

A board meeting of the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (the "NOCPIA") was called to order Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 4 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the City Park Administration Building.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Arata, Coaxum, Dale, Green, Hardie, Keller, Laborde, Leger, Sherman, Sterbcow, Turner, and Waller

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Adams, Giarrusso, King, Murray, and Robin

**STAFF:** Cara Lambright, Randy Odinet, Keith Hemel, Casie Duplechain, Rebecca Dietz, Keith Claverie, and Denise Joubert

**GUESTS:** Michael DeShazo, Justin Kray, Robin Tanner

A quorum was present and voting throughout the meeting.

Chair David Waller called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the April 23, 2024, meeting, as circulated via email. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved unanimously.

Cara Lambright announced that today will be her last day serving as President and CEO of City Park. She said that earlier today, the CPC board voted to appoint Rebecca Dietz as City Park Conservancy's President and Chief Executive Officer effective June 25, 2024. She said it has been both an honor and a privilege to work with two amazing boards. She thanked the board for the opportunity to serve City Park.

David Waller moved to convene in Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The board reconvened at 4:20 pm.

David Waller presented a resolution authorizing New Orleans City Park Improvement Association ("NOCPIA") to recommend to CPC, pursuant to Section 6.03 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between City Park Conservancy and NOCPIA, dated September 1, 2022, that Rebecca H. Dietz be selected as the President and Chief Executive Officer of CPC and approving her selection for all purposes under the CEA and/or applicable law. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Chair David Waller thanked Walter Leger, and Karen Coaxum for their exemplary service to the Board and presented them with commemorative plaques.

David Waller presented a resolution authorizing Rebecca Dietz, upon assuming the role of Chief Executive Officer of CPC, to exercise any, and all powers and duties as set forth in Article VI, Section 8 of the NOCPIA By-Laws, including, but not limited to, the right to execute such "deeds, leases, bonds, contracts, or other instruments as needed to conduct the business of

NOCPIA, and in accordance with the financial policies of NOCPIA." The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Waller thanked Cara for her accomplishments and wished her the best in her new position.

## **MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

Our ongoing discussions with Grow Dat have been positive. They provided us with terms that we will evaluate.

Key items from the Legislative session that impact the Park

- Approved \$2 million in Priority 1 funding for City Park's historic maintenance building restoration.
- Additional appointments to the CPC and CPIA boards.

## **FINANCE**

Hemel presented and reviewed the FY25 management recommendation for the CPIA and CPC operating budget for 2024-2025. He stated that the CPIA and CPC Finance Committees unanimously recommended the budget for approval by the Board. Following a discussion, the Board unanimously approved the budget for 2024-2025.

## **MASTER PLAN/CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Randy Odinet, Vice President and Chief Planning Officer, noted that we continue to hold meetings with existing park users, neighborhood association leaders, and community leaders to provide an update on the master plan.

The request for proposals for the Ideas Youth Committee facilitator is due on June 28.

Ongoing Capital projects:

- Drainage Improvements South of 610 – work on Victory Ave has been completed. The next phase of work will be the replacement of the weir.
- Savoie Soccer Complex – preparing design and bid package for concrete driveway additions and parking lot restoration.

Presented an overview of Pan American Stadium improvements in partnership with the New Orleans Saints. The project will include turf replacement, end zone expansion, new goalposts and netting, a new sound system, and a scoreboard. The renovation will be completed by September 4. We will work to secure additional funding for future facility improvements.

A resolution approving the construction contract between City Park Conservancy and Turf Alliance in an amount not to exceed \$1.2M for turf renovation at Pan American Stadium and authorizing the President and CEO of City Park to execute the contract and any related documents or necessary change orders was unanimously approved.

## DEVELOPMENT

Casie Duplechain, Chief Philanthropy and Engagement Officer reported:

### Notable Events:

- Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> of July

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships as of June 24, 2024

Members - 4,300

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- Active members as of May 2024: 1,692

GOVERNANCE

Emily Arata requested that any recommendations for potential Board Members be forwarded to Rebecca Dietz or herself for consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.