



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

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MEMORANDUM

From the Desk of Bob Francis, City Manager

To: Mayor and Council
Date: October 16, 2018
Re: Lake Conway Navigation Board Meeting

NOTE: This memo is to provide information only and is NOT an official record of the Lake Conway Navigation Board Meeting. Please refer to the Lake Conway Navigation Board adopted minutes for the official record.

Synopsis of the October 9, 2018 Lake Conway Navigation Board Meeting

1. No Public Comment.
2. Comments from the Chairman: General comment about the lake.
3. EPD Report:
 - a. Cross Lake Beach Update: Tara Urbanik, Secretary to the Board, stated that the public hearing before the BCC on the purchase of Cross Lake property by the City was cancelled because not all neighbors were properly notified, and that the BCC would not reschedule the hearing until EPD knows that the issues with the adjacent property owner were addressed. City Manager Francis stated that he was in contact with the property owner to meet on the issues. Commissioner Lance stated that he wanted the County to put deed restrictions on the land so the City cannot build a dock or boat ramp at the site and to allow the property owner to build a taller fence than normal. Mr. Francis stated that no deed restrictions could be placed by the County because they are a recommending body to the State. He further stated that the BI Municipal Code allows for a taller fence when a property is adjacent to a public park, and that the City had no intention of building a dock or a ramp. Note: The adjacent property owner was in attendance at this meeting but did not speak to the issue.
 - b. Florida Uniform Waterway Marker Update: Ms. Urbanik stated this project will start soon and let the board know that lake residents may see large barges out on the lake while replacing the markers. She said the project will cost about \$91,000.

- c. Stormwater Study Update: Ms. Urbanik stated that the contractor just finished the 2nd round of sampling for seepage meters and 3 more samplings are to be done. These measure if any septic tanks may be leaching in the lake. The study should wrap up about December with the data being available about April.
4. Advisory Member Reports: Gary Meloon spoke to the Board about a drainage project that Orange County is doing on Matchett Road near the intersection with Wallace Street. He stated that the City, residents and Orange County Roads and Drainage met to discuss the possibility of hold up the work until a more comprehensive plan could be developed to address all of the stormwater runoff in this area. This is especially crucial if the Orange Avenue Corridor is going to be redeveloped in the future and all of that runoff was to be channeled to the Lake. Water quality is of primary importance to the Board and to the residents of Belle Isle. Discussion continued between board members, Mr. Francis, and Commissioner Pete Clarke on stormwater runoff in the entire area.
5. Marine Patrol Report: OCSO Marine Officer was not in attendance. Ms. Urbanik gave the marine report. She also stated the OCSO Marine Patrol has gone to weekend duty only due to the summer being over. Sergeant Millis, BIPD, stated that BIPD Marine Patrol also has cut down on patrolling during the weekdays.
6. Water Elevation Report: David Woods reported on the lake levels (report attached). You can sign up for Lake Conway reports and important emails at <https://tecengr.yolasite.com/cnb.php>
7. Non-Agenda Items: Belle Isle resident Randy Holihan presented an email to the Board which stated that boats are mooring at the canoe launch in Warren park and they are not to do so and people are being picked up there to be taken to the sandbar. Also, that a paddleboard business is being run out of the park. Commissioner Pete Clarke addressed the Board stating that there is no commercial activity to be done at the canoe launch or mooring at the launch and residents should call OCSO to report them.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Attachments

- Nav Board Agenda
- Minutes of 9/11/18 Meeting
- Marine Patrol Report (OCSO and BIPD)
- Lake level report

LAKE CONWAY WATER AND NAVIGATION CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 9, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at the Orange County Facilities Management Training Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of the September Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Comments of the Chairman
- V. Orange County EPD Report
 - Cross Lake Beach Update
 - Florida Uniform Waterway Marker Update
 - Stormwater Study Update
- VI. Advisory Board Member Report
 - Chairman Ray Vause
 - Vice Chairman Bobby Lance
 - Micky Blackton
 - Gary Meloon
 - Frances Guthrie
- VII. Marine Patrol Report
- VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report
- IX. Non- Agenda Items
- X. Meeting Adjourned

WHEN SPEAKING, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

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**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
September 11, 2018**

Board Members Present: Rabon Vause (Chairman), Bobby Lance (Vice-Chairman) and Frances Guthrie

Board Members Absent: Micky Blackton and Gary Meloon

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Commissioner Pete Clarke, Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC); Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); City Manager Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle; Sergeant Jeremy Millis, Belle Isle Police Department

Residents: Billy Sunday, Lori Sunday, Linda Winter, Dan Drummond, Cindy Lance, Alan Horn, Kay Maguire, Jonathon Hastis, David Woods and Ralph Rocheford

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Rabon (Ray) Vause called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. Approval of the August 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Guthrie pointed out an incorrect statement in the minutes that Ray Vause and Gary Meloon were absent during one of the motions, when in fact they were present. Ms. Urbanik concurred with the correction. Chairman Vause edited and initialed the minutes to reflect the correct verbiage.

