



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

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MEMORANDUM

From the Desk of Bob Francis, City Manager

To: Mayor and Council
Date: July 9, 2019
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 July 9, 2019 Lake Conway Navigation Board Meeting

1. Public Comment: Brandon Carr and Daniel Batyos, both residents on Homewood Drive in Belle Isle spoke about the lack of control over the lake especially with those operating jet skis. He said they are aggressive especially near the Nela Bridge. He also asked why they are allowed to purchase fuel and beer at the convenience store on Daetwyler, and why boats and jet skis are allowed to park at the ramp in Warren Park. Chair Guthrie stated that Commissioner Uribe was going to attend the meeting later and speak to some of these issues.
2. Comments from the Chairman: Chair Guthrie stated that the County is still working on filling the vacancy on the Board.
3. EPD Report:
 - a. Stormwater Study: Ms. Urbanik stated that she is still waiting on a date for the study to be completed.
4. Marine Patrol Report: Marine Patrol Officer reported that all agencies spent time on the water over the July 4 Weekend. He also reported that they recovered a jet ski that was stolen from Oakland. See attached report.
5. Advisory Member Reports: Gary Meloon stated that he heard from a resident on Oak Island that he believed that there was a bloom of cyanobacteria. He said the resident developed a rash when cleaning up the bacteria from the lake. Ms. Urbanik encouraged Mr. Meloon to have the resident pick up and algae sampling bottle from OCEPD and they will test it.

6. Water Elevation Report: David Woods was not present so no report was given.
7. Non-Agenda Items: Commissioner Uribe stated that she met with residents on the north lake to see what can be done about wake boarders and jet skis. She met with her legislative team, parks and recreation, and with the Orange County Sheriff to look for creative ideas for enforcement. They are looking at possibly more control at the Orange County ramps. She also stated that although FWC has the Orange County ordinances for review, the legal team found that the FWC tabled a review of the ordinances some time ago. Commissioner Uribe stated that Rep. Eskmani to look at a bi-partisan bill to address control of the lake. Also discussed was to look at the convenience store on Daetwyler to determine if they can have stairs along the bank. I suggested seeing if Orange County could extend the fencing, or boundary, at the weirs so jet skis can no longer be in the area. Orange County will look to see if the stairs comply with ADA Regulations.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Attachments

- Nav Board Agenda
- Minutes of 6/11/19 Meeting
- BIPD & OCSO Marine Report