

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

December 18, 2018

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Russ Yates called to order the Lakes Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 4:05 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers located at 620 E Main Street, Haines City, FL.

Board Members in attendance were: Russ Yates, Sheila Cotton, Kurt Vahle, Nick Gollattscheck and Sharon Garrett.

Staff in attendance were: Streets Superintendent Ed Trail, Spray Tech Roy Tomlin, and Deputy City Clerk Erica Anderson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. MINUTES FROM CITY COMMISSION MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Staff Contact: Erica Anderson, Deputy City Clerk

Board Member Cotton moved to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting. Board Member Vahle seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The board introduced themselves to the new members of the board.

Board Member Garrett suggested due to the alum treatment project not going forward, the board make a list of projects based on priorities. She stated they should be ranked in a way where if one item is kicked off, the board could move on to the next project.

Board discussion surrounded funding for the Lake Elsie Fountain, future projects and concepts.

Board Member Nick Gollattscheck introduced himself to the board.

Discussion between the board and staff ensued about reclaimed water usage for a green city - irrigation, feasibility, funding and future possibilities.

The board inquired about vegetation in the lake(s) and the removal process of certain vegetation. Spray Tech Tomlin informed the board that after speaking with Kelli Sullivan, Regional Biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, he was informed that FWC would not allow the removal of all the

vegetation that was hoped for however; there was vegetation near the boat ramp that could be removed.

Superintendent Trail informed the board that Spray Tech Tomlin was the only spray tech at this time. There are interviews for a possible 2nd spray tech later in the week.

Board Member Yates asked if there would be a tech spraying 24/7. Staff stated they are planning to have at least one additional spray tech besides Tomlin.

Superintendent Trail said staff has planned to mow a 50 ft' access swatch at the boat ramp of Lake Tracy.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.A. AIRBOAT ENGINE

The airboat is up and running, anew automotive engine was installed and staff has had it out on the lake already.

4.B. SPRAY SCHEDULE UPDATE

Staff stated they are working on a schedule and would update the board upon completion.

4.C. LAKE EVA/HENRY UPDATE

It was staffs summation that completion would be around 2020, the city is currently in the alternative design process.

Discussion amongst staff and the board surrounded the alternate designs and water conservation.

4.D. STORMWATER DRAIN COVERS

Staff has spoken to the fabricator's at quality metal about several concepts. At this time there is not a new design in place.

4.E. MEMBERSHIP

There are two (2) alternate seats available.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.A. LAKE EVA CLEAN UP

Staff informed the board of the clean up event that took place the morning of the meeting with the placement of 60 grass carp.

Board Member Yates inquired if there were any other entities which provided incentives such as the previous operation in Haines City.

Superintendent Trail said staff works with Lakes Education Action Drive (LEAD) and that they do lake clean-up events. He said staff was not able to have LEAD involved with the event this morning due to the short notice.

Board Member Yates requested staff invite a representative of LEAD to attend a LAB meeting.

Board Member Vahle inquired if anyone was aware of the amount of carp that should have been placed into the lake. He was informed that the recommendation from Ms. Sullivan at FWC was 60 carp.

5.B. LETTER TO REQUEST FUNDS FOR FOUNTAIN

Deputy City Clerk Anderson informed the board that she has reached out to the board chair but has not received a response. She said that once she receives the information from the board chair she will forward the information to the Deputy Director of Development Services Mark Bennett and request a meeting with the CRA Board.

Board Member Yates asked about the status of the fountain. It was said that the fountain was taken to Steve's for an assessment of a new pump, the quote for repairs were about \$7,900.00.

5.C. SORMWATER BUDGET REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Budget meetings for the city will start at the end of March, beginning of April. The board discussed coming up with a list of items and monetary amounts to submit to the Public Works Department for future plans and board priorities.

Board Member Cotton said she would like for the board to submit their items, however this would also require staff being honest about the availability of funds for each project with concerns to not waste monies.

Board Member Yates talked about the resources and benefits of Iron Man, he inquired how the city could improve their experience in order to keep their interest in this area.

Superintendent Trail said the Lake Henry project was geared to improve water quality, raise the water level and spraying. He went on to say, it is a process and we must be good stewards of the monies and not waste monies.

Board Member Yates asked if staff had identified some of the issues or the most unpleasant part of their swim. Superintendent Trail stated they would like to be able to swim from one end to the other but the study that was completed prior to the swim would not permit a full swim.

5.D. COOPERATIVE FUNDING INITIATIVE - DISCUSSION

It was decided the board would come up with a list for these items.

6. BOARD COMMENTS

Deputy City Clerk Anderson informed the board of the board presentations to the City Commission to talk about board accomplishments, goals and concerns.

A brief discussion was had concerning spraying of the lakes, the chemicals used and cost.

There was a consensus amongst the board to schedule the next meeting on the third Tuesday in January.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Without any further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

BY: _____

ATTEST:

Linda Bourgeois
City Clerk