

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (the "NOCPIA") was called to order Tuesday, June 15, 2017, at 4:00pm by President Steve Pettus. The meeting was held in the Administration Building.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Arnold, Bingler, Chase, Katz, LeCorgne, Lupo, Masinter, McNeil, Navarre, Pate, Payton, Pettus, Powell, Slone, Sloss, Smith, Thomas, Thorpe and Tregre

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Balart, Batt, Cahn, Claverie, Coulon, Guidry, Hess, Hollis, McKeithen, Offner, Pineda, Savoie, Schrenk, Seamon, Spears, Williams, and Wisdom

**STAFF:** Bob Becker, Kevin Cox, Rob DeViney, Meg Adams, and Denise Joubert

**COUNSEL:** Henry Kinney

**GUESTS:** Andrea LeGrand, Jamal Melancon

A quorum was present and voting throughout the meeting.

President Pettus welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

The minutes of the May Board meeting were approved.

Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the agenda must sign the sign-in sheet and indicate what item they wish to comment on.

In his President's Report, Pettus reported:

- He attended various committee meetings including the joint Finance/Executive committee meeting. Pettus mentioned that golf was budgeted conservatively due to uncertainty of operations since the new South Course has only been open a short time.
- June Under the Moon was successful.
- He mentioned that he will be contacting all Board members to discuss their responsibility to give or raise a minimum of \$5,000 per year.

In the Management Report, Chief Executive Officer Bob Becker reported that we do not have the financial results from May due to the timing of the Board meeting. Both May and June as well as year-end results will be discussed at the July meeting.

Becker reported on the following:

- The carpet replacement project at City Putt is underway. Commissioner Arnold recommended that we budget for carpet replacement every four years.

- The Marconi Bike Path is underway.
- Construction has begun on the golf course perimeter fence. When completed, the interior construction fence will be removed.

Chief Financial Officer Kevin Cox presented and reviewed management's recommendations for the 2017-2018 operating budget. Cox noted that a joint meeting of the Executive and Audit and Finance Committee reviewed management's budget recommendation with and unanimously recommended the budget for approval by the Board. Cox noted that key factors include budgeted revenue and expenses increase from \$16.5 million to \$20.5 million. We are being conservative with golf net income projections to reflect uncertainty of operations with new South Course only open 7 weeks at time this budget is being presented. Other key factors presented, include no new positions other than converting one part time position to full time and set aside for 4% merit last provided for in October 2014, an increase in Park minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour and salary market adjustments for certain positions based on management and consultant analysis with new Compensation Committee review. After a brief discussion, the Board unanimously adopted the 2017-2018 budget.

#### *Committee Reports:*

P, A&E – No Report

CITO/Special Events – Commissioner Leigh Thorpe reported that “June Under the Moon” was successful.

Development – Commissioner Larry Katz reported that the Committee is working on several fundraising projects. Katz noted that James Michalopoulos toured the park and he is optimistic that we will receive his support. Katz mentioned that he reached out to Whitney Bank to see if there was any interest in assuming the First NBC sponsorship of City Putt.

Finance & Audit – Budget was presented, no additional report.

Friends – Commissioner Leigh Thorpe reported that there are currently more than 5,100 members. Thorpe mentioned that the Lupo family will be chairing the 2018 Lark in the Park. Commissioner Robert Lupo stated that 2018 is the 300th anniversary of the City and he will work to incorporate the concept of multi-generational use of the Park. Lupo noted that The Friends of City Park fundraisers support capital expenditures. The Patron and Ambassador Member Thank You party is scheduled for July 13 in the Arbor Room. Martini Madness is scheduled for September 15 in the Arbor Room.

H&G/Dog Park – Commissioner Liz Sloss reported that Popp Bandstand will turn 100 in July and will be recognized at the July 3 celebration.

Legal & Risk Management – No report

Public Relations – No report

Nominating – No report

Sports – Commissioner Will Tregre thanked Commissioners Jay Batt and Robert Lupo for requesting funding from the Sugarbowl Committee for several projects in Tad Gormley Stadium. Tregre mentioned that play at the new golf course has been good, when the weather has cooperated. The drainage at the course has exceeded his expectations. Becker encouraged everyone to eat at The Grill in the Clubhouse.

Tennis – No report

Botanical Garden Foundation – No report

Sustainability Committee – Commissioner Thomas reported that the kickoff of the Bio Blitz is scheduled for July 15.

OTHER REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Becker mentioned that consideration of the land use changes for the Wisner Tract may be discussed at the July board meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 4p.m.

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Denise Joubert  
Recording Secretary

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Ronnie Slone  
Secretary