

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
LAKES AND WATERWAYS ADVISORY BOARD**

**Regular Meeting
Winter Park Country Club
761 Old England Ave.**

**January 20, 2016
12:00 pm**

MINUTES

Present: Todd Weaver (Chair) Geoff Bedine (Vice-Chm), Nora Miller, Amy Byrd, Doug Marks, Steven DiClemente, Jim Barnes

Absent: David Moorhead

City of Winter Park Staff: Troy Attaway, Public Works Director; Don Marcotte, Asst. Public Works Director; Tim Egan, Environmental Resource Mgr.; Amy Giannotti, Asst. Environmental Resource Mgr.; Stan Locke, WP Police; Abby Gulden, Sustainability & Permitting Coordinator; Debbie Wilkerson, Recording Secretary

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER. Chm. Weaver called the Lakes and Waterways Advisory Board to order at 12:05 pm.

Citizen comments: None

administration

Approval of Minutes

Chm. Weaver asked for approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2015. Motion made by Mr. Bedine to approve the December 16, 2015, as presented, seconded by Mr. DiClemente, motion carried unanimously.

new business

Proposed Library Plan – Shawn Shaffer, Executive Director, Winter Park Public Library

Ms. Shaffer presented a PowerPoint presentation. She outline the process that was used to determine the current proposed site. She clarified that the current drawings are concepts only, after the referendum passes a final design will be created. The City Commission agreed to a combined project to include a new library and a new civic center to be located at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park site. The proposed plan was presented. It is an opportunity to expand the core of Winter Park as well as improve walk-bike ability.

The library supports walking and biking. Thanks to a grant from Healthy Central Florida (HCF) they have a bike check-out program. This year HCF offered a grant and it will be used to create a program to check out personal fitness devices.

The Library is a community gathering place. The goal is a “sandbox” effect where residents can try things (bicycles, I Pads, Kindles, and fitness equipment). Assistance with business and marketing plans is available. The library provides lifelong learning, literary skills, free education, life skills, and computer skills. It also has the latest trends and technology.

Ms. Shaffer stated a new building and new space with meeting rooms will allow the library to be more effective and do more.

The cost for the whole project is \$29,000,000. The City Commission agreed to write an ordinance to place the project on the March 15 ballot for a tax bond referendum for \$29,000,000.

Proposed Ordinance Change

The proposed ordinance would change the acreage exemption for needing vegetation permits from under 40 to under 30 acres in size, thus including larger lakes that allow power boats. Staff indicated that the change would not create an undue burden. Mr. Egan responded to questions. Mr. Attaway explained the standard notification process when items come before the City Commission.

Monty Plank – 1112 Turner Rd., spoke against the ordinance.

Scott Bodie – 1033 Lake Bell, spoke in favor of the ordinance and supported notices being sent notifying lakefront property owners of the proposed ordinance change. After discussion Mr. Barnes moved to table the item until the February meeting and send formal notices to lakefront property owners announcing the proposed ordinance change, seconded by Mr. DiClemente, motion carried unanimously. Staff will send notices to Lake Bell property owners announcing the ordinance change and that the ordinance change will be discussed at the February Lakes Board meeting.

Lake Bell Wetlands

Debbie Cunningham – 1112 Turner Rd., introduced for discussion the City accepting an easement over the Lake Bell wetlands in Eatonville. She provided details of the location, current ownership and reasons why residents would like the City to accept the easement. Scott Bodie provided a copy of pertinent information from the original contract between Orange County School Board and Eatonville that specified consideration should be given to the residents of Lake Bell to preserve the easement.

Dr. Tinker March 1106 Turner Rd., spoke in favor of the City accepting the easement.

After discussion, the Board requested staff to research the process for accepting an easement and report back at the February meeting.

Lakes Presentation

Postponed until February

action items

Shoreline Permit Applications:
None

reports

Mead Botanical Garden - The Duck Derby is cancelled for this year

____ **Stormwater Management**

Mr. Marcotte reported on the following projects:

- Stormwater improvements were completed at Lyman and New York. The weekend of January 23, the intersection will be closed to complete improvements to the railroad tracks.
- Work is progressing on the 3 projects, Stirling Bridge, Nicole Pond, and Howell Branch Road, we hope to accomplish during the dry season.
- Staff is working on updating the City's Stormwater code, adding additional commercial and residential development language.

Lakes Manager Report

Mr. Egan reported that he is in the process of updating the lakes water quality and should have the report summary at the February meeting.

Lakes Patrol – WP Police

Sgt. Locke reported that routine enforcement will resume in April, but patrols are going out on a regular basis on certain lakes.

Sustainability Report – Abby Gulden

She updated the board on the following items:

- Advertising for the Lake Mizell and Lake Sylvan watershed cleanup on January 30, 8-11 am has started.
- She distributed the watershed cleanup event calendar for 2016.
- Earth Day is April 10. Booth space will be provided for each City board at the event.
- The realtor program for realtors to share green initiatives and shoreline permitting with their clients is scheduled for February 23, 11-1:00 at the Civic Center. Ms. Gulden responded to questions. The Board will receive invitations to the event.

City of Maitland – Paul Ritter

Mr. Ritter updated the Board on completed or in progress projects in Maitland.



Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m. Next meeting date February 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Wilkerson

Debbie Wilkerson
Recording Secretary
Appv'd February 17, 2016