

**MINUTES
LAKES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

July 10, 2018

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kristen Aanerud-Smith called to order the Lakes Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2018 at 4:10 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers located at 620 E. Main St. Haines City, FL.

Board Members in attendance were: Kristen Aanerud-Smith, Sheila Cotton and Kurt Vahle.

Absent: Michael Weaver and Russ Yates.

Staff in attendance were: Marketing Director Stephanie Snively, Transportation Superintendent Ed Trail, Public Works Secretary Jill Cline and Deputy City Clerk Erica Anderson.

Also in attendance was: Commissioner Anne Huffman.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Cotton moved to approve the April 10th, 30th, and May 8, 2018 minutes. Board Member Vahle seconded the motion, the motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public to come forward and speak with the board.

Marketing Director Snively spoke with the board concerning advertisements, facebook and banners for Lakes awareness. She informed the members they could contact her personally with their requests and she would be more than happy to help.

The board said they would like to post their donation letter, meeting dates and special events for the lakes on Facebook. Further, they requested help with their banner pricing.

A consensus from the board was given to accept the design of the banner pending recommended changes.

The board requested Director Snively create a banner highlighting the Lakes Advisory Board for Lake Elsie. Superintendent Trail said the frame could be made to fit the banner.

The board came to a consensus for Chair Aanured-Smith to make decisions for the banners on the boards behalf when they are not in attendance.

Commissioner Huffman inquired whether current donation monies were enough to pay for the banners. Staff stated it is not.

Commissioner Huffman commented on the board utilizing monies from the fountain donations to cover expenses, she said these costs should be absorbed by the department that oversees the board. She went on to say that the city commission appoints these individuals with the hopes and expectations they will act in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to the Commission. Therefore monies for advertising, awareness and marketing should not be paid by the board members.

Chair Aanured-Smith inquired about a # on twitter for the board, the idea was to take pictures of lakes and related items to post. Director Snivley said the board could take pictures and send them to her for posting.

Secretary Cline clarified whether Chair Aanerud-Smith would be sending the items to Marketing Director Snively, it was agreed she would. Director Snively asked the board to be as specific as possible when sending items.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.A. AIRBOAT TEMPERATURE GAUGE

Staff informed the board the temperature gauge has been put on the airboat but is still overheating. However, the county is going to allow the city to borrow one of their boats.

4.B. SPRAY SCHEDULE AND PERMITS UPDATE

Transportation Superintendent Ed Trail presented the board with the Lake Eva permits. They went over what the city is allowed to spray and where. The lilly pads were not covered, the county does not spray for lillypads. It was relayed, lillypads come and go in segments, the county does not spray for lillypads because they are naturally occurring.

A brief discussion amongst the board ensued concerning carp in the lake and funding for Haines City versus the neighboring cities.

Commissioner Huffman suggested the board email her information the board is requesting form the county and she would contact the county manager on their behalf for those items.

The board agreed they would like any information concerning funding for the lakes in Polk County.

4.C. 2ND SPRAY TECH PROGRESS

The second employee is in place, he has taken to classes and is getting ready to take his test.

4.D. LAKE EVA ALUM BID UPDATE

The bids that came in for this project were over budget and will need to go out for bid again.

4.E. STORM WATER DRAIN COVERS

Superintendent Trail stated they are removing more drain covers than what's being out on due to damage. He has spoken to the person that makes them for the city and they are trying to come up with a better design.

4.F. LAKE EVA/LAKE HENRY PROJECT

Superintendent Trail informed the board the Lake Eva/Henry project is still in the feasibility stage.

4.G. LAKE EVA DREDGING UPDATE

Staff stated there is no dredging in Lake Eva.

Conversation amongst the board and staff ensued concerning the cost and permitting for dredging.

Board Member Cotton requested for Director Javed to attend the next meeting, board member Hale concurred.

4.H. LAKE APPRECIATION MONTH

Chair Aanerud-Smith stated the Lakes Appreciation Month Proclamation will be at the next meeting.

4.I. LAKE CLEAN-UP UPDATE

Lake Clean-up was on the 5th of July.

Chair Aanerud-Smith suggested a lake clean-up every other month and inquired whether staff could create a waiver for the Lakes Clean-up for those utilizing kayaks. Superintendent Trail stated the city has 2 but could possibly borrow more.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.A. OLD MEMBERS AND NEW MEMBERS OUTREACH

All board members have been contacted concerning their attendance.

Chair Aanerud-Smith encouraged the board to solicit members for the board.

5.B. FACEBOOK POST VOTE FOR MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Aanerud-Smith said hopefully the facebook page would generate interest for membership.

6. FOUNTAIN DONATIONS

Board Member Hale made a donation of \$100 toward the fountain. He said perhaps the Chamber of Commerce would provide them a list of persons to reach out to.

Also, the EDC (Economic Development Council) for their list as well.

7. VOTE ON BANNERS

The board agreed and accepted the banner with the proposed changes to Director Snively.

8. STORMWATER BUDGET UPDATE

Staff stated the preliminary budget is out, however the actual budget has not been adopted.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Board Member Cotton requested once the information from the county is obtained, to be sent to the board.

There were no other board comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without any further business the Lakes Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

ATTEST:

Linda Bourgeois
City Clerk