



Lakes & Waterways Advisory Board

Regular Minutes

August 9, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Present

LWAB: William Swartz, Pam Saffran, Ed Webman, Justin Vermuth, Warren Bloom

City Staff: Don Marcotte; Assistant Director of Public Works, Shannon Monahan; Engineer, Joey Cordell; Lakes Division Manager, Melissa Meade; Admin Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Virtual: Robert Bendick.

Absent: Lindsay Eriksson Siddiqui, Winter Park PD

(1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Ed Webman at 11:59 a.m.

(2) Consent Agenda

Motion to approve minutes 05-17-22 with one edit provided by Joey Cordell to change Action item 6 to one opposed versus unanimous. Motion to approve made by Warren Bloom, seconded by Ed Webman. Motion passes unanimously.

(3) Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker

No Public Speakers

(4) Public Hearings

No Public Hearings

(5) Action Items

No Action Items

(6) Non-Action Items

1. Boat Ramp Signs Options -Per the last meeting, the board wanted some options for signage at public ramps specifically with permit, boat daily pass, and information on reducing wakes. Joey presented the board with different signs. The first sign shown was from Dinky Dock which is cluttered with information that people may miss. The next set of signs shown were educational messaging deemed appropriate. A big educational opportunity at boat ramps is prevention of hitchhikers- aquatic plants that are attached to boats/trailers and spread from lake to lake. Stopaquatic hitchhikers.org has templates for signage and provides educational information on preventing aquatic hitchhikers, such as hydrilla, via boat/trailer cleaning when coming in and out of a waterbody. The last sign was educational information about wakes. Bob Bendick commented he really liked the wake information. Joey gave the board an idea of putting a QR code at each ramp for the day pass so people

can scan the code and take them right to the website to get a pass. A board member asked to see what the City of Maitland plans to message at Lk Maitland, staff didn't know but will coordinate with them on messaging. Staff will come back with a proposed sign.

2. Annual Online Boat Permit - UPDATE - Staff reached out to the person who is in charge of the portals and our IT is working on providing us with the annual pass online.

3. Water Quality Portal - UPDATE - Staff told the board that unfortunately the water quality portal is still not up. Our GIS have been working on a priority project that just concluded and hoping to have something next month.

4. A member of the public, Martin from Lake Works, spoke on his pending vegetation permit asking if there were any questions. Joey clarified vegetation permits do not go before the board and he will coordinate with him directly on it.

(7) Staff Updates

Winter Park Police - No update from Winter Park PD.

Lakes Management - Joey provided that the boat length revision ordinance went through its first reading last month and its going in front of the Commission again for the second reading this month. Some of the notable treatments past two months: finished up the Lake Berry hydrilla treatment on the 11th. Joey inspected day before the meeting and it was very successful; Lake Virginia treatment was split up into three separate treatments, like Barry which was two treatments, to reduce risk of dissolved oxygen levels dropping. Lake Virginia treatments were very successful as well.

Joey stated the biggest issue right now is eelgrass debris. About two weeks ago there was a large storm event where eelgrass popped off and floated to the north side of Lake Maitland and several other lakes. Prevailing winds have pushed eelgrass northward for most lakes, adding it is a citywide event that we're having to deal with and a concern that a lot of the citizens have right now. Lakes is in the procurement process of acquiring a new piece of equipment that will help handle the eelgrass. Ed Webman suggested to maximize staff time better, on the day Lakes go on the Val Run have residents let the Lakes Division know if they need the eelgrass picked up at the end of their dock instead of them driving the barge around the lake looking for piles on the docks. The member also brought up the idea of flying a drone to monitor the lakes, staff is going to look into city policy. Joey added eelgrass harvesting was contracted out and completed at MLK park which grew back very fast. Grass carp stocking would not be available until October but he plans to stock Lk Virginia with 3 fish per acre and stock several other lakes. Sustainability updates: watershed clean-up at Baldwin Park on the 30th; tree planting and trash pickup (60 lbs removed) at Ward Park on the 16th; and shoreline cleanup at MLK Park Pond this past weekend.

Stormwater Management - Don provided the 5-year CIP approved by the board in the last meeting and will be moving forward to the City Commission for approval. He updated with in house construction projects a) in two weeks they will be going back to Ward Park to install piping into the ponds b) exemption from St. Johns for dredging of the canals was received, now it's just a matter of scheduling with the contractors who is not being responsive c) 30-60% plans complete for Seminole Ditch d) CDS project on Fawcett Road which will provide nutrient reduction via sediment removal, improving water quality, and address flooding issues.

(8) Board Comments

The board asked about the eelgrass pick up and if we put it in the newsletter advertising days you're going to do it is it something that is seasonal or is year-round. Staff replied that it's every Thursday, year-round, and the pickup for eelgrass has been on the newsletter in the past, we are due for restarting the newsletter as communication with the residents is important. Staff was asked to look into a more efficient way to pick-up eelgrass, such as a reporting/reservation system, and to let the residents know when the pick up is.

(9) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:34pm

Next meeting scheduled for October 11th,2022 (in person only)

Minutes approved by the Board on 09/13/2022.

/s/ Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor