



Lake Killarney Board Regular Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Carolyn Minear, David L. Dickerson, Ellen Hencken, Jason K. Ellison, Jeanne Wall, Joyce D. Cunningham, William Voecks.

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources and Sustainability Gloria Eby, Director of Public Works Charles Ramdatt, Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte; Administrative Assistant Victoria Tabor

Also Present:

Orange County Senior Environmental Specialist Nidia Volpe (virtual) and Orange County Lake Killarney Board Members Conrad Necrason and Langdon Stanley

1. Call to Order

Jeanne Wall called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Ms. Wall asked staff to inform board members in advance who would be attending meetings. In addition, at the request of Ms. Wall, City Clerk Rene Cranis explained the board appointments process and board member terms as a result of the new Mayor and Seat 2 Commissioner.

Motion made by Mr. Voecks to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Minear. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of March 6, 2024

The following amendments were suggested:

- Staff to rewrite for clarity the sentence under Public Hearings, Page 4, relating to University of Florida findings on navigation.
- Correction of grammatical errors
- Change Brazilian Pepper tree to "a Brazilian Pepper Tree"
- Staff to rewrite for clarity the second sentence in the first paragraph on Page 3 relating to codes applicable to this request.
- In the first paragraph under non-action items, add the Winter Park Library and Events center to clarify the location of the parking lot.
- Revise the first paragraph under Item 6a, add "requirements" after "mitigate"
- Revise the second paragraph on Page 4 to read "... outfall from MLK Pond going into ...", and "... no risk of a sinkhole for..."

- Staff to review the order of items under Item 6b on Page 5 follow up items. (Minutes reflect order of agenda.)

Motion made by Mr. Ellison to postpone approval of the amended minutes to the next meeting; seconded by Voecks. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

b. Approve the minutes of April 3, 2024

- Under staff updates, the last sentence on page 2, add the location and type of violation.
- On page 3, clarification was made by Ms. Eby that the NRCS contract will be shared on the May agenda.
- Ms. Eby clarified with Mr. Marcotte, that Ms. Monahan did not include the exfiltration inspection criteria in the current presentation.

Motion made by Mr. Dickerson to approve the minutes as edited, seconded by Ms. Cunningham. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

At the request of Ms. Wall, the exfiltration system management project schedule and the library parking design will be reflected as follow-up items on the agenda and all items that were discussed, that are still not available, will reflect as follow-up items on the agenda until they are received.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

4. Public Hearings

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

- a. Orange County Update - Nidia Volpe had no update.
- b. Lakes Management
 - Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Update
 - Canal Beautification Project (Keep America Beautiful Grant)
 - Water Quality
 - Violations
 - Small Treatments
 - Lake Level Elevations
 - Maintenance and Efforts
 - Hurricane Season Preparedness
 - Work Session Prioritized List

Ms. Eby presented the Lakes Management update:

- Canal Beautification Project: sediment removal was completed. The beneficial native replantings along the bank will provide a screen from buildings and traffic on Lee Rd.

- No update on water quality - waiting on Orange County for the laboratory results from the spike in the cove area.
- Violations - Fairview has a dilapidated dock being removed by the owners. The owners are working with City due to a hardship. Killarney Condos has an outstanding violation that was presented to the Board at the April meeting. The City has requested replanting at the Killarney Condos location. The status of the 2024 Lake Dr. seawall is that final inspection of the cap being placed and sealed is still required.
- Small treatments - The Lakes team treated for hyacinth and treated along some of the outfalls as well as the recently restored canal. The team treated Johnson grass in preparation for the shrubbery being installed. Fountain grass planted along the bank will stabilize and give a nice visual. Pictures will be taken.
- Elevations - Ms. Eby presented the Lake Killarney elevations, charted from February through April using telemetry data. Mr. Marcotte stated that the top of the collars is 81.6 ft.. The lake is currently below 81.6 ft. going into hurricane season.
- Alligator Awareness - Ms. Eby announced an awareness program using Mail Chimp to educate lake residents about the May alligator courting season and the laying of eggs in June.
- Maintenance and efforts are reported in the monthly data.
- Hurricane Preparedness - There is a prediction of a heavy hurricane season. Preparedness awareness was initiated by the department for all patrons within flood zones including Lake Killarney. Ms. Eby reviewed the Hurricane Preparedness 2024 slides and Flood Management guide. Weir board at Lake Bell is scheduled for removal May 30th. Lake elevations are currently low due to drought.

Ms. Eby commented on the work session. She suggested to choose and discuss each yellow highlighted priority at a future monthly meeting. This will allow time for research on each item listed as a priority. Ms. Eby asked the Board to confirm the priorities. Mr. Voecks stated that the Library and Event Center item was not highlighted as a priority. Mr. Ellison stated that the Library and Event Center are already in discussion and should be listed as a follow-up item.

