A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held at The Pavilion of Two Sisters.


STAFF: Bob Becker, Rob DeViney, Adrienne Moore, John Hopper, Beau Bassich, George Parker, and Denise Joubert

GUESTS:

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone and introduced new Commissioners Edgar Chase and Edmund Schrenk.

The December minutes were approved.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia requested that any Commissioner who is interested in serving on the Nominating Committee contact Marsiglia or Bob Becker. The election for the Nominating Committee will be held at the February meeting.

President Marsiglia reported Equest Farms is hosting a fundraiser for City Park on March 13th. Tails but no Black Tie. He reported Equest Farms is housing the Clydesdale horses from February 2 through February 17 as well as the Orpheus Percherons from February 10 through February 17. Leslie Kramer, owner of Equest Farms, will be conducting tours if anyone is interested. Kramer is also conducting a national search for a riding school director, as well as working to secure funding for a covered rink, a part of the Park’s Master Plan.

Chief Executive Officer Bob Becker reported the Park had a tough month financially in December as well as the past four months due to extreme inclement weather conditions. As a result of this loss, the Park has worked to reduce operating expenses and increased efforts to generate and collect additional revenue.

President Marsiglia, Becker and other staff members appeared at the Civil Service Commission meeting and made a presentation on the Park’s recovery. Becker requested the Commission to grant rule D.2 approval to our current unclassified employees and that we be allowed to submit a plan which will detail the long term needs of the Park for classified and unclassified workers. The Commission granted the request.
A pre-bid meeting for the Golf RFP was held on January 14th. Representatives from three companies attended the meeting. Becker is in the process of responding to questions that were raised at the meeting. The final bids are due February 11th.

As a result of the arbitration process put into place by Senator Mary Landrieu, the Park and State won a case against FEMA concerning road damage in the Park. FEMA originally awarded the Park $188,000 for the road damage but after an appeal to the arbitration panel the Park was awarded over $1,900,000 with the potential for several hundred thousand more dollars on subsequent appeals. Marsiglia thanked Senator Landrieu for her efforts with the process and the State for pursuing the appeal. An appeal is also pending by the State on two audit findings from FEMA. Commissioner Edgar Chase asked when the street work will go out to bid. Becker replied the work should go out to bid next month. Commissioner Paul Masinter asked about the status of the Goldring Woldenberg Great Lawn parking lot. Becker replied the final plans were completed and sent to the State. The State will put the project out to bid in May.

A Resolution was passed on Section 3 Plan for all CDBG grants. This is a requirement to comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 which encourages the use of small businesses and the hiring of low income residents of the community.

Chief Development Officer John Hopper reported the official name of the Great Lawn is Goldring Woldenberg Great Lawn. The Dog Park is scheduled to open March 27th. The Park was selected as one of the beneficiaries of the Galatoires table auction, and should receive approximately $35,000 from the auction. Hopper thanked Commissioner Tom Fierke for being instrumental in arranging for the Park to become a beneficiary.

Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Edmund Schrenk updated the Board on various projects in the Park. The agreement with FEMA has been finalized for lighting in the Park. LED lights will be installed at various locations.

Athletics – No Report

Golf – No Report

Development – Commissioner Susan Hess reported the Committee is working on the Capital Campaign. The Committee is waiting for Becker to update a priority list of projects.

Finance – Commissioner Karen DeBlieux reported the Park is below budget due to inclement weather. Park management is intent on finding ways to increase revenue in various departments. The Committee is studying ways to set up an operating reserve.

Special Events/CITO – Commissioner Susan Brennan reported the committee discussed having a publicly known person become the face for Celebration in the Oaks. The committee also
discussed promoting corporate parties at Celebration in the Oaks as well as expanding the school trees contest by displaying a plaque recognizing the winner of the contest. The Fishing Rodeo, which is the oldest fresh water fishing rodeo in the country, is scheduled March 27th.

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks updated the Board on various ongoing projects. Trees are being planted at Couturie Forest and tree replacement at Goldring Woldenberg Great Lawn is underway. The Committee is continuing efforts on a Park tree protection policy.

NOMA – Commissioner Paul Masinter reported the fundraiser Art in Bloom is scheduled April 23rd.

Nominating – No Report

Legal – Commissioner Paul Masinter reminded all Commissioners to file their financial disclosure form by May 15th. If anyone has any questions in regards to completing the form feel free to contact Masinter or the Ethics board.

Public Relations – Commissioner Laura Claverie reported the Park currently has 6,683 subscribers for the monthly newsletter. Facebook page is doing well whereas Twitter not as well.

Stables – No Report

Tennis – No Report

Botanical Garden- No Report

Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported the Friends had a Board retreat and Strategic Planning session. Lark in the Park is scheduled March 19th; proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Peristyle.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, February 23rd at 4:00 pm at Parkview Terrace.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Oakland Adams
Secretary
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held at Parkview Terrace.

PRESENT: Commissioners Marsiglia, Broussard, Lupo, Giffin, Fierke, Hess, LaFranca, Masinter, Hoffman, Katz, Laborde, LeGrand, Brooks, Claverie, McCranie, Schrenk, Chase, Pappalardo, Farnet, Hales, and Hedge-Morrell (represented by Scott Darrah)


STAFF: Bob Becker, Rob DeViney, Adrienne Moore, John Hopper, Beau Bassich, and Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Don Tillar, Will Tregre and Representative Nick LoRusso

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone and recognized Representative Nick LoRusso, who has returned from military assignment and Will Tregre, whom he thanked for chairing the Golf Committee. Marsiglia also congratulated Commissioner Ben Hales on the success of the New Orleans Saints.

The January minutes were approved.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia reviewed upcoming events scheduled in the Park which include Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon February 28th, Tails but no Black Tie March 13th, Lark in the Park March 19th, Fishing Rodeo March 27th as well as the opening of the Dog Park. Marsiglia also reported The Symphony as well as the dedication of Goldring/Woldenberg Great Lawn will be held April 21st. The Goldring and Woldenberg families will be present for the event.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia informed the Board that on February 24th a luncheon will be held at the Pavilion of Two Sisters with the Legislative Delegation to provide an update on the current status of the Park.

Chief Executive Officer Bob Becker reported the Park had a good month financially in January and was able to reduce the deficit from previous months. Becker reported on Governor Jindal’s recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The Governor has proposed cutting the state subsidy for 2010-2011 to $805,860 which is a reduction of $498,619 from the 2009-2010 appropriation of $1,304,479.

Becker reported the Park’s Endowment has exceeded $1,000,000 which is a huge milestone considering Beau Bassich started the endowment alone in 1992 at less than $50,000.
Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Edmund Schrenk updated the Board on various projects in the Park. Schrenk reported Trust for Public Land has raised additional funds for improvements of the Big Lake project. The Park is expected to sign the contract with Torre Designs next week in regards to the Festival Grounds. On March 5th consultants from Children’s Museum will make a presentation to the Park. If anyone would like to attend let Becker know.

Athletics – Commissioner Larry Katz reported Tulane is considering playing one game this season at Tad Gormley Stadium. The 2010 high school football draw is scheduled February 24th. By providing an employee at Pan American Stadium to click all tickets collected at the gate increased revenue by $10,000 for the 2009 football season as compared to the 2008 season.

Golf – Will Tregre reported three responses were received as a result of the golf Request For Proposal. The responses will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee and a report will be rendered to the Board. If anyone would like a copy of the proposals let Becker know. The Driving Range building renovation should be completed in two weeks.

Development – Commissioner Susan Hess reported the Committee is in the process of determining which projects the committee will pursue in regards to the Capital Campaign.

Finance – No Report

Special Events/CITO – No Report

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks updated the Board on various ongoing projects. The Park planted more than 2,000 trees at Couturie Forest as part of the reforestation plan. Final revisions are being made to the draft of the Park’s tree protection policy.

NOMA – Commissioner Paul Masinter reported the fundraiser Art in Bloom is scheduled April 23rd.

Nominating – Becker reported the nominees for the 2010-2011 Nominating Committee were Commissioners Errol Laborde, Thomas Fierke, Laura Claverie, Larry Katz and Alan Heintzen. The committee was elected unanimously.

Legal – Commissioner Paul Masinter reminded all Commissioners to file their financial disclosure form by May 15th. If anyone has any questions in regards to completing the form feel free to contact Masinter or the Ethics board.

Public Relations – No Report

Stables – No Report

Tennis – No Report
Botanical Garden- No Report

Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported Friends is still looking for sponsorships for Lark in the Park. The Strategic Plan should be ready for adoption by the Friend’s Board in March.

New Business: Commissioner Stuart Farnet asked about the status of Popp’s Fountain building. Designs have been delayed due to water pressure issues. We are hopeful to have the problem resolved within a few weeks so we are able to move forward. Funding for the project has been secured.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, March 23\textsuperscript{rd} at 4:00 pm at the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Oakland Adams
Secretary
A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

PRESENT: Commissioners Marsiglia, Broussard, Lupo, Giffin, Fierke, Heintzen, Hess, LaFranca, Masinter, Hoffman, Katz, Laborde, LeGrand, Brooks, Claverie, McCranie, Schrenk, Chase, Pappalardo, DeBlieux, Shreves, George, Romig, Hales and Schoen


STAFF: Bob Becker, Rob DeViney, Adrienne Moore, John Hopper, Reece Anderson, Lisa Laraway, and Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Don Tillar, Will Tregre

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone

The February minutes were approved.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia reported the Park hosted a luncheon for our Legislative Delegation to provide an update on the current status of the Park and to discuss the impact of proposed budget cuts. Marsiglia also reported on a meeting held with GNOF in regards to the endowment and on a meeting with Mayor-elect Mitch Landrieu in regards to the golf Request for Proposal.

Chief Executive Officer, Becker reported the golf RFP Committee has completed the evaluation process and submitted the results to the Executive Committee. Three proposals were submitted, one from Billy Casper Golf, one from Honours Golf and one from the Bayou District Foundation. The Bayou District proposal received the highest evaluation score. Becker is hopeful a contractual agreement can be reached in the 60 to 90 days as called for in the RFP, but if not, the Park has several options, including revisiting the two other proposals or going in another direction. The process is scheduled to begin this week.

Becker reported the Civil Service Commission deferred employee raises for classified employees followed by an Executive Order by Governor Jindal deferring pay raises for unclassified State employees for fiscal year 2010-2011.

The first event, which was a wedding, took place on the Goldring/Woldenberg Great Lawn on March 13th. The event was very successful.

Discussions continue with Rehage Entertainment toward a new contract for Voodoo Music Experience.
The Park reinstituted the “Mystery Shopper” program. Overall the results were favorable; some areas of improvement were noted, and a meeting was held to discuss these concerns with the department managers.

A seminar was held for staff by the Park’s attorneys on the details of the Public Bid Laws.

Chief Development Officer John Hopper reported the challenge course on Goat Island should be complete in mid April. The new fishing pier on Marconi should be complete within six months. Hopper thanked the Algiers Rotary Club for the donation of a new baseball field on Roosevelt Mall.

Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Edmund Schrenk updated the Board on various ongoing projects in the Park. Schrenk reported the lighting project should go out to bid in four months. Schrenk also reported an agreement has been signed with Torre Designs in regards to the Festival Grounds which includes four multi-purpose fields, four stage locations, one permanent shelter, a service road and the refurbishing of an existing restroom facility.

Athletics – Commissioner Larry Katz reported the 2010 high school football draw was successful.

Golf – Don Tillar reported the Driving Range building renovations have been nearly completed. Media Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 17th.

Development – Commissioner Susan Hess reported the committee is still working on the Capital Campaign with the focus being the Splash Park. All federal earmark requests have been submitted to Senator Mary Landrieu.

Finance – Commissioner Karen DeBlieux reported the Park continued to improve its financial condition during February due to strong performances in catering and special events. In March, Shell gave the Park a $40,000 donation for continued support of Couturie Forest.

Special Events/CITO – The Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon was held in the Park and was very successful. The sponsors are working with our staff in regards to a contract for next year.

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks reported the committee met with Torre Designs in regards to regrading the fields for sufficient drainage at the Festival Grounds. She also expressed a need for either a sculpture or fountain to become the grounds’ signature piece. The Park’s tree protection policy will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

NOMA – Commissioner Paul Masinter reported the fundraiser Art in Bloom is scheduled April 24th. The Sculpture Garden reopened March 20th.

Nominating – No Report
Legal – No Report

Public Relations – No Report

Tennis – The Tennis Committee, which consists of Commissioners Errol Broussard and Errol Laborde, met to discuss the new tennis facility.

Botanical Garden- No Report

Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported Lark in the Park was successful and thanked all Board members who attended. President Marsiglia thanked Andrea LeGrand and Peggy McCranie for their hard work with Lark. Friends is currently looking to hire a part-time special events coordinator.

Dog Park – Commissioner Jackie Shreves reported a soft opening of the Dog Park was held March 20th with the official opening being on March 27th. The hours of the dog park are 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. A permit can be purchased at the Friend’s office between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

New Business: Commissioner Ted George reported on a phone call he received from someone connected with the Louisiana Children’s Museum expressing frustration over the pace of progress regarding negotiations with the Park. Becker said the Park is doing all it can to help the Museum but the problem is $800,000 the Museum is relying on for planning purposes is tied up by the State. President Marsiglia reiterated negotiations are not being held up by the Park and indicated he and the CEO would try and free up the planning money as soon as possible.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 27th at 4:00 pm at the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Oakland Adams
Secretary
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.


STAFF: Bob Becker, Beau Bassich, Rob De Viney, Adrienne Moore, John Hopper, Paul Soniat, Reece Anderson, George Parker and Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Don Tillar, Will Tregre

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone and introduced new Commissioner David Payton who is the appointee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The March minutes were approved.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia reported he and Becker met with the Men’s Tennis club to provide an update on the new Tennis facility. They also met with newly elected Councilwoman Susan Guidry to provide an update on the current status of the Park.

The Goldring/Woldenberg Great Lawn dedication was successful and well attended. Marsiglia thanked John Hopper for his work in making this event a success.

Marsiglia also reported renovations of the Rotary Club baseball field are near completion and renovations should begin soon on the softball field behind Tad Gormley on Roosevelt Mall.

Marsiglia reminded all Commissioners to file their Personal Financial Disclosure forms by May 15th. The forms should be mailed to the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Chief Executive Officer, Becker reported that he, President Marsiglia, Paul Masinter and Rick Butler accepted the 2010 National Planning Achievement Award for the Park’s Master Plan and Recovery Progress on behalf of the Park, at the national conference of the American Planning Association on April 12th.

Becker reported there was no significant action on any legislation that would directly affect the Park in the 2010 session of the State Legislature.
A Resolution was passed which adopts administrative procedures required to maintain compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The fundamental purpose of Section 504 is to ensure that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program receiving CDBG assistance.

Becker reported on the briefing provided by the Children’s Museum in support of their request to extend their reservation period for the proposed “Early Learning Village” until June 1, 2014. Management believes that the Louisiana Children’s Museum has not met every milestone but has made substantial progress on this project. Management also recommends that progress reports be submitted every six months so that progress can be monitored by the Park. Management will begin work on an agreement which will outline the terms and conditions with the Louisiana Children’s Museum and provide for appropriate protection for the Park should the project be unable to be completed by 2014. A motion was unanimously passed to extend the reservation period to 2014.

Chief Operating Officer Rob DeViney reported the brick walkways at Popps Fountain are near completion. The new Amusement ride, Musik Express, should be delivered by the end of May.

Chief Development Officer John Hopper reported Cork in the Park is scheduled for May 14th. Hopper thanked R.K. Hoddinott with Merrill Lynch for the coordination of this event. All proceeds are dedicated to City Park.

Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Edmund Schrenk updated the Board on various ongoing projects in the Park. Schrenk reported bids are due on April 29th for Tri-Centennial parking and the Park lighting project should go out to bid in June.

Athletics – No Report

Golf – Don Tillar reported golf has met their revenue goal for the month. The expenses and labor are below budget with 17% net operating profit for April.

Becker reported the golf RFP committee met with the Bayou District Foundation who agreed to provide additional clarification of their offer to the Park. Dave Nissenson of ERA/AECOM will update the golf analysis his expectations of what the course could do as well as what would happen if the partnership did not materialize and the Park had to operate the course ourselves. The analysis is expected to be completed soon. President Marsiglia assured the board the proper steps are being taken and he will keep the board informed through the process. The direction is to secure funding and to not put the Park at risk during any stage.

Development – No Report

Finance – Commissioner Karen DeBlieux reported the Park continued to improve its financial condition during March due to strong performances in Golf and Driving range. Catering is below
budget; while the number of events has remained the same, attendance has dropped. Amusements are below budget whereas birthday parties are ahead of budget. Utilities expenses are higher than expected and is being researched. The preparation of the FY 2011 operating budget has started. The Finance committee plans to retain the Park’s auditors to study controls, policies and procedures to make sure cash controls are adequate.

Special Events/CITO – No Report

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks reviewed the Park’s tree protection policy which is to provide guidelines for City Park personnel, vendors, promoters, event planners and contractors working near trees in City Park. The tree protection policy consists of the following components: Municipal Ordinance, Public Bid Tree Protection Specification, Special Protection for Historic Oaks, and General Guidelines for work around Park Trees, Penalties, Training and general policies regarding vehicles underneath tree canopy. A motion was unanimously passed to adopt the tree protection policy. Becker as well as President Marsiglia thanked Commissioner Brooks and the Horticulture and Grounds committee, Paul Soniat, Meg Adams and other staff members who were involved, for their work in developing this policy. The committee also developed a plant collection policy for the Botanical Garden which will be distributed at the May board meeting.

NOMA – No Report

Nominating – No Report

Legal – No Report

Public Relations – Commissioner Laura Claverie reported the Park has 5,972 fans on Facebook which is 700 more fans than last month. Commissioner Claverie requested the email list of the Dog Park.

Tennis – No Report

Botanical Garden- No Report

Friends of City Park – Peggy McCranie reported membership is nearly 3000. The Friends have partnered with the Young Leadership Council, the Board and volunteers to plant flowers at Popp’s Fountain on May 15th from 9 till noon. Summer Rum is scheduled for June 11th and the Friends Thank You party is scheduled for July 28th at Amusements.

Dog Park – Commissioner Jackie Shreves reported 1800 permits have been sold which generated $63,000 in revenue.

New Business: Councilwoman Shelley Midura addressed the Board and reported it has been an honor and pleasure to serve on the board of New Orleans City Park. President Marsiglia thanked Councilwoman Midura for her comments and presented her with a plaque since her term has ended.
President Marsiglia thanked Reece Anderson for his hard work on the fountains throughout the Park.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, May 25th at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Oakland Adams
Secretary
A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.


ABSENT: Commissioners Hemperley, Hales, Hess, Brennan, Brooks, Claverie, Farnet, McCranie, Romig and Breaux.

STAFF: Bob Becker, Rob DeViney, Adrienne Moore, Reece Anderson, George Parker and Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Don Tillar, Leslie Kramer, Meredith Hathorn, Joseph Taranto, Kevin Colomb

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone.

The April minutes were approved.

Leslie Kramer the operator of Equest Farms, presented the Park with a check for $25,000 from Tails But No Black Tie. President Marsiglia and Bob Becker thanked Leslie for the donation and for all her work on the event.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia reported that Oakland Adams and Nolan Marshall, III have resigned from the board, creating two At-Large position vacancies. Because Oakland Adams was the Board’s Secretary, that position is also vacant. The deadline is June 21st to submit names to the Nominating Committee. After consideration, the Nominating Committee will submit a report and recommendation to the Board at the July meeting.

President Marsiglia reported on a meeting that took place with Louisiana Children’s Museum to provide an update to the Park. Marsiglia also reported on a meeting with the Louisiana Children’s Museum design team where they reviewed schematics and criteria.

Marsiglia reported, that so far, there was no significant action on any legislation that would directly affect the Park in the 2010 session of the State Legislature.

Chief Executive Officer Becker reported preparation of the 2010-2011 operating budget is underway and recommendations will be presented to the Board.

Becker reported the Park was heavily used this past month. Commissioner Paul Masinter congratulated the Maintenance staff on doing a great job in keeping the Park clean and well maintained.
Becker reviewed the Procurement Services Agreement between New Orleans City Park Improvement Association and Park Employment and Procurement Corporation (PEPCO). The Act states the association has the authority to contract with any corporation in order to procure goods and services as the Board or its designee may direct and that corporation shall not be deemed a state agency and is exempt from various laws that pertain to the Association. A Resolution (copy attached) was unanimously passed authorizing the execution of the Procurement Services Agreement, requiring the adoption of a Conflicts of Interest Policy by PEPCO and providing that the designee of the Board to act under the agreement shall be the CEO with power to direct PEPCO on an as needed basis to procure goods and/or services on behalf of the Board. President Marsiglia thanked Meredith Hathorn for her work.

Becker reviewed the Pepsi Tennis Center Sponsorship agreement. The Tennis Center, in recognition of the sponsorship, will sell Pepsi products exclusively.

Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Edmund Schrenk updated the Board on various ongoing projects in the Park. Schrenk reported Durr Equipment was the low bidder for Tri-Centennial parking project. Construction should begin within thirty days and the Park is hopeful the parking lot will be completed in time for Celebration in the Oaks. The design of the soccer shelter proposed for Marconi/Harrison is near completion. The Committee reviewed the proposal for miniature golf, which is part of the Master Plan.

Athletics – Commissioner Larry Katz reported a bid was submitted to the LHSAA to host the 2011 State Soccer Championship. Richard Smith will sponsor the event.

Golf – Don Tillar reported golf had a great month with an increase in revenue and rounds of golf. Tillar congratulated his Gounds staff for doing a great job in maintaining the course.

Development – No Report

Finance – Commissioner Karen DeBlieux reported the Park had a terrific month in April due to strong performances in Golf. The committee is waiting for a bid from the auditors on the cost to review controls.

Special Events/CITO – No Report

Horticulture and Grounds – No Report

NOMA – Commissioner Paul Masinter reported the New Orleans Museum of Art appointed Susan Taylor as Director. John Bullard is retiring but will remain on staff as Director Emeritus.

Nominating – No Report

Legal – No Report
Public Relations – No Report

Tennis – Commissioner Errol Broussard reported that the committee decided on colors for the Hard and Rubico courts. The Park is the recipient of $25,000 donation for Tennis from the Selley Foundation. Becker thanked Commissioner Broussard for his efforts in securing the donation. Commissioner Masinter recommended Becker send a letter to the family of Randy Gregson, thanking them for all his efforts on behalf of the Park. Gregson was instrumental in helping the Park receive money to repair the tennis courts after Hurricane Katrina.

Botanical Garden- No Report

Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported the planting at Popp’s Fountain was well attended. Summer Rum is scheduled for June 11th in Amusements. The Friend’s were named beneficiary of the Marque Fund under the Greater New Orleans Foundation, the money will go toward Capital improvements in the Park.

Dog Park – Commissioner Jackie Shreves reported more than 2000 permits have been sold.

New Business: President Marsiglia is considering hosting a luncheon and a tour of the Park. Marsiglia suggested each Board member invite someone to attend.

Public comment was then invited; Joseph Taranto and Kevin Colomb representing Christian Brothers Foundation reported on the capital campaign for the addition to the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, June 22nd at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Mike Marsiglia
President
A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

PRESENT: Commissioners Marsiglia, Brennan, George, Hales, Hemperley, Laborde, Payton, Broussard, LaFranca, Hoffman, Katz, LeGrand, Shreves, Giffin, Masinter, Hess, Claverie, Brooks, McCranie, Romig, Guidry and Schoen

ABSENT: Commissioners Breaux, Chase, DeBlieux, Farnet, Fierke, Heintzen, Lupo, Pappalardo, Schrenk and Hedge-Morrell

STAFF: Bob Becker, Rob DeViney, Beau Bassich, Adrienne Moore, Reece Anderson, George Parker, Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Jerry Plough, Denis Finigan, Rene Alvarez, Kathy Price

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone and recognized Councilwoman Susan Guidry.

The June minutes were approved.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia reported the meeting scheduled with Senator Ed Murray and Representative Nick Lorusso to review the Legislative session was cancelled and we are in the process of trying to reschedule the meeting.

Chief Executive Officer Becker reported the Park a substantial loss for the year. The loss is the result of bad weather the Park experienced during Celebration in the Oaks. Staff is analyzing existing contracts and expenditures with the objective of reducing our budgeted operating expenses. The FY 10-11 insurance premium has been reduced by approximately $50,000 which is the result of a successful audit.

Becker reported the Governor and Legislature completely eliminated the Park’s funding from the general fund budget. Becker expects next year to be equally difficult. He plans to meet with our Legislative delegation in the near future to discuss the Park’s strategy for the 2011 session.

Becker passed out a letter from Scott Cowen of Tulane University which supports the University’s intentions to work towards a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Park to develop and operate the Urban farm.

Hundreds of Mormon and Lutheran volunteers worked on projects in several areas of the Park.

A request has been submitted to the Louisiana Recovery Authority for funding of the Splash Park.
The operators of Equest Farms have requested an extension to their lease. The Park has authority to extend the lease but will advertise the request and receive public comments before acting on it.

Commissioner Bill Hoffman presented and reviewed management’s recommendations for the Park’s 2010-2011 operating budget. The budget shows a slight increase over the 2009-2010 operating budget. The recommended budget recognizes a loss in State general operating support and addresses this loss of revenue through increases in self generated revenue and transfers from the 2010-11 tax proceeds from the slot tax at the Fair Grounds. Commissioner Larry Katz asked if the Park receives Tax Increment Finance funding. Becker said the TIF funds go into the capital budget. After review of the budget, the Board unanimously adopted the 2010-2011 budget.

A motion was unanimously approved to ratify the resolution signed by President Marsiglia relative to the contract between New Orleans City Park and Durr Heavy Construction for Tri-Centennial Place Parking.

Ace Torre of Torre Designs presented the schematic design for Festival Grounds. The Park is hopeful the project will begin by year end.

Chief Development Officer John Hopper introduced Kathy Price who worked with Hopper on a video to update and thank private donors and volunteers of the Park. Dessa Giffin suggested putting the video on the website of the Convention and Tourist Bureau.

Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Edmund Schrenk updated the Board on various ongoing projects in the Park. Schrenk reported the committee met with the consultants from the Children’s Museum to review the latest design concepts. Tri-Centennial parking project has begun and hopefully will be completed for Celebration in the Oaks.

Athletics – No Report

Golf – Will Tregre reported meetings with Bayou District Foundation have been ongoing. Don Tillar reported golf had a great month and continues to receive compliments on the course. Becker reported that Don Tillar is relocating to Michigan with Billy Casper Golf. Becker thanked Tillar for his work and wished him well on his new opportunity.

Development – Commissioner Susan Hess reported the Capital Campaign committee is assembled and pursuing various projects. Commissioner Hess thanked Commissioner Paul Masinter for being a strong co-chair.

Finance – No Report

Special Events/CITO – No Report

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks reported on additional improvements at Big Lake which include landscaping and irrigation being funded by Trust for Public Land. The
committee also discussed training for staff and general contractors in regards to the Park’s tree protection policy which was adopted by the Board in April.

NOMA – No Report

Nominating – Board Members wishing to nominate potential candidates to serve on the Board should submit names to Becker or Commissioner Larry Katz.

Legal – The committee is reviewing ongoing legal issues.

Public Relations – No Report

Tennis – No Report

Botanical Garden- No Report

Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported the Friends currently have 3000 members.

Dog Park – Commissioner Jackie Shreves reported more than 2500 permits have been sold. Shreves thanked Gene and Steven Goldring for their donation of the agility equipment which has been installed at the Dog Park. The drive for newspapers and towels was a big success.

New Business:

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, July 27th at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Mike Marsiglia
President
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at
4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

PRESENT: Commissioners Marsiglia, Brennan, George, Hales, Hemperley, Laborde, Payton,
Broussard, LaFranca, Hoffman, Katz, LeGrand, Shreves, Giffin, Masinter, Hess,
Claverie, Brooks, McCranie, Romig, Guidry and Schoen

ABSENT: Commissioners Breaux, Chase, DeBlieux, Farnet, Fierke, Heintzen, Lupo,
Pappalardo, Schrenk and Hedge-Morrell

STAFF: Bob Becker, Rob DeViney, Beau Bassich, Adrienne Moore, Reece Anderson,
George Parker, Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Jerry Plough, Denis Finigan, Rene Alvarez

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone and recognized Councilwoman Susan Guidry.

The June minutes were approved.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia reported the meeting scheduled with Senator Ed
Murray and Representative Nick Lorusso to review the Legislative session was cancelled and we
are in the process of rescheduling the meeting.

Chief Executive Officer Becker reported the Park sustained a substantial loss for the 09-10 fiscal
year, primarily the result of bad weather the Park experienced during November and December.
Staff is already analyzing existing contracts and expenditures with the objective of reducing our
budgeted operating expenses for the fiscal year just begun. The FY 10-11 insurance premium has
already been reduced by approximately $50,000 which is the result of our successful risk
management program.

Becker reported the Governor and Legislature completely eliminated the Park’s operating
funding from the general fund budget. Becker expects next year to be equally difficult. He plans
to meet with our Legislative delegation in the near future to discuss the Park’s strategy for the
2011 session.

Becker distributed a letter from Scott Cowen of Tulane University which supports the
University’s intentions to work towards a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Park to
develop and operate the Urban farm.

Becker and Staff met with the Sports Foundation to discuss marketing efforts for all the Park’s
athletic facilities.
Hundreds of Mormon and Lutheran volunteers worked on projects in several areas of the Park over the last month.

**Committee Report:**

A&E – Rob DeViney updated the Board on various ongoing projects in the Park. A favorable bid was received on the re-lighting project, work should begin by September. Street resurfacing project should go out to bid end of August and bids are due for Popp Fountain building by August 5th.

Athletics – No Report

Golf – Negotiations with Bayou District Foundation are on-going.

Development – Commissioner Susan Hess reported the Louisiana Recovery Authority approved the application for $4 million in regards to the Splash Park, however, this does not mean distribution will actually happen. The committee is in discussions with a donor they identified for the new soccer pavilion. The committee is moving forward with the Miniature Golf project.

Finance – Commissioner Bill Hoffman reported the Park had unexpected year end expenses of property taxes owed for the golf carts owned by Billy Casper Golf which was not budgeted. There was also increased cost in Amusements due to the hours being extended. Hoffman also reported the committee reviewed the procedures in regards to budgeted revenue proposed by department Directors and determined revenue and expenses needed to stay in the department that is responsible for the budget.

Special Events/CITO – No Report

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks reported on additional improvements at Big Lake which include landscaping and irrigation being funded by Trust for Public Land. The Park's training for staff and general contractors in regards to the Park’s tree protection policy will begin within a week. The design for visual planting barrier along I-610 has been approved. Commissioner Brooks distributed Plant Collections policy for the Botanical Garden. The Board unanimously approved the Plant Collection policy.

NOMA – No Report

Nominating – Commissioner Larry Katz reported the Nominating committee recommends Marjorie McKeithen for an open at large position whose term will expire 2014. The committee will make a recommendation to fill the other vacant seat at the time it makes recommendations concerning the three positions whose member terms expire at the end of the year. The Committee further recommends that Commissioner Erroll Broussard be elected Secretary of the Board through the end of the year. The Board unanimously elected Marjorie McKeithen for the at large position and Commissioner Erroll Broussard as Secretary.

Legal – The committee is reviewing ongoing legal issues.
Public Relations – No Report

Tennis – No Report

Botanical Garden- No Report

Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported the Friends currently have 3000 members. Borders will sponsor a benefit day September 11 and 12th. A new membership brochure is in the process of being developed as well as the web-site being revamped. Martini Madness is scheduled for September 17th.

Dog Park – Commissioner Jackie Shreves reported more than 2500 permits have been sold. Shreves thanked Gene and Steven Goldring for their donation of the agility equipment which has been installed at the Dog Park. The drive for newspapers and towels was a big success.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, September 28th at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Mike Marsiglia
President
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.


ABSENT: Commissioners Breaux, George, Farnet, Fierke, Katz, Hemperley, Laborde, McCranie, Schoen, McKeithen and Clarkson

STAFF: Bob Becker, Reece Anderson, George Parker, John Hopper, Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Meredith Hathorn, Trevor Haynes, Will Tregre, Steve Rehage, Barry Sevin, John Fitzpatrick, Peter Coleman

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone.

The July minutes were approved.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia reported on a meeting with Councilwoman Susan Guidry in regards to security issues at Tad Gormley Stadium. Marsiglia is also trying to schedule a meeting with Senator Ed Murray and Representative Nick Lorusso in regards to State funding for 2011.

Chief Executive Officer Becker reported despite poor weather conditions the Park still managed to have a good month financially in August. Self-generated revenue was better than budget, while expenses were under budget. The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was submitted to the State Treasurer’s office, along with a first quarter invoice, to receive funding from the Fairgrounds slot account.

The Park received a Public Records request. The Park has complied with the request.

Discussions took place with the Human Resource Director for the Department of Culture, Recreations and Tourism in regards to the plan the Park is preparing to submit to Civil Service. We expect to submit the human resource plan to Civil Service in October.

A Resolution was passed which authorizes Robert Becker to enter into any and all Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Department of the Treasury, State of Louisiana to secure the line item appropriations in the “ Beautification and Improvement of the New Orleans City Park Fund.”
Becker reviewed the terms of the Voodoo Music Experience Agreement. President Marsiglia introduced Steve Rehage, the promoter for Voodoo and thanked him for coming. After discussions, a Resolution (see attached) was adopted by the Board authorizing Becker to execute the Agreement on behalf of CPIA in substantially the form presented at this meeting with such amendments, modifications or changes as may be approved by general counsel to CPIA, provided that the Executive Committee shall approve the final language regarding the exclusivity clause included in such Agreement prior to execution thereof. Mr. Rehage thanked Becker and the Board for all the work they do on behalf of the Park.

Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Schrenk updated the Board on various ongoing projects in the Park. The completion date for the new administration building has been pushed back by the contractor to the end of October. A favorable bid was received for the Popp Fountain building. Park lighting project is scheduled to begin mid October.

Athletics – No Report

Golf – Becker reported that work continues on the examination of the golf plan and expects to address this plan at a subsequent meeting.

Development – Commissioner Paul Masinter reported the committee has begun meeting with potential donors for the Miniature Golf project. There are several sponsorship packages available. Masinter requested Board member to notify the committee if they know of any potential sponsors. Proceeds from Lark in the Park in 2011 will go towards Miniature Golf.

Finance – Commissioner Karen DeBlieux commended Becker and staff for keeping expenses under control.

Special Events/CITO – Commissioner Susan Brennan updated the Board on several new CITO exhibits and reported a “Board Night” has been scheduled for November 3rd from 4:00pm-7:00pm to string lights in Storyland. The committee is in the process of soliciting Celebration in the Oaks sponsorships.

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks updated the board on various projects. Training for City Park staff in regards to the Park’s tree protection policy has been scheduled for next week. Landscaping of the new Administration building will occur on October 13th, thanks to a donation from Mercedes Benz Corporation.

NOMA – Commissioner Paul Masinter reported fundraiser Love in the Garden was very successful.

Nominating – No Report

Legal – The committee is reviewing ongoing legal issues.
Public Relations – Commissioner Laura Claverie reported City Park’s Facebook page currently has nearly 8900 fans.

Tennis – No Report

Botanical Garden - No Report

Friends of City Park – Andrea LeGrand reported Martini Madness was a huge success. Ghost in the Oaks is scheduled for October 22nd in Storyland and Amusements. The print “Magical City Park” by Grace Newberger is being reissued and will be available to purchase soon. The Friend’s ornament Pinnociol Whale is currently available to purchase. The Friends web-site has been revamped and Friends can be followed on Facebook and Twitter.

Dog Park – Commissioner Jackie Shreves reported more than 2600 permits have been sold. The dog park was closed for three weeks to allow time for drainage and ground repairs.

