertitta requested that the Authority place barricades or police tape at the Seabrook Boat Launch because the launch is dangerous. He asked if any repairs had been done to the Seabrook Boat Launch in the past year. Chair Hebert responded that work has been done to the Launch.

Louis Capó, Executive Director, requested that Mr. Fertitta present him with documents of the damages and the estimated repair costs. Mr. Fertitta stated that he will acquire the documents.

Director's Report:

Louis Capó, Executive Director, stated that the Lakeshore, Lake Terrace, Lake Oaks, and Lake Vista property owners requested to know the procedure where they are notified when plans are submitted to the Authority. He explained the process of submitting plans for new construction and improvements. Mr. Capó stated that the Authority will create a log to keep track of when new plans arrive, the type of construction, date the plans were sent, and if the plans were sent to the Property Owners Association.

Mr. Capó spoke with Ms. Benoit's CPA and he informed Louis that they are in the process of convincing Ms. Benoit to move the planters out of the servitude.

Mr. Capó stated that the grass cutting contracts expire December 31, 2019 and the contracts must be updated to include accountability markers. He suggested that the grass cutting contracts coincide with the Authority's fiscal year. He explained that budgeting and tracking will be easier if the Authority adopts this method. Daniel Hill, Director of Engineering & Operations, suggested that the grass cutting contracts include provisions for certain areas.

Mr. Capó explained that the Authority only has one architect reviewer on staff and a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued.

Old Business:

1) **Status update on the Roy Johnson, Jr. Memorial:**

Chair Hebert stated that the organization that wants to build the memorial requested design plans of the Lakefront Management Authority's shelters, so that they can build the

memorial to be uniform. Chair Hebert reported that the Authority received the design plans of the shelters and the organization will share the plans with their architect.

2) **Discussion of Building Restriction Fee Schedule:**

Louis Capo, Executive Director, explained the proposed and current fee schedule. Commissioner Romero asked if the fee schedule required Board approval. Mr. Capo responded that he hasn't found any evidence of the Board approving prior fees from 2012. He requested input guidance from the Committee. Chair Hebert stated that she's uncertain about 100% cost because the Authority doesn't provide the same services as the City of New Orleans. Commissioner Arrigo asked if the document showcasing the architect charges was accurate. Mr. Capo responded that the document is accurate. He explained that the Authority receives a \$50.00 fee regardless of the construction. Commissioner Arrigo questioned the reasoning for the price increase. Commissioner Romero responded that the fee may prevent the architect from abusing the system and solve the problem of people building structures that aren't apart of the original design plans. Chair Heaton requested to defer this discussion to the next Recreation/Subdivision Committee Meeting. Mr. Capo stated that he will present the Committee with more information at the next meeting to justify the additional fees.

New Business:

1) **Discussion and recommendation for Capital Outlay Project Request:**

Louis Capo, Executive Director, discussed the projects for the Recreation/Subdivision Committee that were requested for the Capital Outlay in 2018. He requested that the Committee include the Seabrook Boat Launch and repairing the lighting along Stars & Stripes Boulevard in the Capital Outlay Project Request. He discussed new projects for the Capital Outlay Project for the Recreation/Subdivision Committee.

Public Comment:

- Monte Shalett, L.V.P.O.A., explained that a resident built a carport on his property line. The resident falsely stated that he received a permit from the Lakefront Management Authority that allowed him to build the carport. Mr. Shalett stated that the Authority's reviewer architect should have noticed the issue and brought it to the Authority's attention.

Announcement of next Recreation/Subdivision Committee Meeting:

- 1) **Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – 4:30 P.M.**

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.