Lake Killarney Board Meeting Minutes

February 01, 2023 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

Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte; Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan; Lakes Division Manager Joseph Cordell; Director of Planning and Zoning Jeff Briggs; Lakes Division Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor.

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.

Ms. Wall brought up concerns with the structure of the agenda, and suggested staff include all individual topics of conversation under the subheadings on the main page- for the purpose of transparency to residents. She also recommended that Gloria Eby provide the summary of meeting actions for lakes management, and Mr. Marcotte provide the summary of meeting actions for stormwater management. A discussion ensued between the board and staff.

Motion made by Jeanne Wall for the Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby to provide the summary for lakes management, and Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte to provide the summary for stormwater management, and for those summary items to be included on the main page of the next months agenda; seconded by John Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

2) Consent Agenda

a. Approve the minutes of regular meeting January 04, 2023

Ms. Wall made a recommendation to clarify the last sentence of the fourth paragraph under item *7a* to read "20% of the lake is hydrilla". Staff will review the recording and make amendments as needed.

Motion made by Carolyn Minear to approve the minutes with amendment; seconded by John Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

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

There were no public comments.

4) Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

5) Action Items

6) Non-Action Items

a. Killarney Drive Drainage Improvements

Ms. Volpe gave a brief overview of the Killarney Drive Drainage Improvement Report prepared by *Geosyntec*. The report centered around a collapsed twelve-inch pipe that discharged stormwater from Euston Road to Killarney Drive. There were three improvement alternatives noted for consideration, and *Geosyntec* made a recommendation for alternative number one (as seen in the agenda packet).

A diagram of said recommendation was presented to the board, highlighting the specific improvements such as upsizing some existing pipes, an addition of a new outfall, and the addition of two bioswales located along the median of Salisbury Blvd. The anticipated cost for the improvement project is approximately one million dollars, and community feedback is sought before Orange County (OC) Public Works can undergo a project of this scale.

The floor opened for questions, and an at-length discussion took place about various details associated with this project such as the bioswales, the pipe installation and pine tree removal. Per board request, Ms. Volpe will address the possibility of including a CDS box on Euston Road with OC Public Works for the final design.

Ms. Volpe explained that the design/report shown is conceptual and the timeline for the project has yet to be established. This initial report was simply a way to gauge community opinions and gather feedback.

Mr. Mitchell brought up concerns regarding the pine tree removal on Salisbury Blvd, explaining that the project might gather opposition from the community. A discussion ensued, and Ms. Volpe explained that the pine trees will be removed indefinitely to improve drainage issues, however, will be replaced by native vegetation. She also noted that Orange County might hold a community meeting for more public input before going fourth with the project. Staff will share Ms. Volpe's contact information with the board.

b. Lake Killarney Board: Annexation Update

Mr. Briggs gave a brief presentation on the annexation of Orange County's Lake Killarney as discussed in a previous City Commission Work Session. He gave background on annexation by voter referendum, and briefly explained the process, accompanied by a map to highlight the exact area under discussion. If the annexation is to be successful, the Winter Park Lake Killarney Board will oversee Lake Killarney in its entirety.

At the time of this meeting, a cost-benefit analysis is being conducted by the Finance department, and depending on the results, a neighborhood referendum is said to take place in November 2023, followed by a city-wide referendum in March 2024, with a potential annexation date of June 2024.

Preliminarily, financial impacts are expected in public safety increases such as an additional fire station, and a patrol car/officer for 24/7 responses. March 2023 is the expected time of completion for the cost-benefit analysis, at which time the City Commission will hold a supplementary work session on the topic.

The floor opened for discussion and questions were raised for Mr. Briggs. The board made a request for the cost-benefit analysis to include stormwater infrastructure along the shoreline and all surrounding underground piping. Board and staff held a brief discussion about post-card surveying and the accompanying community meeting.

Staff will inform the board when the cost-benefit analysis is completed and available for viewing. Board nodded to include the cost-benefit study (if available) onto next month's agenda, along with any other item on the matter that will go before the City Commission.

7) Staff Updates

a. Lakes Management

Mr. Cordell presented a few updates to lake management. Water quality for the month of November was shared and results were skewed due to a hurricane event. Clarity was shown to decrease, along with a large spike in phosphorus levels for both the lake and cove. Staff had also conducted spot treatments for hydrilla along the South shore, removed 240 gallons of debris from traps, and completed a 30-gallon trash removal.

Staff noted that in the last few weeks, several residents have reported large amounts of algae bloom, primarily in the canal. Treatment was conducted with a peroxide-based product on a total of seven acres. The board asked a few clarifying questions and staff indicated there will be more treatment if the algae repopulates. The carp restock was successful, with 468 fish dropped into the lake, and staff will provide photographs/videos from the event at the next meeting.

A brief discussion about the feasibility study for the Shoreview outfall project was held, with staff noting that the City is engaging in a request for qualifications (RFQ) for new consulting services, and will be advertising for the RFQ in the next several weeks.

b. Stormwater Management

Mr. Marcotte gave a brief CIP update and noted that the Killarney Drive outfall and Rippling Lane project will be added in under *drainage improvements*. He also updated the board on other projects on the list, and a discussion followed. Per board request, staff will provide an update on the Rippling Lane project and the status of the damaged pipes in that location at the next meeting (or sooner if available).

Ms. Monahan provided a map indicating all active lakefront construction, per previous board request, and explained the specific activity at each site. She also provided a diagram with the existing outfall inventory and explained that there is a lack of information on the age of infrastructure, however, staff will be able to assess and provide the board with the status of infrastructure instead, i.e. working condition, not working condition, failing, not failing, etc. A discussion followed, and staff noted this project will take a significant amount of time to complete. Per board request, Ms. Monahan will provide a list of already completed infrastructure inspections at the next meeting.

A brief discussion about NRCS funding ensued, and staff will provide updates at the next meeting for the major outfall breakdown and status of dredging. Mr. Marcotte briefly highlighted the discussion/presentation about hurricane preparedness and flood management from the January 12 City Commission Work Session, and a discussion was held.

A brief update was provided on all requested follow-up items from previous meetings. Staff is meeting, on-site, with the party responsible for the Killarney Estates Subdivision Property Management issue. Mr. Voecks provided photographs of the site and a brief discussion ensued. The water elevation policy draft will be provided at the March meeting. The procurement process for dredging has been completed and a specialist is in contract to complete dredging for the Killarney canals and chain. The board asked questions and held a brief discussion.

8) Board Comments

Mr. Mitchell announced his decision to step down from the board and introduced his potential replacement, Ellen Hencken.

9) Upcoming Agenda Items

- Cost-benefit analysis, along with any other items about annexation that will go before the City Commission (when available).
- Pictures and videos of the carp restock.
- Water elevation policy draft update.
- Presentation on pool pollution arranged by Ms. Volpe (future).
- Feasibility study update for the Shoreview outfall project improvement plan that includes seven outfalls (when available).
- Rippling Lane repairs project, and Killarney Drive pipe update.
- List of completed infrastructure inspections.
- “Major outfall” breakdown for NRCS, and status of funding.
- Killarney Estates Subdivision Property Management update.
- BMP feasibility study for Killarney Dr. Outfall Consolidation (when available).
- Library and Event Center as-builts provided when acquired.
- Dredging status/schedule update.
- Nicolet Pond update (when available).
- Jeff Briggs invited back to provide update on the cost-benefit study (future).

All staff updates will carry over for every meeting.

10) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes approved by the board on March 01, 2023.

/s/ Tatia Ghviniashvili, Board Coordinator