Lakes & Waterways Board
Regular Minutes

February 14, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Present

Board Members: Vice Chair Warren Bloom, William Swartz, Lindsay Eriksson Siddiqui, Ed Webman, Justin Vermuth (Virtual).

Absent: Pam Saffran, Robert Bendick

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 Jeff Marcum, Admin Coordinator/Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor.

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Webman at 12:00 p.m.

(2) Consent Agenda

a. Approve the meeting minutes for December 13th, 2022.

Motion made by William Swartz, approve the consent agenda the way they were second by Warren Bloom. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

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

Mr. Forest Michael come to the meeting to give a brief presentation on Howell Creek upper watershed flooding impacts in Winter Park and to have the board vote to allow him to give the full presentation during the next meeting. What Mr. Michael would like to talk about in the April meeting is a sustainable long-term solution and the root causes for the flooding areas at Hannibal Square and areas near Lake Virginia, Lake Sue, Chelton, and Sylvan.

(4) Public Hearings

a. Boathouse Application (BLDR) 1250 College Point

Mr. Cordell informed the board about the permit that it is a replacement dock at a new location and then went on with the parameters and that staff recommendation is to approve with revegetation condition. We showed the board members the map view of the property, photos of the current dock location and proposed dock location, survey, and the plans. During the discussion Gloria clarified to the board that the 15' walkway isn't included in the 600 totals because it is on land and not in the water.

Motion made by Warren Bloom, to approve the boathouse application (BLDR) second by Lindsay Eriksson Siddiqui. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

b. Boathouse Application (BLDC) 1000 Holt Ave

Mr. Cordell started off explaining that this permit application is a commercial property and the location is at Rollins College. It is an addition to the existing dock that is already on the property where the sail boats are located. When Mr. Cordell talked about the parameters the total area and the length from (OHW) he did inform the board that the application will need a variance. Staff recommendation is to approve it. We showed the board the map view of the property and several photos of the site. During the time that staff showed the pictures to the board, the board asked staff for clarification about the dock and staff gave it. Mr. Herbster came up and spoke about any concerns and questions that's the board members or staff had.

Motion made by William Swartz, to approve the boathouse application (BLDC) second by Lindsay Eriksson Siddiqui. Motion passes unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

(5) Action Items

a. No Action Items

(6) Non-Action Items

a. No Non-Action Items

(7) Staff Updates

a. Winter Park Police –

Officer Marcum gave a brief update to the board and staff. He informed that they haven't been out on the water much because of the chilly weather, so PD has been getting the boat and the boat house ready for the warmer months. Winter Park Police Department is trying to get everything ready for the busy months and plan to have an officer on the water all the time.

b. Lakes Management –

Mrs. Eby started off the lakes update with giving informing the board about the upcoming events that were coming up, the Chain of Lakes Meet and Greet on February 16th and Lake Berry DOCK party on February 25th. Mrs. Eby continued the update with talking about the algae blooms that is happening in the lakes of Winter Park and showed pictures of what it looks like at Dinky Dock. Mr. Webman asked the status of the lakes website and how it was going with getting information on the lakes easily, Mrs. Eby explained that it has been pushed back due to other things that have popped up. Mr. Webman then asked the status of the annual boat decal and Mrs. Eby don't have a new update from the last meeting but she did inform the board that it is in beta testing and we are working to get it launched before the end of June.

Mr. Cordell then went on with lakes management update by informing the board that a new invasive plant has been discovered in Lake Minnehaha canal called Lymnophila and it looks like Cabomba, which is known as Fanwort. Mr. Cordell then went on to talk about the treatments that have been done and the ones that are coming up and more hurricane debris removal from Howell Creek. FWC is scheduled to stock the Chain of Lakes with grass carp in February and on February 26th Lake Berry, Killarney, Bell, and Spier were stocked.

c. Stormwater Management –

Mr. Marcotte started off giving the board a status of the CIP and what projects that they are working on and what will be started soon.

Ms. Monahan gave an update on the upcoming dredging projects and spoke her concern on when to get them started because it will be warmer. Ms. Monahan suggested to the board to close the canals while the dredging process is going on to get them done in a faster time and have them opened on Saturday and Sunday. Ms. Monahan wanted input from the board to figure out what they thought would be better.

(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 12:55 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for April 11th,2023 (in person only)

Minutes approved by the Board on 03/14/2023.
/s/ Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor