

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (the "NOCPIA") was called to order Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 4 p.m. The meeting was held in person at City Park Administration building.

PRESENT: Commissioners Batt, Dale, Feoli, Gardner, Giffin, Hollis, Katz, King, LeCorgne, Lupo, Savoie, Waller, and Williams

ABSENT: Commissioners Arata, Banks, Cahn, Charbonnet, Coaxum, DeBlieux, Fitzpatrick, Giarrusso, Hardie, Leger, McNeil, Morrell, Pate, Pineda, Powell, Rodriguez, Sloss, Spears, Sterbcow, Taylor, and Worley

STAFF: Rebecca Dietz, Keith Hemel, Casie Duplechain, and Denise Joubert

GUESTS: Paul Masinter, Susan Hess, Steve Pettus, Keith Tregle, and Erin Schilling

President Jay Batt called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board.

A quorum was not present for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments:

Chief Financial Officer, Keith Hemel introduced Keith Tregle, the independent auditor for the Park. Mr. Tregle thanked City Park for the opportunity to perform the audit. Tregle presented the financial audit and issued an unmodified opinion. A discussion took place, the audit was not approved due to a lack of quorum.

In the Management Report, Chief Administrative Officer, Rebecca Dietz reported:

- We will host two educational presentations during which Lambright will provide information about the Park Conservancy model.
- We hired a new Human Resources Director.
- We are nearing completion of a CEA with the City to install a playground at Gernon Brown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

P, A&E – Commissioner Bill LeCorgne reported:

- Hurricane repairs are progressing
- Working with DOTD on deficiencies and repairs to the Marconi Bike Path.
- We continue to request public meetings for the stormwater project and are concerned about incorrect information being circulated.
- The plans for the renovation of the historic Maintenance Building are 90% complete. A discussion was held about the building's potential uses.

DEVELOPMENT – Casie Duplechain, Chief Development Officer, reported that restricted funds have totaled \$494,901, while unrestricted funds total \$340,000.

- Lark in the Park is scheduled for March 18, and The Heart of the Park Hat Luncheon is scheduled for April 27.
- In collaboration with our park partners, the park is launching a liter abatement campaign.
- Work on creating a parkwide event calendar is ongoing.

FINANCE & AUDIT – Chief Financial Officer, Keith Hemel reported that year to date, the Park is \$900,000 ahead of budget. This is due to a successful Celebration in the Oaks and golf that outperformed their budget. We also had salary savings because of the difficulty in filling positions.

H&G/DOG PARK – Commissioner Carro Gardner reported:

- 15,000 tulips have been planted at Big Lake.
- The Spring Garden Show is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd.
- We released 240 grass carps in the lagoon to assist in the management of aquatic weeds.
- Cleared some bamboo from the Dog Park

NOMINATING REPORT - President Batt reported that due to a lack of quorum, we are unable to elect Commissioner Larry Katz for a fourth year, Commissioners Cahn, Pineda, and Fitzpatrick for a third year, and Commissioner Powell for a second year on the Nominating Committee. Contact Brian Fitzpatrick or Jay Batt if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022.