

**New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6:30pm**  
**Municipal Yacht Harbor Administration Building**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor – West Meeting Room**  
**401 North Roadway Street**  
**New Orleans, LA 70124**

**PRELIMINARIES**

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:31pm by Tim McConnell.

Attendance was taken by Tim McConnell. Board members present:

Timothy McConnell  
Akeisha Tircuit  
Christopher Hammond  
Jessica Addison  
Monya Criddle  
Keith Amacker  
Roger Watkins  
Mark Heck

2. Presentation of agenda by T. McConnell. Motion by C. Hammond, seconded by M. Heck. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Approval of March 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by C. Hammond, seconded by A. Tircuit. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Resolution to Approve Stone Pigman Law Firm to Engage HR&A Consultant as an Expert for the Development of the West Parking Lot Area of West End.

Annie McBride from Stone Pigman is present to assist with questions the Board may not be able to answer.

T. McConnell: We have said many times that we will be transparent throughout this process. We have tried to get other entities to help us get RFQs/RFPs out and it has not worked in our favor. This is our development. We are taking action so that we can see actual progress. The best way we can do this is to hire the experts. We have hired a law firm which was stated very clearly at the January meeting. The next step is to hire someone to get us through this process. People have asked why we are not having economic development meetings. We don't have meetings when there is nothing to report. You will start seeing progress if we vote today to bring on the consultant. This is not another feasibility study which was done by the regional Planning Commission and Dana Brown. Though the board members may be experts in their career field, they are not experts in facilitating public meetings and finding people who are suited to bring us proposals. There will be something developed even if it is a park. Steps need to be taken to

ensure transparency and to allow public input. We need to have someone that knows what they're doing and that can facilitate a public meeting. They are going to help us get to the RFQ and find someone to invest in this development.

Annie McBride: We've reached out to many different firms that consult on these types of projects. We've received responses from national reputable firms that are not developers. Their job is to study the market, solicit bids from potential developers on a national level that can come out with resources, expertise, and capabilities to do what has been determined as the highest and best use the property. From the responses we received, we have selected the consultant with the best response and value --HR&A.

T. McConnell: For clarity, HR&A is not the developer and will not be the developer for this project. They are the consultant to help us find the right developer.

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE NEW ORLEANS MUNICIPAL YACHT HARBOR MANAGEMENT CORPORATION  
(Authorizing Stone Pigman Law Firm to Engage HR&A Advisors as an Expert for the Development of the  
West Parking Lot Area of West End)**

**WHEREAS, WHEREAS,** the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation (“MYHMC”) is a public benefit corporation of the City of New Orleans, which leases from the City of New Orleans its property rights at West End; and

**WHEREAS,** it had previously been proposed to MYHMC by the Law Department of the City of New Orleans that there may be occasions when outside counsel is needed to provide legal services to MYHMC; and

**WHEREAS,** the firm of Stone Pigman Walther Whittmann, LLC has agreed to provide legal services to MYHMC; and

**WHEREAS,** the firm of Stone Pigman Walther Whittmann, LLC has provided an executive summary and recommendation from a list of proposals by development consultants to assist them in the furthering the development process requested by MYHMC; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of MYHMC authorizes Stone Pigman Walther Whittmann, LLC to engage HR&A Advisors as an expert for the development of the West Parking Lot Area of West End.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Motion to approve the resolution by Mark Heck, seconded by Chris Hammond.

J. Addison: What other firms were considered and how did HR&A outrank them?

A. McBride: RCI Marine, JLL- who has advised many City projects in the past, RCLCO and HR&A. Of the four consultants that we have reached out to, we received proposals from RCLCO and HR&A. JLL gave a partial response there were 3 phases of work that we asked for and JLL was only willing to respond to the first phase and we were looking for a complete response. The complete responses we received were from RCLCO and HR&A. The services that were included in those proposals were comparable. Pricing tilted the scale in favor of HR&A. The pricing in HR&A’s proposal significantly gave a better value than RCLCO’s proposal. HR&A

has much experience in the greater New Orleans area as well as throughout Louisiana. They also have experience in doing waterfront type developments.

J. Addison: What were the 3 phases of the proposal that was required for submission?

A. McBride: Feasibility/market analysis which would tell us the highest and best use of the property from a return-on-investment standpoint. Preparation of RFQ and RFP materials to solicit bids from potential developers. Evaluation Assessment- they would need to help MYHMC and Stone Pigman evaluate those bids to select the best.

R. Watkins: Is the criteria for best use determined by the Board? Would we be able to put in criteria for parking and space usage?

A. McBride: It would be informed by zoning limitations as well as their own research and studies. For the true highest and best use, the consultant would have the fewest parameters. We can certainly place parameters on their research so that the result is something that is desired.

T. McConnell: The parameters will absolutely be set by this Board. We have talked about the oak trees and the connectivity with the Dana Brown study as well as the bike path.

A. McBride: They will come in to meet with MYHMC to understand what the parameters are.

J. Addison: Will they be able to facilitate the public meetings?

A. McBride: I don't think so but I'm sure that is something we will be able to request.

T. McConnell: They will definitely need to be present.

R. Watkins: I went through a similar project at Algiers Point. A major factor that we were missing was an expert with oversight of next steps. We need to have someone that is tasked with monitoring the situation to make sure that we are not wasting resources or that we end up with a single use project. They should be managing this all the way through to make sure that it is in the best interest of everyone.

M. Heck: In my experience, they usually look for local facilitators. As a Board, they may be what we're looking for anyway. Someone that locally understands and that can analyze the information.

J. Addison: What is HR&A's experience with facilities that does not involve residential?

A. McBride: Yes. They can work within those parameters.

J. Addison: Do you have examples of work they've done in New Orleans? I just want to be as transparent as possible so that when the Board makes a decision the public knows that we have asked all of the appropriate questions.

A. McBride: Yes. They did a great job of displaying their accomplishments in their proposal. They worked on the Churchill Park Master Plan in Jefferson Parish. They played a role in the bidding procedure. They advised on the New Orleans Convention Center District Redevelopment and conducted the Meraux Market Study. HR&A provided technical assistance to the Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) in New Orleans. They supported the executive leadership of LCMC/LSU Partnership Development Advisory. These are the list of projects they have worked on that are in Louisiana.

B. Whited: Their website shows hundreds of projects including waterfront development including Anacostia River Waterfront in D.C., Jacksonville Riverfront in Florida and Delaware River Waterfront.

M. Heck: For clarity, there are three scopes of this process but the second scope is a two-step process for an RFQ then an RFP?

A. McBride: They gave us some flexibility with that part. During the first phase we can design the process with an RFQ followed by an RFP or go straight through the RFP.

M. Heck: Based on our conversations I think we would be looking at the 2 step process which we have promised throughout this duration. It also helps to make sure that people aren't putting together full RFP 's without the qualifications.

J. Addison: If we vote tonight, when would HR&A get started with the first step of feasibility.

A. McBride: Stone Pigman would be engaging the firm on behalf of MYHMC. We would negotiate the contract and the work would begin shortly after that. HR&A estimates a 7-month timeline to conduct the full scope of work.

J. Addison: So within 7 months we would have put out an RFP, received bids, evaluated responses and selected a developer.

A. McBride: Keeping in mind that this is an estimate and things can come up to push the timeline back. They can take this as slowly as the Board wishes.

R. Watkins: How will parameters and progress be communicated to the Board?

B. Whited: I correspond with Stone Pigman regularly and communicate board information to Tim.

T. McConnell: I would like updates from Stone Pigman monthly.

R. Watkins: I just want to be sure that within these 7 months we have time to organize what our process looks like.

J. Addison: I don't want to race through this process and the public input segment gets overlooked during the RFQ and RFP process.

M. Heck: As far as pricing we should provide an outline of our expectations for community feedback. We wouldn't want you guys to negotiate a contract and then we come and put parameters in after the fact.

A. McBride: With long term/large scale contracts, we usually have the consultant phase out. Meaning, phase one may consist of many discrete components. We'll say you cannot move on to Phase 2 without our authorization. That will stop the process from moving forward until everyone is comfortable with phase one.

Public Comment by Charles Marsala: What's the budget for this? We're giving \$100,000 to Stone Pigman and \$100,000 to HR&A and we don't even know what the area (acre) is. HR&A may not have been interested if they knew the area was only 2 acres. How much have we spent so far on legal fees? On HR&A's website, they have an open space division and a retail division. Is this project being directed into one of those divisions to analyze this project? Do we move to residential if retail fails? For example, American Can was retail but now it's residential.

T. McConnell: HR&A is \$125K-\$140K for the first 2 phases. The negotiation phase is \$105K-\$460K depending on how much personnel is involved. I do not have the legal fees to date, but we will bring it to the next meeting. American Can - it is unrealistic to refer to a business that failed 40 years ago. Our consultant should look at the Dana Brown study; it has useful information even though it's 6 years old. They will have to verify the traffic pattern. If retail is decided and the retail fails we would have to adjust. The parking lot has set vacant for 17 years. We can't get this work done for free so I don't think it's a waste of investment.

R. Watkins: we are not looking to maximize profit for this organization, we are looking for the best fit for this community while considering all of the criteria.

T. McConnell: As a public benefit corporation, to do nothing with the space is inept.

Public Comment by Gail Wall: How much has been spent to date on these studies. The boy should have public meetings for the neighborhood to come out and speak their opinions. We want the area restored, we want wildlife habitat, we do not want retail or a mixed-use function. You all should take into consideration the people that live here and what we have to endure with the music and traffic.

R. Watkins: I have attended 2 public meetings in one year. We will continue to hold public meetings and I think your concerns will be addressed.

T. McConnell: We cannot continue to hold meetings when we have nothing to say. We must hire the experts to get us to a place where we understand the best use of the property.

J. Addison: This is why we are putting stipulations in place to make sure that the consultants are not rushing ahead of us. We are doing everything we can to make sure we hold the public meetings as promised. Roger & I specifically have met with previous board members to understand the residents' concerns.

M. Criddle: You are also welcome to join the Economic Development Committee. You will have a more intimate time to express yourself.

A. Robinson: Announcement of Councilmember Joe Giarrusso's neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 6pm. It will be held at 403 N. Roadway Street. The meeting will address a text amendment to the Suburban Lake Area Marina District (S-LM) zoning to prohibit future housing developments.

Public Comment by Corky Potts: Why is Stone Pigman engaging the consultant instead of MYHMC? Could attorney-client privilege become an issue when the public is requesting information?

T. McConnell: There will be complete transparency on how the development is getting completed. As far as how developers raise their money, no one will want to participate if that has to be public record. We want our developers to have confidence that their proprietors is not public. What the site will be developed in to, will be very public.

A. McBride: Stone Pigman will engage experts on behalf of our clients. It is a service that we provide. We also represent the New Orleans Building Corporation which is a sister entity of MYHMC. With NOBC we worked on the Four Seasons project. We engaged Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) to do the same study and analysis. JLL selected the Carpenter Group who came in to complete the development. The same procedure is being employed for the West End development. As it relates to attorney client privilege, anything discussed at these board meetings will be public information. However, our e-mail correspondence, contractual negotiations and contacts with the consultant are privileged. It is a much more efficient process for us to engage the consultant on behalf of MHYMC. This is a service that public benefit corporations can take advantage of, and it is a completely above-board process.

T. McConnell: We have been stalled at Ground Zero for years, we need to put the experts in place that can get us to where we need to be. We have a volunteer board and 2 administrative employees. We went to the people that do this every day we leaned on the French market Corporation and the New Orleans Building Corporation to help us navigate this process.

R. Watkins: We have to think about how long it will take for every detail someone has to make a decision about in a development.

Public Comment by Liz McAlpine: How is Stone Pigman being paid? By the hour? Contractual? Where where's the money coming from?

T. McConnell: It is coming out of our budget, and they are getting paid by the hour. Bryan is going to bring the total amount of invoices to the next meeting.

L. McAlpine: The last time I asked for something I was told that we didn't have any money.

R. Watkins: The funds that we have are reserved for long-term capital projects and dredging. Now we are using funds to invest in something that's going to produce revenue in the future.

T. McConnell: I believe you wanted us to spend money on 24-hour security and we did not allocate money for that. However, we have allocated money to this project.

Public Comment from Kerry Cuccia: Yes, this project is expensive but for the first time in 17 years we're making progress. This board is taking the bull by the horns. The previous board did

not have the ability to get it done. This board is going to set the parameters for the developers. Not only are they considering the highest and best use financially, but also what is in the best interest of the area to serve the economics. It is going to be money well spent over time. To question the board on every little thing is inappropriate. There will be time to challenge them later.

T. McConnell: We can only be held to our word. I have promised transparency throughout this process and that is what we will be held to. We are going to have the public meetings where you can provide your input. We are trying to get to a point where we can have a discussion. We can't do that until something is on the table to discuss. Once the highest and best use of the area has been determined, we still have decisions to make. We are still going to consider parking and if parking is insufficient, we will have to go in another direction. This board gets to make those decisions. We are also going to consider all stakeholders. As residents of this area, you all will be most impacted. Your inputs will be heavily weighted. However, West End residents are not the only stakeholders. The remaining stakeholders are the citizens of Orleans parish.

M. Heck: For the past year, this board has heard that the economic development committee or another city department is going to help us put an RFQ or RFP together. Nothing has happened. It has frustrated us with not being able to provide you with any information and it has frustrated the public that we keep having the same conversation repeatedly because there's nothing to report. We have looked at other successful developments in the city such as the Four Seasons project; they have followed this same exact process. I know of a time when the City ran its own RFP process on the east bank. It was awarded 10 years ago and the area is still vacant because the City is still negotiating with the developer. This board has engaged someone that can professionally handle this and get it done.

Public comment from Frank Scurlock: I 100% agree with Kerry and would like to commend each board member. We can do something magnificent out here. The Regional Planning Commission meeting a few years ago was great, it just needs to be refreshed. We can have larger meetings upstairs and invite people to come out and provide input and continue to encourage the community to get involved.

T. McConnell: As I've mentioned before, we will continue to hold public meetings but there are going to be times where we don't have anything to report. We have to work through some logistics as to where we can hold larger meetings. NOYC hold their meetings at the same time as us. We want to get the information out to as many people as possible we will continue to use our website as well as the City's, Giarusso's office and Friends of West End.

We are at our 30 minute time limit for this item. I would like to get a motion to extend this discussion. Motion by J. Addison and seconded by M. Heck. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment by Frank Lott: I am looking to get a better understanding of the 3 phases.

J. Addison: First there will be a feasibility and market analysis to determine best use. Then there will be the preparation of the RFQ and RFP. The RFQ is the request for qualifications. You were essentially put together a list of qualifications you'd want the developer to possess. After the qualifications are submitted you would go through those and invite qualified firms to submit proposals. We are going to have resident and stakeholder input as promised from the beginning. We will have stakeholder engagement during both the RFQ and RFP process. Step 3 would be to evaluate the proposals and determine which is deemed the most valuable.

T. McConnell: I want to manage expectations. We will have public meetings and allow stakeholder input. Just because someone has provided feedback does not mean it will make it into a final document. This board takes full responsibility for this development which means that we determine what makes it into the RFQ and RFP.

Annie McBride: Usually they'll put together a report that has a dollar amount with the expected return on investment for various uses.

T. McConnell: At the last economic development meeting that was held upstairs, someone was asking what we wanted at the development site. I said I will not know until an expert tells me. This is that step. These are the people that are going to help guide us in that direction.

Public Comment from Thomas Long: This is a generational project. This is the proper process - getting the experts to tell you how to approach this.

Public Comment from Mike Gertler: I would hate to see you spend \$100,000 to get an expert to determine what is the highest and best use. We should be telling the expert what we want and let them take that into consideration when completing their analysis. We should also provide limitations of what we do not want.

J. Addison: That's the plan but we cannot set limitations or parameters before we have engaged them. We have heard the residence request and we will funnel that through HR&A.

T. McConnell: We can't tell the experts what we want when we haven't found them yet. The consultant is going to take us there. HR&A is helping us find the experts. Anything that happens out here has to comply with zoning and coding.

Vote to allow Stone Pigman to engage HR&A: motion passes unanimously.

## 2. FINANCIAL REPORT by Roger Watkins

As of April 30, 2023, MYHMC has total assets of \$5.02 million with current assets of \$3.6 million and the bulk of which is in the form of cash in two accounts at JP Morgan Chase Bank. Total liabilities at \$546,000. \$712,000 in revenue year to date which is 109% of budgeted income. \$540,000 in expenses which is 91.5% of budgeted expenses. \$172,000 more profit which is 319% of our budgeted profit.

Public Comment by Charles Marsala: When the development is completed, will revenue be allocated towards the park or boat slips? It costs approximately \$60,000/yr to maintain the park.

T. McConnell: All revenues are deposited into our general fund account then funds are allocated to what we deem necessary. Our budget is posted publicly.

C. Marsala: We don't need any more money allocated to the park. One of the goals was to raise \$30 million over the next 25 years to redo the marina.

T. McConnell: I'll poll the board. Does any board member have institutional knowledge about needing \$30 million to redevelop the Marina.

R. Watkins: No, the budget is for long term capital projects.

J. Addison: We do set aside money every year for things like that.

Public Comment from Rick Sinclair: Who's responsible for the sidewalk on N. Roadway? When it rains, I cannot get out of my house without walking into at least 3 inches of water. The sidewalk is supposed to slope to the street but when the city dug it up and laid concrete back down they slanted the sidewalk towards the house.

T. McConnell: We'll look into getting some clarification on the issue. It could be the City's problem or it could be ours.

Motion to accept the financial report by J. Addison, seconded by R. Watkins. Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Bryan Whited

1. Staff Hiring: Our second Grounds patrol officer, Rendell Parquette has a started working, we are happy to have him on our team. A third officer is in the pipeline.
2. West Lot: The lot has been cleared and cleaned. Jefferson parish had the oak trees on their portion of the area trimmed. I am working with our legal team to prepare an ordinance which will allow us to enter into lease agreements of less than a year without City Council approval. This will allow us to lease parking spaces in the area.
3. The Point: The lights have been installed and signs have been ordered and Active Solutions is working on an updated camera proposal.
4. Sale of Boathouses: Our legal team is researching the appropriate method to sell the boathouse leases in our possession.
5. West End Park and Breakwater Park: Permanent trash cans have been ordered and we have the locations selected with advice from a licensed arborist and architect. The arborist will be on call to advise on any potential issues. ETA 6 weeks. Pond trimming and weed removal on the south berm of the point have been scheduled.
6. Marina: Wifi is currently being installed, we are waiting on antenna poles to be fabricated. Once this is complete, cox will install the antennas and start service.

Public comment by Charles Marsala: Why was last month's meeting cancelled?

T. McConnell: I had a personal issue come up, we had trouble getting a quorum, there was nothing on the agenda for rules and standards and no committee meetings were held.

Public comment by Henry Poirier: I am not a boathouse owner but just a local fisherman. Breakwater Dr. is a public road. At no time should there be locked gates. Federal money was used for the boat launch and it should be open 24/7. Roadside fishing is allowed in Louisiana. 2 weeks ago a sailboat crashed into the bulkhead. I don't know what came of the accident but if someone was hurt and the gates were locked no one could get to them to give help. The park doesn't open until 5:00 AM but there are people who like to fish at night. Metairie is open 24/7. Last Sunday, the gates at the Point and boat launch were locked. People had to back up their trailers because there was nowhere for them to turn around.

M. Heck: Just because something is paid for with public dollars or FEMA money does not mean an area needs to be open 24 hours a day. We have responsibilities as the board and as a corporation to provide safety. I live near Crescent Park and it is closed from sundown to sunup. There are many people that like to go running at night and feel that it is safer to run in a park than on the street. When entities have to spend money to maintain these areas there has to be some restrictions. If the gates are not opened at the time they're supposed to be open, we need to know that. I appreciate you bringing that information to us. The boat launched hours of operation has always been an issue. The majority of people that are out there after hours at 2:00 AM are not looking to fish.

T. McConnell: Security issues have come up at several meetings. Residents want 24/7 security and we have been struggling to hire grounds patrol officers. Without any drastic changes, I don't foresee the areas being open 24 hours a day. I understand your frustration with the lack of the fishing pier after 17 years. The fear is being funded and we're in the process of getting that done



now. The point and boat launch are always going to be time restricted. We don't want to take the unnecessary risk of accidents happening and we don't have anyone on staff. Moving forward we will make sure that the gates are open when they are supposed to be.

K. Amacker: I have been to several national parks and all of them have posted hours of operation. There are various regulations of when and where you cannot be. As far as MYHMC is concerned, having those areas open 24/7 is a safety and security issue. We understand that the Bonnebel boat launch is open 24/7 but I'm sure they have enough staffing security to make that happen. We're just working on getting a 3rd security officer on the grounds so it is difficult to ensure safety and security here.

A. Robinson: The gates are not automated. Someone has to manually go out there and unlock the gates. If the gates are not open at the posted times, there's a phone number on the signage for you to call. Call the number and we will get someone out as soon as possible.

B. Whited: My phone number is posted on the sign.

J. Addison: I want to recognize and apologize for your loss of use.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING – Did not meet. Everyone should be caught up with the resolution we discussed today.

J. Addison: We need to get a meeting on the books. Once we engage HR&A, we should have the economic development meeting separate from our regular board meetings.

T. McConnell: We should schedule the meeting once HR&A has something to report.

A. McBride: It may take a month to get the contract finalized.

Public Comment by Charles Marsala: We need to decide if the area is going to be a park or retail. I'd love to get the final acreage with the trees before we start spending money. The grant to redo Breakwater Dr. was \$5 million. It would be great if we could use that FEMA money to repair the seawall.

M. Heck: Just to be clear, no one is handing us a check and saying "go to the work". There's going to be multiple phases of this project and at any point we are unhappy we can pull the plug. We are not giving it to any one division because the first phase of this is to look at all perspectives. The purpose of hiring the expert is not only to look at the financial side of it but to let us know what could actually work and what the outcome would look like. Once we have that information and we put the RFQ out, we can require them to include x amount of park space (for example). We can't go into the feasibility study with space restrictions because we don't know what it's going to be. It has to be open-ended. The \$100,000 for Stone Pigman is strictly for legal counsel. It does not include everything that has to take place with the development.

C. Marsala: The resolution does not mention a maximum for HR&A.

M. Heck: As long as HR&A continues to come back with viable options, we will continue to move the process along.

M. Criddle: How does the last feasibility study come into play?

T. McConnell: We did not go into enough depth. We paid \$15,000 and we got what we paid for. Although feasibility will be a component of the project this is not just a feasibility study. The consulting is going to get us to a place to receive proposals from developers. They are going to use the Dana Brown and Hackett study but they are not being hired to do another feasibility study.

J. Addison: Circling back to the acreage, we have a licensed survey of the area. I texted Bob Mora who owns Batco to confirm the acreage with saving the live oaks.

T. McConnell: The Dana Brown study provided the acreage if we took out a certain number of trees. I would like to see as many trees saved as possible. If we do nothing but put a park there, it provides zero revenue and more expenses.

Public Comment by Kerry Cuccia: I surveyed the residents and asked if anyone was against any type of development. I received a 43% response from the boathouse owners. 72% of responses were in favor of some form of development. They all made comments stating that whatever the development; they wanted it to be cohesive with the current environment. Although we don't want to put HR&A in a box, we can give them a mission statement. There is concern of the current acreage not being enough and once the development starts, there will be a need to start eating into the space.

M. Heck: The mission statement is most important at the RFQ and RFP process. HR&A when I make any concrete proposal. We want them to determine what is the highest and best use and then help us put together an RFQ to entice developers to put the vision together. HR&A it is helping us determine what the expectation is by giving us more information. We are looking for an RFQ that is sustainable for the community.

#### 6. QUALITY OF LIFE – Monya Criddle

Committee did not meet. We did receive some concerns about trash floating into slips. There was another concern about trash bins in the grassy areas of the walkway. Lastly, there was a concern of a private security car on the grounds. Good news: the park is being maintained and the restaurants have lowered the volume of music playing.

T. McConnell: Are we referring to the trash coming in from the lake?

Public Comment: No. It's the contractors. When they are working on the houses and they're cutting off the ends of their boards, they're letting them fall into the water. They were also throwing empty water bottles. Since I have sent in my letter of concern the problem has stopped.

T. McConnell: The security car belongs to us. It has our name on the side.

Public Comment by Charles Marsala: Is there any way to get some FEMA money for Breakwater along the retention wall? It is a safety issue; someone could get hurt fishing or taking pictures out there. I went to Jefferson Parish in November and asked them to trim the trees and they were cut after Mardi Gras. I also sent out a survey. On the City's site, they push for keeping parks, especially on the water. 143 people responded to my survey. 90% of those people want to see a wild life habitat; including the bird sanctuary. 96% wanted to save the trees. 78% wanted pickleball.

Public Comment from Kerry Cuccia: most debris are being picked up by boathouse owners. The trailer parking on the street is getting worse. I understand that Bryan is doing everything he can but I believe we can give parking ordinances for specific areas. If what is in law now is insufficient to address these problems, we need to talk to our councilmember to see what can be changed.

#### 7. SECURITY & SAFETY – Christopher Hammond

Next meeting is June 6, 2023 at 10:00am.

B. Whited: Security meetings does not have to be public because it involves operational safety issues.

Public Comment by Kerry Cuccia: We don't have any striping on the road. People tend to park and create dangerous situations but with no striping we can't place much blame on them.

Public Comment by Charles Marsala: A \$50K boat was stolen on Easter Sunday between 1-6pm. It was on a trailer. It was found burned down on Almonaster.

B. Whited: The boat had been parked illegally for over a year.

C. Marsala: With the development people are also concerned about crime going up in the area.

Motion to adjourn by T. McConnell, seconded by R. Watkins at 8:42PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting :** Tuesday, June 13, 2023| 6:30 PM  
MYHMC Admin Building (tentative)