

**LCNS Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 28, 2012**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 am by Scott Weaver, Vice President.  
Directors attending: Gary Poltorak, Taras Romachuk, Scott Weaver, Jim Murphy, Mort Voller. Phil Glass was absent.

**November 19 Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Taras to approve the minutes from the LCNS November 19, 2011 meeting. Scott second, all in favor.

**Financial Report**

Jim reviewed the financial report, Taras made a motion to approve, second by Mort. All in favor.

**Preserves**

**Update on Preserve Maintenance**

A cleanup of Preserve E on January 14th was led by Mort with the volunteer assistance of the Student Conservation Association from Houston. Students from Houston schools helped cut down Chinaberry trees from the Preserve along Jibstay Court. **The LCNS wants to extend a warm “Thank You!” to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and to Mr. and Mrs. Rice for providing water and facilities to the students!**

The heart of Preserve E is in need of a similar cleanup, but Mort will work within budget using an hourly helper from Shaneyfelt, a Contractor who is hired to mow the Preserves each year. Work to expand the drip ponds, will be done and water lines with timers have been installed for the monument oaks to protect them against another drought because they are severely stressed. Signs for the Preserves and for the Wern Cemetery have been sent to a printer and will be installed when done.

**Canal Marsh Grass**

There were several homeowners present that contributed to a very informative and productive discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were concerned that using bags of cement for retaining walls of the Marsh Grass Project will kill oysters and contribute to heating of the water. Mort and Gary assured them that this is the technique used by the Galveston Bay Foundation on several successful projects they have worked on with cooperation from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mrs. Allen was concerned about the lack of communication she has received about the project and she encouraged the Board to distribute more information about what will be required of the homeowners. Scott explained the requirement and obligation of each homeowner is outlined in the LCNS Deed Restrictions and the LCNS has sent several letters to the community with information about the marsh grass requirement in our canals. The Board agreed that more information would be beneficial and Gary volunteered to send information he has about marsh grass and our project to the community.

**Violations of the ACOE Permit – Hearings Schedule**

Violations have been reduced from 48 to 21 with 11 homeowners currently working on plans to either remove their violations or modify their existing situations to come into compliance with the LCNS Canals and Preserves Deed Restrictions and the ACOE permit requirements.

Two homeowners have requested hearings with the Board to discuss their situations as they apply to compliance with the deed restrictions. It was decided to hold these hearings in public once dates can be scheduled.

### **CKM Proposal for Additional Fees Charged to LCNS**

This topic was discussed briefly but was tabled until more information can be gathered from CKM about similar charges to the PPOA ARC and possible coordination of services with the LCNS. Taras will also contact Susan to obtain a copy of the contract CKM has with the LCNS.

### **PPOA ARC Proposal for a United Solution to the Permitting Process**

Gary, Taras, Marty Baker and Lee Slataper met to begin a cooperative effort to combine the application and review process for construction or modification of structures over the water. It was agreed that a single application form requiring review by the ARC for building code compliance and review by the LCNS for standards required in the ACOE permit will be created. For a full approval, both the ARC and the LCNS will need to sign the permit once their separate standards are satisfied. The process desired is one that will honor the responsibilities of each Board, and at the same time reduce the cost and confusion that could result from having two separated procedures. Additional meetings are scheduled.

### **Other Topics Discussed**

Wern Cemetery - Taras wanted to know if the cemetery will be open to residents or will the gate remain locked. This issue has not been decided due to the on-going maintenance of the site and research into the family members buried there.

Newsletter - A newsletter or mailing needs to be done to better inform our community of the projects planned for 2012, and to send updates on current projects or new information. Gary will work with the Board members to create documents or forward information to the community via e-mail.

Project Assignments - Board members were assigned to lead projects for 2012. Each month at our meetings updates will be given and progress reported.

The next LCNS meeting will be posted on the LCNS website.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.