New Business – President Marsiglia recognized representatives from Christian Brothers Foundation. Mr. Fitzpatrick reported the building should be completed by March and thanked the Board for all their work on behalf of the Park.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, October 26th at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Mike Marsiglia
President
A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.


ABSENT: Commissioners Breaux, George, Farnet, Clarkson, Guidry, Hales, Masinter, Pappalardo and Payton

STAFF: Bob Becker, Reece Anderson, George Parker, John Hopper, Julie LaCour, Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Trevor Haynes, Will Tregre, Andrew Astleford, Kevin Colomb, Keith Christie, Jerry Plough, Billy Arnold

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone and introduced new Commissioner Marjorie McKeithen.

The September minutes were approved.

President Marsiglia introduced Joey Brown who is a co-chair for Lark in the Park which is scheduled for March 18, 2011. Brown thanked Capital One for their generous donation and indicated she would like 100% Board participation for the event.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia reported on a meeting with Senator Ed Murray and Representative Nick Lorusso in regards to State funding for 2011. President Marsiglia, Lupo and Becker met with Mayor Landrieu to provide a briefing on the status of the Park’s construction projects. They also met with Mr. Rainwater, Commissioner of Administration, in regards to State budgets cuts.

Chief Executive Officer Becker reported the Park has been extremely busy with numerous events including Race for the Cure, the Fall Garden Festival, Ghost in the Oaks as well as other events.

Becker reported Adrienne Moore has resigned from her position as Controller for the Park. The Park is in the process of reviewing resumes for her replacement.

A motion was unanimously approved to ratify the contract of Voodoo Music Experience.

Becker updated the Board on various ongoing construction projects in the Park. Work has begun on the Popp Fountain reception facility. The Tennis facility should be completed by year end and the completion date for the Administration building has been pushed back by the contractor.
Landscaping of the new Administration building took place on October 13th, due to a generous donation from the Mercedez Benz Corporation.

The State Bond Commission did not approve any of the Park’s construction projects due to the Governor’s commitment to Nucor.

Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Schrenk reported the Park lighting project is scheduled to begin after Voodoo Music Experience.

Athletics – Commissioner Larry Katz reported due to artificial turf, both stadiums are rented on an hourly basis. Installation of the main water line as well as upgrades to the press boxes in Tad Gormley will take place due to a donation received from the Sugar Bowl. President Marsigilia thanked Commissioner Mark Romig on behalf of the Sugar Bowl committee for the donation.

Golf – Becker reported that work continues on the examination of the golf plan and expects to address this plan at a subsequent meeting.

Development – Commissioner Susan Hess reported the committee is moving forward with the Capital Campaign for the Miniature Golf project. Susan and Ralph Brennan have sponsored the first hole of Miniature golf. Hess requested board members to notify the committee if they know of any potential sponsors. She also recommended providing a presentation of miniature golf at the November board meeting. Hess reminded all board members to fulfill their annual pledges by the end of the year.

Finance – Commissioner Karen DeBlieux reported the Park is ahead of budget projections for the first quarter of the fiscal year. There were strong performance in Catering, Amusements and the Dog Park.

Special Events/CITO – Julie LaCour, Director of Special Events, reported a “Board Night” has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd from 4pm to 7pm to string lights in Storyland. LaCour also thanked Capital One for their generous donation towards the Children’s Preview Party.

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks updated the board on various projects. A training session was held for City Park staff in regards to the Park’s tree protection policy. Becker reported the Park has contracted Tom Campbell as a representative on site for Voodoo Music festival to make sure everyone is abiding by the Tree Protection policy. Commissioner Chase expressed concern in regards to long term solutions for soil subsidence in the Park. Becker recommended the issue be addressed at the A&E committee meeting.

NOMA – No Report
Nominating – Commissioner Larry Katz presented the report of the Nominating Committee recommending Commissioners Brooks, DeBlieux, Farnet, Hoffman, Lupo and Romig for a second four year term. Katz reported Commissioner George does not wish to extend his term.

Legal – No Report

Public Relations – Commissioner Laura Claverie reported City Park’s Facebook page currently has nearly 9100 fans.

Tennis – No Report

Botanical Garden- No Report

Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported Ghost in the Oaks was very successful with over 4600 attendees. Friend’s is considering expanding the event to two nights next year.

Dog Park – Commissioner Jackie Shreves reported more than 2800 permits have been sold.

New Business – Becker reported Equest Farm has withdrawn their request for a lease extension at this time.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, November 23rd at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Mike Marsiglia
President
A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.


ABSENT: Commissioners George, Masinter, Shreves, Romig, Chase, Hemperley, McCranie, McKeithen, Schoen, and Payton

STAFF: Bob Becker, George Parker, Rob DeViney and Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Kevin Colomb, Brett Forshae

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone.

The October minutes were approved.

In his President’s report, President Marsiglia and the Board commended the staff for a great job preparing for Celebration in the Oaks.

Chief Executive Officer Becker reported Coke has made a significant grant which allowed the Park to purchase ice skating on a synthetic surface for Celebration in the Oaks.

The Corp Of Engineers is preparing to begin work stabilizing the Orleans Canal between Harrison and Filmore and has met with Park officials in regards to tree loss along the canal.

Becker attended a meeting with the new Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne and the staff of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Becker invited Dardenne for a briefing and tour of the Park. Councilwoman Clarkson would like to attend the meeting.

Voodoo Music Experience was successful with large crowds and little damage to the grounds.

A Resolution was presented to the Board adopting the Compliance questionnaire. The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. All Commissioners will receive a “related party” questionnaire for completion.

Committee Report:

A&E – Commissioner Edmund Schrenk updated the Board on various projects in the Park. The scheduled move in date for the Administration building is December 6th. Work continues on the tennis complex, Popp Fountain reception hall and the lighting project. Roadway repairs have begun in the Park.
Athletics – Commissioner Larry Katz reported on various events being held at Tad Gormley and Pan American Stadium. The Clorox Bowl has been scheduled for January 13th at Pan American Stadium. Clorox will donate $25,000 for bathroom renovations at the Stadium.

Golf – Becker is working on an extension of the management contract with Billy Casper while negotiations continue with the Bayou District Foundation.

Development – Commissioner Susan Hess reported the committee is moving forward with the Capital Campaign for the Miniature Golf project. Hess requested board members to notify the committee if they know of any potential sponsors. Hess reminded all board members to fulfill their annual pledges by the end of the year.

Finance – Commissioner Karen DeBlieux reported year to date revenue is slightly below budget however due to expense management; net income is ahead of budget. There were strong performance in Catering, Amusements, Stadium concessions and the Dog Park. Celebration in the Oaks is below budget due to timing of donations. President Marsiglia thanked the staff in keeping expenses under control.

Special Events/CITO – No Report

Horticulture and Grounds – Commissioner Jane Brooks updated the board on various projects. A test area of rubber matting will be installed along areas of Big Lake to prevent erosion. The December meeting will be held in conjunction with the Botanical Garden committee to review the updated plans for the garden.

NOMA – No Report

Nominating – Commissioner Larry Katz submitted the names of the officers for 2011 that will be put into nomination at this meeting and voted on at the December meeting. Those officers are Ed Schrenk, Vice-President; Susan Hess, Vice-President; Bill Hoffmann, Vice-President; Karen DeBlieux, Treasurer; and Laura Claverie, Secretary. The Board voted unanimously to elect Commissioners Jane Brooks, Karen DeBlieux, Stuart Farnet, Bill Hoffman, Robert Lupo and Mark Romig for a second four year term. The committee further recommends Jackie Shreves for one open At-Large position, whose term will expire December, 2014.

Legal – The committee meets and consults with the Staff and the Park’s attorneys as needed on various issues.

Public Relations – Commissioner Laura Claverie reported City Park’s Facebook page currently has nearly 10,000 fans. WVUE composed a short video of the Park which will be posted on YouTube. Becker reported Fox 8 has done a wonderful job promoting Celebration in the Oaks.

Tennis – No Report

Botanical Garden - No Report
Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported Friends recently received nearly 500 new members from Travel Zoo.

Dog Park – No Report

New Business – Councilwoman Jackie Clarkson reported she is honored to serve on the board of City Park.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, December 14th at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert
Recording Secretary

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Mike Marsiglia
President
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. by the President. The meeting was held in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.


ABSENT: Commissioners Hess, Hales, George, Fierke, Clarkson and McCranie,

STAFF: Bob Becker, George Parker, Rob DeViney, Paul Soniat, Tony Biagas, Julie LaCour, Lisa Laraway, Patti Todd, Mike Mariani, Reese Anderson, Amanda Frantz, David Carpenter and Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Ryck Soto, Kevin Colomb, Trevor Haynes, John Bullard, Larry Schmidt, Kathy Schrenk, David Kerstein

President Mike Marsiglia welcomed everyone.

The November minutes were approved.

President Marsiglia presented the President’s Award to several individuals for their outstanding support of the Park. The recipients were:

Larry Schmidt Support and Dedication to the Park and the Big Lake project

John Bullard Devotion and dedication to the Park through his long career of public service

The Helis Foundation Support of artistic ventures in City Park and in the Botanical Garden.

Board of NOLA City Bark Dedication and Support of the Dog Park in City Park

Chief Executive Officer, Becker introduced the Staff Directors of the Park, and they were given a standing ovation by the Board.

Becker showed a video recapping the Park’s progress and thanking private donors and volunteers of the Park. The video is posted on the City Park website.

Becker reported Celebration in the Oaks has been successful and ahead of budget projections.
Committee Report:

A&E – No Report

Athletics – No Report

Golf – No Report

Development – Commissioner Paul Masinter reported the committee is moving forward with the Capital Campaign for the Miniature Golf project. Masinter reminded all board members to fulfill their annual pledges by the end of the year.

Finance – Commissioner Bill Hoffman reported final numbers are not available due to timing of the Board meeting but the Park is expected to meet budget. The Park received a check from Voodoo Music Experience.

Special Events/CITO – No Report

Horticulture and Grounds – No Report

NOMA – Commissioner Paul Masinter reported preparations are moving forward for the 100th anniversary celebration in 2011.

Nominating – The Board voted unanimously to elect Edmund Schrenk, Vice-President; Susan Hess, Vice-President; Bill Hoffman, Vice-President; Karen DeBlieux, Treasurer; and Laura Claverie, Secretary. The Board also unanimously elected Jackie Shreves for one open At-Large position.

Legal – The committee meets and consults with the Staff and the Park’s attorneys as needed on various issues. Commissioner Masinter thanked Foley & Judell and Kinney & Ellinhausen for their assistance throughout the year with various legal matters. President Marsiglia thanked Commissioner Paul Masinter for all his help with legal matters.

Public Relations – Commissioner Laura Claverie reported City Park’s Facebook page currently has over 10,000 fans. WVUE composed a short video promoting Celebration in the Oaks.

Tennis – Commissioner Erroll Broussard reported grand opening for the new Tennis facility has been tentatively scheduled for March 18th and 19th and plans to invite Governor Bobby Jindal, Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne and Mayor Mitch Landrieu to attend the opening festivities.

Botanical Garden– No Report

Friends of City Park – Dessa Giffin reported sponsorship letters are being mailed for Lark in the Park.
Dog Park – Commissioner Jackie Shreves reported the Dog Park hired an Administration Assistant. The committee is working on lighting and irrigation of the Dog Park.


President Marsiglia recognized outgoing Board Members Alan Heintzen, Erroll Broussard and Edward George. Marsiglia thanked them for their service to the Board and distributed commemorative plaques.

Commissioner Robert Lupo presented Marsiglia with a plaque as a token of appreciation for his 8 years of service on the Board. President Marsiglia recapped his years as President and thanked Bob Becker for his vision and leadership of the Park. Marsiglia also thanked the Board and staff for their support during his Presidency. Marsiglia said it has been an honor to serve on the Board of City Park and is one of the highlights of his public service life.

Commissioner Robert Lupo is hopeful all Board members are interested in serving on committees and asks them to let him or the CEO know of their interest.

Public comment was then invited; there were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, January 25th at 4:00 pm in the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

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Denise Joubert  
Recording Secretary

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Mike Marsiglia  
President