



Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

David F. March, Ed Webman, George T. Vietor, Clark Sprinkel, Nicole Seybold

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources and Sustainability Gloria Eby, Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan, Lakes Manager Joseph Cordell, Lakes Specialist Daniel Barber, Administrative Assistant Victoria Tabor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

2. Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes of June 10, 2025

Motion made by Mr. March to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Webman. Motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Sprinkel arrived at 12:04 pm

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

4. Public Hearings (Public participation and comment on these matters must be in person.)

- a. Boathouse/Dock Application (BLDR-2025-0570) 1602 Summerland Ave.
- b. Seawall Application (SAP-2025-0006) 1602 Summerland Ave.

Ms. Eby explained a clerical error in notifying the owners of 1662 Summerland Ave. regarding the Boathouse/Dock permit and the Seawall permit applications BLDR-2025-0570 and SAP-2025-0006 at 1602 Summerland Ave., in accordance with applicable code. She asked the board to table the Hearings until the next monthly meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Vietor to table the public hearings until August 12, 2025 when proper notice has been issued, seconded by Mr. Webman. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- c. Boathouse/Dock Application (BLDR-2025-0518) 314 Salvador Sq.

Mr. Cordell outlined the parameters for the new Boathouse/Dock permit application BLDR-2025-0518 at 314 Salvador Square. The applicant is William Decampoli, and the contractor is Creative Deck & Dock Inc. The project requires revegetation and additional

revegetation. Staff recommends approval. Sheila Cichra, the permitting agent, explained that the boathouse is obstructing the view.

Motion made by Mr. Vietor to approve the permit Bldr-2025-0518; seconded by Mr. Webman. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

a. Winter Park Police Department Update

Officer Branch announced the continuation of the 7-day weekly patrols of the lakes, operating from Monday to Friday between 3pm and 7pm, and during weekends from 10am to 6pm, weather permitting. A temporary sign at Dinky Dock Park has been installed to educate kayakers and paddle boarders of required safety devices. This initiative appears to be effective, with increasing compliance observed. Enforcement activities have been reduced due to new legislation requiring officers to observe a violation before taking action.

In response to the inquiry regarding whether a skier, tuber, or wakeboarder being pulled at night requires some form of lighting on their person, Ms. Eby replied she was unaware of the FWC, the governing body, imposing such a requirement. Mr. Sprinkel clarified that the use of life preservers is mandatory for individuals under the age of six.

b. Lakes Management Update

Mr. Cordell reported on lakes management updates.

- The water quality data for the lakes was displayed.
- Several hydrilla treatments were listed. Ms. Eby mentioned that dredge work in Howell Creek is starting, which should help reduce some navigational problems. It is expected to take about a month to finish, after which the vendor will move to the Genius canal.
- Mr. Barber presented Maidencane as the plant of the month. It is an aquatic grass, considered a source of hay for cattle if they can reach it in deep water, and it provides seeds to many birds.

Ms. Eby provided an update on Hurricane Preparedness 2025.

Staff reviews the checklist and manuals to assess the relevance of the applications for implementing citywide safeguards. The hurricane preparedness guide and the updated flood management guide have been distributed and are available online. The telemetry station installed in all lakes, which provides real-time lake levels, was displayed along with the retractable grass carp barriers. An update of the NRCS debris removal and creek stabilization was provided. Ms. Eby highlighted the strong partnership with the St.

John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) basin management coordination program. She clarified that the lowering of the weirs is regulated by SJRWMD.

c. Upcoming Events

- Fix It! Don't Pitch it! - September 6th 8am @ Winter Park Community Center
- Orange County Lake Killarney Advisory Board Meeting - September 11th 5pm @ Public Safety Building (500 N. Virginia Ave.)
- Paddleboard Cleanup - September 13th 9am @ Kraft Azalea/Lake Maitland

The upcoming events were displayed. Ms. Eby announced that July is Lakes Month, and a calendar of activities is available on the website.

d. Stormwater Management Update

Ms. Monahan presented the CIP and mentioned the ongoing pipe replacement project, which aims to remove old, corrugated metal piping to improve stormwater conveyance.

The Killarney Drive outfall consolidation project is currently 60% complete. The Lake Spier drainwell replacement project is ongoing. Ms. Monahan explained that the well has a depth of 500 feet and described the closed basin; she also presented a short video pertaining to the Lake Spier project.

Mr. Cordell responded to questions about canal maintenance and repairs.

8. Board Comments

Ms. Seybold reported seeing a young alligator at the Racquet Club. She asked about the new shoreline technology being installed at 401 Lakewood and requested more details once it is finished. She also inquired whether there are lake captains similar to the neighborhood watch program. Ms. Eby stated that they have internal lake liaisons; however, lake information is disseminated through MailChimp.

Mr. Sprinkel discussed the abundance of eelgrass on Lake Mizell and asked about a long-term solution to control it. Mr. Cordell explained that this is the season for eelgrass, and they will increase efforts with the Weedoo twice a week until October.

a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

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10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Approved by the board on August 13, 2025
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator