

## 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, May 23, 2017, at 4:00pm by President Steve Pettus. The meeting was held in the Administration Building.

PRESENT: Commissioners Arnold, Balart, Batt, Bingler, Cahn, Chase, Claverie, Coulon, Hess, Hollis, Katz, LeCorgne, Lupo, Masinter, McKeithen, McNeil, Offner, Pettus, Savoie, Schrenk, Seamon, Slone, Sloss, Smith, and Thorpe

ABSENT: Commissioners Guidry, Navarre, Pate, Payton, Pineda, Powell, Spears, Thomas, Tregre, Williams, and Wisdom

STAFF: Bob Becker, and Denise Joubert

COUNSEL: Henry Kinney

GUESTS: Claire Byun, C. Walsten, Geary Mason, Janell Weber, Randall Weber, Alan Weber, Alison Poort

A quorum was present and voting throughout the meeting.

President Pettus welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

The minutes of the April 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.

Pettus read the rules for receiving public comments and asked speakers to abide by those rules.

The Board allowed speakers to make public statements on the agenda item concerning going into Executive Session. The following is a list of speakers: Geary Mason, Alan Weber, and Randall Weber.

Pettus thanked all the speakers for their comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul Masinter, seconded by Commissioner Jay Batt and approved unanimously, to enter into Executive session to discuss issues regarding the Beauregard Monument. No action was taken while in Executive session. The Board voted to come out of Executive Session and to proceed with the regular agenda.

In his President’s Report, Pettus reported that the Civil Service Commission extended our unclassified hiring authority for four additional years. Pettus mentioned that Commissioner

Mike Hollis will chair a Compensation Committee to review a salary pay analysis prepared by our Human Resources Department.

In the Management Report, Chief Executive Officer Bob Becker reported that operating results for April were ahead of budget. The new golf course opened mid-April and results were better than budgeted. Great weather also contributed to good results for the month. We have completed the budget hearings for the FY 17-18 operating budget and management's recommendations will be presented at the June board meeting.

Becker noted that the June board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15 not on June 27 as originally scheduled.

*Committee Reports:*

P, A&E - Commissioner Robert Lupo reported that we received a successful bid for the turf replacement at Tad Gormley Stadium. The project is scheduled to start on June 15.

CITO/Special Events – Commissioner Leigh Thorpe reported that “June Under the Moon” is scheduled for June 2 in the Carousel Gardens Amusement Park.

Development – Commissioner Larry Katz reported that the Committee is working on several fundraising projects as well as upcoming development gatherings. Katz noted that James Michalopoulos is scheduled to tour the park.

Finance & Audit – No Report

Friends – Commissioner Leigh Thorpe reported that there are currently more than 5,200 members. Thorpe noted that the Friends have secured a Subaru Outback to be raffled on July 19th at Friends Fest. Board members are not eligible to participate in the raffle.

H&G/Dog Park – Commissioner Liz Sloss reported that plans are underway to uplift Harrison Circle and Beau Bassich Circle. The permanent fence is being installed around the golf course. We are continuing to lose Palm trees due to the Texas Palm decline. Renovations at Popp Bandstand look great but litter continues to be a problem. Commissioner Claverie and Sloss discussed coordinating a litter campaign in the Park.

Legal & Risk Management – No Report

Public Relations – Commissioner Laura Claverie passed around an article “How a Golf Course is Reshaping a New Orleans Neighborhood” that appeared in The New York Times.

Nominating – No Report

Sports – Becker mentioned that the Governors Games Track and Field Event is scheduled for June 3 and 4 in Tad Gormley Stadium.

Tennis – No Report

Botanical Garden Foundation – No Report

Sustainability Committee – Commissioner Steve Bingler reported that the committee will meet to discuss funding alternatives for future projects.

OTHER REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 4:00p.m.

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Denise Joubert  
Recording Secretary

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Ronnie Slone  
Secretary