Mr. Marcotte stated that he doesn't know the Board's involvement in the Library/Event Center parking project as it relates to Lake Killarney. Staff is presenting options to the City Manager and the City Commission and when a decision is made, a presentation to the board can then be initiated.

Mr. Voecks said he feels the city is making a decision without the Board's input. Mr. Ramdatt stated that the city is not approving parking plans yet, but is selecting a path forward to start the design process and will advise the board when the design is selected. Mr. Voecks and several board members agreed to highlight in yellow the Library/Event Center parking issue as a priority.

Ms. Wall asked for the Imperial Update and Accessing Money items to be priorities and highlighted in yellow. Ms. Wall agreed to write a letter regarding any updates with the annexations.

Ms. Eby explained the wish list for the Lake Killarney Board was a result of a work session from which a list of concerns was created. Items on the list were highlighted as priorities and will become future action items. Ms. Wall requested the wish list of priorities to be dated February 7, 2024 when the work session took place and to highlight New Retention Pond.

Mr. Dickerson suggested making the document of priorities an annual living document by creating a wish list, highlighting items in yellow that will be discussed throughout the year and act on items highlighted in red. Ms. Eby suggested the timing of the exercise should be May for the next year.

Mr. Ellison made a motion to add a work session annually with the preference month of May or June. Mr. Dickerson seconded. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

c. Stormwater Management

- CIP Update
- Nicolet Pond, Killarney Dr. Pipe Replacement, & Lake Bell Weir Project Timeline
- Lake Front Construction Updates

Mr. Ramdatt provided that after the three stormwater studies are finished in the summer, the Stormwater Department will look at the exfiltration system issues in the fall along with all the stormwater code requirements.

Mr. Marcotte showed the CIP update. Lake Killarney Drive improvements will be in May. Dredging from the lakes is done on an as-needed basis.

Ms. Wall would like to thank the staff and shared her appreciation for the visuals. Mr. Marcotte shared the Nicolet Pond infrastructure project schedule which showed the design phase as completed. Mr. Voecks asked for the design plans. Mr. Marcotte agreed to send the plans to Mr. Voecks. Mr. Marcotte continued with an aerial view of the pond. Mr. Voecks asked about the area behind the Publix. Mr. Marcotte advised it is outside the city limits.

Mr. Marcotte showed the Lake Bell Weir infrastructure project schedule and noted that Lake Bell Weir is exempt from permitting. The design for Lake Bell Weir is being finalized.

A slide of all active permits on the lake was presented by Ms. Eby.

Ms. Minear asked for the plans on the Killarney Drive replacement pipe. Mr. Ramdatt stated he will send the plans in a pdf. Ms. Wall suggested that the design plans for Killarney Dr. and Nicolet Pond are added as a summary item to the agenda and agenda packet for all board members to view.

Follow-Up Items:

- BMP Feasibility Study for Killarney Dr Outfall Consolidation
- Outfall Condition Update
- Exfiltration System Maintenance Agreement Update

Mr. Marcotte said the Killarney Dr. outfall condition on Ms. Minear's street is in phase 3. The BMP feasibility study will fall under a later phase of the project. Camera options will be purchased for the inspections of the outfalls.

Mr. Marcotte stated that when he provides the plans, he will provide the ordinance that shows the maintenance required on private exfiltration systems. Ms. Wall stated the exfiltration system maintenance were to be included on the current agenda and therefore should be added to the next agenda. Mr. Marcotte will add the year 2023-2024 to the Staff Update - Infrastructure Projects graph.

8. Board Comments

a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

Ms. Wall thanked the Staff and Board and stated her pleasure serving on the Board. Mr. Dickerson offered to the Board and Staff a handout that was published in the Orlando Sentinel in 1996 on how a septic tank works. Mr. Ellison thanked the city for the beautiful job done on the canal.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

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Ms. Eby stated the prioritization list will be reprioritized and meetings will be held annually to discuss Board priorities. The Grants, Imperial Dry Cleaning area, Library/Events Center and Nicolet pond items will be prioritized and highlighted yellow on the list.

b. Summary of Meeting Action Items

Ms. Eby stated the following will be provided or listed as follow-up items:

- Update on the project timeline
- Nicolet design and diagram to include Orange County pond
- Killarney Drive plans
- Current code on exfiltration system
- Exfiltration code number of existing with suggested flowchart for inspection maintenance
- The library/events center design if available
- The library/events exfiltration maintenance report
- Additional BMP photos
- Fairview Dock update

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Approved with edits by the board on June 5/2024
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator