

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (the "NOCPIA") was called to order Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 4 p.m. The meeting was held in person at City Park Administration Building.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Waller, Adams, Arata, Dale, Savoie, Giffin, Green, Katz, King, Laborde, LeCorgne, Leger, Sherman, and Sterbcow

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Coaxum, Hardie, Lupo, McNeil, Pate, and Giarrusso

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

**GUESTS:** Liz Sloss, Byron Alinquist, Ryyan Clark, and Sophie Lott

Chairman David Waller called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board. He introduced the newly appointed board member Matt Sherman.

A quorum is present and voting throughout the meeting.

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

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

Marketing & Communications Manager Keith Claverie presented the new City Park logo and website. In addition to revealing the new brand, Keith detailed the work that went into designing and selecting the new look as well as the next steps for external promotion.

#### **MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

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

- The merger between Friends of City Park and City Park Conservancy will be approved today.
- All employees of the City Park Improvement Association will transition to the City Park Conservancy by November 1. We worked hard to ensure an excellent benefits package with no out-of-pocket costs.
- As part of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, City Park Conservancy must develop an Investment Policy, an Ethics Policy, and a Naming Rights Policy within 90 days.
- Through a federal grant, Wildlife and Fisheries will purchase Couba Island for \$1.28 million and maintain it as a conservation area. Significant land was lost as a result of Hurricane Ida, and we are selling it at a loss of \$100,000 in order to fulfill the match for the federal grant.
- In an effort to curb the unsettling behavior at football events, we added additional security procedures, such as wandering everyone at Tad Gormley and Pan American Stadium. Carro Gardner, Chair of the CPC Operations Committee will meet with Chris Maitre to discuss the issues. Councilmember Green is introducing a

resolution before the city council to ask the state for enhanced penalties for bringing firearms to various events.

- One year after Hurricane Ida, the resurfacing of the clay tennis courts is nearing completion.

Emily Arata, Chair of the Governance Committee stated that the committee met and discussed establishing goals. The Committee will work to align the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; as well as the procedure for onboarding new board members; and the Jefferson Parish appointment to the board.

David Waller read the Resolution to adopt the required CDBG-DR program policies and procedures; accept that receipt of program funds be administered in accordance with OCD-DRU grantee administrative manual; appoint various coordinators/officers; authorize individuals to execute the requests for payment and authorize the CEO to execute all documents related to the City Park drainage improvements south of I-610 project. Councilmember Green moved, seconded by Larry Katz, and unanimously approved.

Rick Butler, who served as president of CPIA from 2004 – 2007 passed away and bequeathed \$1 million to the City Park Improvement Association. His intentions for his donation are to challenge other donors to match it, repair and restore Butler Fountain, and name an open field in his honor. We informed the Executor of the estate that this matter will be addressed during the Master Plan process.

Keith Hemel, Chief Financial Officer reviewed the fiscal dashboard and balance sheet and noted the Park is currently \$260,000 ahead of budget.

Long-Term Assets - GNOF endowments of \$7MM have been removed from the balance sheet.

Current Liabilities - All City Park Improvement Association employees will be terminated and rehired by City Park Conservancy. Employees will be compensated for up to 300 hours of accrued annual leave

Long-term liability – \$6MM OPEB liability from the state pertaining to retirement benefits will be greatly reduced once we have only retirees with the state and no NOCPIA employees.

Hemel reviewed the Governments funds and leases, outstanding FEMA receivables, capital and infrastructure, as well as grant Proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.