Upon a motion by Frances Guthrie, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Micky Blackton and Gary Meloon being absent; the Advisory Board approved the edited August 14, 2018 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chairman Vause received five requests from residents to speak during the public comment period.

Dan Drummond, a resident of Camelot by the Lake, stated he is not aware with what happened in the past, but he thinks their community's lakeshore has looked terrible in recent years. He believes the residents have been disenchanted with the way they were treated by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and as a result, the community's lakefront has been a low priority for the residents. Mr. Drummond thinks their lakefront is not kept up, there is muck around the shoreline, and it needs to get cleaned up. He additionally stated the topic has been presented to the Advisory Board before, and to EPD for a decision. Mr. Drummond encourages the Advisory Board to keep the topic moving forward.

Linda Winter, a resident and representative of the Board of Directors at Camelot by the Lake, shared pictures of the community's lakefront from 1989 and the present day, to show the aesthetic difference between the two time periods.

Ralph Rocheford, a resident of Camelot by the Lake, shared photographs of what the community's lakefront used to look like. He stated their lakefront provides recreation and includes nine mooring locations for the residents. There is a concern with the lakefront vegetation and protruding cypress knees affecting the use of the mooring locations. There is also a concern with amoebas and the amount of muck and other wildlife near the shoreline, and he requested the Advisory Board to help push the topic forward.

Lori Sunday, a resident of Camelot by the Lake, requested EPD to support them to get their community's lakefront beach back.

Bob Francis, City Manager of Belle Isle (City), stated October 2, 2018 is the Public Hearing for the Cross Lake Beach Purchase Request. Additionally, there is a settlement agreement between the City and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to post Restricted Hunting Area signs around Lake Conway, which will require hunters to obtain a special permit from FWC and the City to hunt within the City limits of Lake Conway.

IV. Comments of the Chairman

Chairman Vause thanked residents for attending the meeting and for providing their comments and concerns to the Advisory Board.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Clarification of Off-Duty Lake Patrol Schedule

Ms. Urbanik requested a clarification on the days of weeks and timeframes approved for off-duty patrol. Corporal Lowers stated for the fall schedule, off-duty typically patrols on Saturday and Sunday. Vice Chair Lance requested the City and County continue to coordinate their schedules with each other.

Upon a motion by Frances Guthrie, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; with Micky Blackton and Gary Meloon being absent, the Advisory Board approved the City of Belle Isle to invoice for off-duty patrol during Labor Day weekend, 4th of July Holiday and Memorial Day weekend, notwithstanding Orange County Sheriff's Office on-duty patrol.

Corporal Lowers recommended reducing off-duty hours to only the weekends starting the end of September.

Sunshine Law Update

Ms. Urbanik presented a PowerPoint created by the Orange County Attorney's Office on the public records and Sunshine Law requirements to the Advisory Board.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Lowers presented the off-duty patrol report; a handout was provided. Two minor boating accidents occurred at the Randolph Avenue boat ramp, but neither accident qualified

under the requirement that FWC dictates as a reportable boating accident. Discussion ensued. Corporal Lowers advised that the Orange County Sheriff's Office cannot enforce the City's hunting restriction ordinance.

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chairman Ray Vause: Chairman Vause thanked Commissioner Clarke for his service to Orange County and to the Advisory Board. He has attended many of the meetings and has been a true asset to the Advisory Board, and thanked him for supporting the group.
- Vice Chairman Bobby Lance: Vice Chair Lance stated, since his time on the Advisory Board, Commissioner Clarke has attended many more meetings than any other County Commissioner, and he appreciates the support. Commissioner Clarke stated at the September 11, 2018 BCC meeting, water elevations were expressed as a concern by Commissioner VanderLey, and will be reviewed again at the next BCC meeting.
- Frances Guthrie: No comment.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

David Woods presented his Water Elevation report. Mr. Woods described the fluctuating lake level on the Conway Chain of Lakes. He mentioned there are a few hurricanes out on the horizon which could impact the water elevation of the Conway Chain of Lakes.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

Vice Chair Lance thanked the residents from Camelot by the Lake for attending the meeting and showing that they care.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Vause adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Rabon Vause, Chairman

Date

Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

Date



Orange County Sheriff's Office & Belle Isle Police Department

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Lake Conway 2018 Elevations (NAVD 88)

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