



Lake Killarney Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Jeanne Wall, William Voecks, David Dickerson, Carolyn Minear, John Mitchell, Jason Ellison, Joyce Cunningham; Board Coordinator Tatia Ghviniashvili.

Staff Present

Natural Resources & Sustainability Director Gloria Eby; Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan; Lakes Division Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor; Deputy City Clerk Kim Breland.

Also Present

Senior Environmental Specialist of Lakes Management at Orange County, Nidia Volpe.

1) Call to Order

Jeanne Wall called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2) Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting, November 2, 2022.

Ms. Wall suggested adding City Clerk Rene Cranis, and Director of Planning and Transportation Jeff Briggs under staff present to reflect their participation in the meeting. Under public comment, specify the speakers home address as being in Oviedo, not Winter Park. Ms. Wall also requested a change to section *c* of the non-action items to indicate that the Hurricane Preparedness Plan will be updated and presented back to the board. Change the last sentence of section *d* in non-action items to read, "staff agreed to keep the board updated on the matter" removing the words "as needed".

Motion made by Joyce Cunningham to approve the minutes with amendments; seconded by Jason Ellison. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

- b. Approve the minutes of regular meeting, October 5, 2022 (tabled from November 2, 2022).

Ms. Wall suggested adding Director of Water and Wastewater Utility David Zusi, and Senior Environmental Specialist of Lakes Management at Orange County, Nidia Volpe, under staff present to reflect their participation in the meeting. Under staff updates, remove the underlining from the second paragraph. Ms. Wall also requested to change the wording of the statement made by Mr. Necrason on page two, paragraph three. Ms. Wall stated that she heard Mr. Necrason say that “he wished the drain wells could have been lifted quicker” and not “Mr. Necrason says that the staff responded quickly to prepare for the storm”. Upon staff review, the minutes of October 5, 2022 are an accurate representation of what was said during the meeting.

Motion made by William Voecks to approve the minutes with amendments; seconded by Joyce Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

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

Emily Watrobsky, 7538 S. Leewynn Drive, Sarasota, briefly presented on WinterParkSunshine.org, a grant-based research project conducted by the University of Central Florida’s Nicholson School of Communication and Media. The project seeks to look at civic engagement and news gathering habits of citizens of Winter Park through interviews and data collection. She asked for board participation and provided contact information for those interested in participating.

4) Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

5) Action Items

The board and staff held a discussion about 2023 meeting dates and any changes that need to be made for meetings that fall on or near a holiday. Per Ms. Wall’s suggestion, and board consensus, the July 5 meeting has been moved to June 28. Any other potential dates of conflict will be revisited at a later time.

There was also board consensus to proceed with meetings without physical quorum, unless there is sufficient time to reschedule the meeting.

6) Non-Action Items

- a. Dock Party Neighborhood Engagement Event Location

Ms. Eby presented on the Dock Party Neighborhood Engagement event- aimed at educating and engaging the various lakes communities of Winter Park through educational stands, tabling events and staff meet and greets. These events will be held on selected Saturdays throughout 2023, and each event will focus on a specific lake in the city. Lake Killarney neighborhood engagement event is scheduled for April 29 and staff is looking for board recommendation and participation in providing a location. Lakefront home owners of Lake Killarney -including those residents in Orange County- are invited to attend. Staff is working with the Communication department to help compose promotional material.

Ms. Minear volunteered her street for the event.

The board and staff held a brief discussion, and a recommendation was made by Mr. Ellison to discuss boat and dock safety at the event. The board also made a request for staff to provide an email list of all Lake Killarney residents, and to keep an attendance log of those attending dock party neighborhood engagement events for all the lakes. Amended on January 4, 2023.

7) Staff Updates

a. Lakes Management

Ms. Eby gave an update on the treatment schedule, which was significantly delayed due to severe weather events. The hydrilla treatment was executed on November 21, followed by the pondweed treatment on November 28. She indicated the exact areas of treatment and noted how early detection and rapid response to the presence of these plants is key to successful lake management.

Ms. Volpe and Ms. Eby clarified the distinction in native pondweed treatments between the City of Winter Park and Orange County. Indicating that unlike with other treatments, Orange County does not reimburse the City of Winter Park for any pondweed treatments due to differences in policy.

Water quality updates were also presented with increases noted in the Cove- articulated in the levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. Ms. Eby noted these increases are event related and do not call for concern. She also presented the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) conducted in partnership with Orange County. LVI tests percentages of different vegetation in the lake: exotic, native, sensitive to water quality, etc. Lake Killarney scored a 43 on the scale, indicating a healthy aquatic life category, however, there is substantial room for improvement.

The floor opened for discussion and Ms. Eby answered questions regarding vegetation concerns such as native cabomba and lily pads. At the time of this meeting, this vegetation is of no concern to Lake Killarney, and will not be treated unless it actively impedes navigation.

Ms. Eby updated the board on the sandbar brought up as a concern at the November 2 meeting. Per board request, staff has placed informational buoys along the sandbar to mark it off and keep boaters out of the area. Staff is working on hiring a contractor to remove it permanently and will provide the board with a dredging schedule for the sandbar and other locations for the lake.

The board and staff held a discussion about the Lakes Division Hurricane Preparedness Plan presented at the November 2 meeting. Ms. Wall suggested staff revise the document to include more detail and action steps toward hurricane preparedness. Ms. Eby advised the board that a Water Elevation Policy is the primary focus for staff, and changes to the Hurricane Preparedness Plan should be tabled for a later time. She also informed the board that City Management is drafting a city-wide hurricane plan (which includes information specific to lakes management), for City Commission approval. Staff will present the city-wide hurricane preparedness plan draft to the board once it has been completed by City Management.

Motion made by Jeanne Wall for staff to deliver within the next 3/4 months, an updated draft of the Hurricane Preparedness Plan for the Lakes Division that includes the Water Elevation Policy; seconded by John Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Staff also gave a brief update on triploid grass carp fish restocking process, specifying that 468 grass carp fish will be stocked into Lake Killarney in January. The board and staff held a brief discussion about grass carp fish and their significance to the lake. Amended on January 4, 2023.

Ms. Eby presented the board with an update on the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding. She explained that there is a minimum of three million dollars in environmental damages around the city lakes and waterways, which includes damages to sediments, embankments, and tree fall within canals. According to NRCS, portions of Lake Killarney such as the sandbar discussed earlier might be eligible for funding. There have been no federal allocations yet, however, if the city qualifies, it will be reimbursed 75% of the total amount. The board asked clarifying questions about NRCS and its funding

schedule/process as well as about a recent Lake Killarney closure. Staff explained that there was flooding in a lift station at MLK Park, which had potential contaminants in it. As a precautionary environmental measure, the adjacent lake (Lake Killarney) was notified and closed.

b. Stormwater Update

Ms. Monahan presented an updated Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list. She informed the board that a new project manager has been brought on for Lake Killarney, and shared that the City Commission has approved a \$200,000.00 spending budget.

She also informed the board that staff is working on transforming the seven untreated stormwater outfalls located between Lakeview Dr. and Beachview Ave., into two outfalls with treatment on them. At the time of this meeting, staff has done a preliminary study to explore what those two outfalls with Continuous Deflection Separation Technology (CDS) units would look like. Moving forward, staff will be preparing a cost estimate and keeping the board updated on the matter.

A brief conversation was held about drainage issues on Lakeview Dr. and Killarney Dr. An update on what steps are being taken to fix this issue will be provided at the next meeting, along with a diagram to help visualize the pipes/process.

Per board request, Ms. Monahan gave a quick update on the Killarney Estates property manager issue, inspection reports for the exfiltration system at Lake Side Plaza, and the stormwater system at the Library and Events Center. She will keep the board updated on the matters. The board also agreed to request an update on the Stormwater Hurricane Preparedness Plan management, as well as a document of infrastructure/equipment on Lake Killarney (and all interconnects).

Ms. Eby gave an update on the Community Rating System (CRS), and explained that an internal analysis of CRS Program has been conducted, and the trajectory provided to the city was a low monetary value. With this, a policy holder could have anywhere from \$56.00 to \$95.00 off of their flood insurance plan. Staff will provide an update once City Management presents the findings of the CRS exercise to the City Commission.

8) Board Comments

Board inquired about Hurricane Ian, however, due to time constraints associated with this meeting, this comment/discussion will be addressed at a later time.

- a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

9) Upcoming Agenda Items

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Staff will update and provide the board with the following information:

- A copy of potentially funded projects as submitted to NRCS.
- A copy of an email contact list for Lake Killarney.
- Status and copy of the dredging schedule for Lake Killarney.
- A revision date to be noted on the current and historic hurricane preparedness documents.
- City after storm document status (from City Management).
- Hurricane Preparedness Plan draft that includes the Water Elevation Policy.
- An update and diagram of the infrastructure map of the lakes to include Orange County's structures.
- An update and diagram of the seven drainage outfalls presented by Ms. Monahan.
- An update on the disintegrated pipes and drainage issues associated with Killarney Estates.
- Killarney Estates property manager issue regarding contract status.
- Exfiltration agreement update for Lake Side Plaza.
- CRS review update.
- Update on the Hurricane Preparedness Plan for Public Works.
- Status updates for as-builds for the Library and Events Center.

- b. Summary of Meeting Action Items

The board made minor changes to the 2023 meeting schedule and all other meeting action items are reflected in the list above.

10) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Board approved minutes on January 4, 2023.

/s/Tatia Ghviniashvili, Board Coordinator