Lakes & Waterways Board
Regular Minutes

March 14, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Present

Board Members: Chair Ed Webman, William Swartz, Justin Vermuth, Robert Bendick, Pamela Saffran.

Absent: Lindsay Eriksson Siddiqui and Warren Bloom

City Staff: Natural Resources and Sustainability Director Gloria Eby, Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte, Stormwater Engineer Shannon Monahan, Lakes Division Manager Joey Cordell, Winter Park Police Department John Combas, Admin Coordinator/Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor.

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Webman at 11:59 a.m.

(2) Consent Agenda

a. Approve the meeting minutes for March 14th, 2022.

Motion made by William Swartz, approve the consent agenda the way they were second by Ed Webman. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

b. Administrative Changes

After the minutes were approved Tatia Ghviniashvili introduced herself and explain to the board on what she will be doing in regards of the board starting in April.

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

No Public Comments

(4) Public Hearings

a. Shoreline Application (SAP) 926 Palmer Ave

Mr. Cordell started off with explaining to the board where the shoreline application is located at and the background information. Mr. Cordell then went on to explain the parameters of the permit and staff recommendation is to deny the application with no erosion problem. He continued to present to the board the rest of the information of the application and then told them that since there was no erosion associated with the lot, staff recommendation was to deny the application but felt that staff should bring it to the board to have a discussion. Applicant has been informed that it was denied.

Motion made by Justin Vermuth, to deny the shoreline application (SAP) second by William Swartz. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

(5) Action Items

a. Jeff Briggs presentation on request for a recommendation on: An ordinance of the City of Winter Park, Florida amending chapter 58, "Land Development Code", Article III, "Zoning regulations" section 58-87 "Lakefront lots, canal front lots, stream front lots, repealing the regulations on boathouses and docks and amending chapter 114 "waterways" to incorporate and update the regulations concerning docks and boathouses has been tabled to April's meeting.

(6) Non-Action Items

a. Howell Creek Upper Watershed Flooding Impacts – Presented by Forest Michael

Mr. Michael came to request Lake Sue, Mizell and Virginia flood control master plan proposal, with flooding correction recommendations. Mr. Michael spoke about his past and current experience and he wants to conduct an initial flooding analysis and determined the primary causes for the 2022 flooding of Lake Sue, Virginia and Mizell, at no charge to the city. After his presentation Mr. Michael answered any questions that staff and board members has.

Motion made by Robert Bendick, to endorse the cities course of action here of studying the flooding situation and related issues and proceed with the vulnerability assessment on flooding for the city and staff report periodically to the board on how it's going second by Pamela Saffran. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0

(7) Staff Updates

a. Winter Park Police –

Officer John Combus gave a brief update to staff and the board members waiting to see if Mr. Briggs was in his office or not about how they just started patrolling on the waterways beginning of March lightly and just received inspection stickers. WPPD expect it to start getting busier after the art festival. Beginning of April additional staff will be coming on board to patrol the lakes 7 days a week.

b. Lakes Management –

To finish off staff updates Mr. Cordell gave an update on the past events we've had and how much of a success they were. Lake Virginia DOCK party has been moved to November with Lake Mizell lake engagement due to the algae blooms. Continuing with the algae blooms Mr. Cordell gave an update with what's going on and that Lake Virginia, Osceola, and Maitland are closed because of it. Treatments for hydrilla will be on going on Lake Bell with new herbicide. Ms. Tabor informed the board with the events that are coming up, such as, Earth Day at Ward Park on April 22nd and the 3rd DOCK party at Lake Killarney.

c. Stormwater Management –

So, after Mr. Michaels presentation we skipped Lakes Management and went to stormwater management and would go back to lakes update. Mr. Marcotte began with giving a brief update on the CIP. Not many updates from last month on the CIP. During the CIP update Mr. Swartz asked if the city had any projects in the works for Meade Gardens and Mr. Marcotte and Ms. Monahan spoke to let the board know that restoration of the embankments, debris removal to reduce the volume of water to rush through there and will let the board know when work will begin.

Ms. Monahan informed the board that staff is working on items that we had post Ian and Nicole storms and wanted to go over some things and allow the board to ask any questions they had. Some of the considerations from the City Commission Work Session on January 12th, 2023 are: updating hurricane preparedness plan, survey lowest FFE for lakefront properties, installing smart lake level gauges, additional city-wide weather stations, lake level alterations policy, future CIP considerations for lake interconnects, and climate & resiliency grant. Ms. Monahan informed the board that Bayside dredging will be starting either the end of March or beginning of April to start dredging the canals. Staff presented the board with the first draft of the Lakes and Stormwater Management for Flood Control to look over and if they had any questions or concerns to bring them to the Aprils meeting to discuss.

(8) Board Comments

Discussion of Public Comments Received – The board members voted to bring back Forest Michael to present his presentation.

Motion made by Warren Bloom, to have Forest Michael do his presentation in the March meeting second by Ed Webman. Motion passes unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

(9) Upcoming Agenda Items

Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items – No upcoming items were asked

(10) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for May 9th,2023 (in person only)

Minutes approved by the Board on 04/11/2023.
/s/ Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor