

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (the "NOCPIA") was called to order Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 4 p.m. The meeting was held in-person at the Pavilion of Two Sisters.

PRESENT: Commissioners, Arata, Batt, Charbonnet, Dale, Fitzpatrick, Gardner, Giarrusso, Giffin, Hardie, Katz, King, Leger, Lupo, McNeil, Powell, Rodriguez, Sloss, Sterbcow, Taylor, Waller, and Williams

ABSENT: Commissioners Banks, Bordelon, Cahn, Coaxum, Hollis, LeCorgne, Leger, Morrell, Pate, Pineda, Savoie, Spears, and Worley

STAFF: Cara Lambright, Keith Hemel, Casie Duplechain, and Denise Joubert

COUNSEL:

GUESTS: Danielle Duhe, Candice Boucree, Andrea Legrand, Stephanie Bell, Sheriff Marlin Gusman

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

A quorum was present for the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the July 27, September 28, and October 26, 2021, board meetings, as circulated via email. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Candice Boucree, a resident of Lake Vista expressed her concerns with the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She believes it is not a wise business decision for the park. She stated that the design increases the parks flood risk, financial risk, and responsibility and that flooding in Lake Vista could occur if the project is not properly maintained. President Batt thanked her for her comments.

President Batt presented the following individual with the President's Award for their outstanding support of the park. The award honored Sheriff Marlin Gusman for his tireless dedication and support of City Park

Sheriff Gusman expressed his gratitude for being recognized by City Park.

In the President's Report, President Jay Batt reported that a steering committee was formed to oversee transitioning the Park to a conservancy model. Liz Sloss, Mayra Pineda, Robert Lupo, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Paul Masinter, and President Batt are serving as members of the Committee.

In the Management Report, Chief Executive Officer, Cara Lambright reported:

- Legislation was passed in the 80's to allow City Park to secure a 501c3 nonprofit to oversee daily park management with oversight by CPIA. City Park only partially implemented the model through the 501c3 PEPCO. This has made fundraising difficult as well as qualifying for government support such as PPP. Despite the fact that we are a state agency, we receive no state operational support. She stated that CPIA would remain in existence and would have a long-term CEA that ensures a high standard of performance with the 501c3 that we establish. We hope to have the transition completed by July 1.
- Celebration in the Oaks revenue increased by 80% over the previous year. \$1.7 million, compared to \$1 million during the same period last year.
- There are numerous connectivity challenges throughout the park. We will expand our fiber and small cell services through a revenue generating agreement through PEPCO. The park will have control over the design.
- Couba Island is approximately a 2000-acre barrier island. It is owned by City Park Improvement Association and managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. An appraisal is currently underway to inform a potential sale of the island for conservation purposes.
- The Hazard Mitigation design is under continued review to make sure that it is favorable to the park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & AUDIT – Chief Financial Officer Keith Hemel reported operating results for the 1st quarter were \$1 million below budget.

- Most catering events were postponed or canceled due to COVID or Hurricane Ida.
- The Hurricane Ida debris removal is currently about \$1 million. We are seeking reimbursement from FEMA.
- We are processing Hurricane Ida business interruption claims.

NOMINATING REPORT:

The Board voted unanimously to elect Liz Sloss, President-Elect, David Waller, Vice-President; Mayra Pineda, Vice-President; Bryan Fitzpatrick, Vice-President; Karen DeBlieux, Treasurer; and Bill LeCorgne, Secretary. In addition, the Board voted to re-elect Walter Leger, and David Waller to a second four-year term. The Board also voted unanimously to elect Filippo Feoli for one open at-large position on the Board. President Batt thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022.