

NOCPIA  
BOARD MEETING

6/22/2021

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 22, 2021, at 4 p.m. by Jay Batt. The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom at the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Arata, Banks, Batt, Brandt, Cahn, Charbonnet, Coaxum, Fitzpatrick, Gardner, Giarrusso, Giffin, Hardie, Hollis, Katz, LeCorgne, Lupo, Morrell, Pate, Pineda, Savoie, Sloss, Taylor, Thorpe, Waller, and Williams

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Bordelon, Dale, DeBlieux, King, Leger, McNeil, Powell, Rodriguez Spears, Sterbcow, and Worley

**STAFF:** Rob DeViney, Keith Hemel, Casie Duplechain, and Denise Joubert

**GUESTS:** Paul Masinter, Stephanie Bell, Edmund Schrenk, Andrea Legrand, and Joseph Sobol

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

A quorum is present and voting throughout the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the May 25, 2021 meeting, as circulated via email. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments

Resolution 2021-07 was unanimously approved authorizing PEPCO to procure a restaurant facility at City Putt and Tricentennial Mall through a Request for Proposal.

Chief Financial Officer, Keith Hemel presented, and reviewed management's recommendations for the 2021-2022 operating budget. Hemel noted that the Executive, and Finance & Audit Committee reviewed management's budget recommendation; and unanimously recommended the budget for approval by the Board. He noted that the projected revenue increased from \$17.5 million to \$21.3 million mainly due to the City Millage Hemel reviewed the Key Factors and Key Assumptions for this year's budget. After discussion, the Board unanimously adopted the 2021-2022 budget. President Batt thanked Keith Hemel for his excellent work on the budget.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**P, A&E/Wisner Tract** – Commissioner Bill LeCorgne updated the Board on various projects.

- The CEA with the City for bond projects is still under review.

- The new road for the Maintenance Building is currently under construction.
- Old Maintenance Buildings – The design architecture will present two schematic designs at an upcoming meeting.
- The plans for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is 75 percent complete and under review.
- Work continues on the food and beverage options for City Putt.

**CITO/SPECIAL EVENTS – No Report**

**DEVELOPMENT**– Chief Development Officer, Casie Duplechain reported that the Carousel Gardens Amusement Park will open for First Responders on July 2. On July 3, it will be open to the general public. Martini Madness, Magic in the Moonlight, Celebration in the Oaks Preview Party, and Ghost in the Oaks are among the fundraisers scheduled for 2021. A public meeting with our Park Partners will be held in July.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – No Report**

**FINANCE & AUDIT** – Budget was presented, with no additional report.

**FRIENDS** – Stephanie Bell stated that Friend’s membership continues to grow. Memberships are currently at 5,081.

Bell reported:

- Friends Fest is scheduled for June 23
- Toast in the Oaks is scheduled for July 29
- Martini Madness is scheduled for September 10

**H&G/DOG PARK** – Commissioner David Waller stated that the Committee is working on a strategy plan for the Park to identify various types of plants that will provide visibility while requiring minimal maintenance. The Botanical Garden is developing a Master Plan for the Garden, which will be included in the Park's Master Plan. The gates at the Dog Park are being changed.

**LEGAL & MANAGEMENT – No Report**

**NOMA** – No Report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – No Report

**NOMINATING** – No Report

**SPORTS** – No Report

**TENNIS** – No Report

**BOTANICAL GARDEN FOUNDATION** – No Report

**OTHER REPORTS:** Chief Operating Officer, Rob DeViney thanked Meg Adams for her outstanding efforts on the \$ 1 million CDBG funds that we received during the previous legislative session to fund drainage improvements.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27 2021.