

Belle Isle Issues Log

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Issue	Synopsis	Start Date	Next steps
Traffic Issues/Projects	Increased traffic in and through Belle Isle prompted the Council adopt Traffic Master Plan and work on traffic calming issue.	4/3/2017	City working with MMI for improvements to Judge Road (Gateway Landscaping and restriping). Funds budgeted in FY2022-2023 Budget to hire a consultant to assist in developing traffic plan. City to apply for permit to install in-road lighting at RRFB on Hoffner at Monet. Continue to work on Crosswalk Permit with Orange County. Two volunteers (District 1 and District 5) for Advisory Committee. If the Council cannot fill the remaining vacancies, the Council should consider disbanding this Committee. With the concerns and complaints that the City receives, there should have been a large number of candidates, but no others have applied. Agenda item to review the Hoffner Ave Speed Study.
Wallace Field	City purchased large area at Wallace/Matchett for open space. City zoned it for open space. City/CCA have an agreement for development including installing artificial turf, public restrooms, storage, and parking. CCA responsible for development.	2/1/2021	CCA to submit SJWMD Application for Environmental Resource Permit. SJWMD permit was approved. Waiting for CCA Engineer and designer to contact the City with next step. Site Plan is on hold at this time to determine the future use of Wallace Field. CM is requesting Council workshop to review potential sites for new City Facilities (Police/EOC/City Hall). CCA contacted City and would like to start the development process. No plans have been submitted by CCA for development. Resident requested Wallace Field be the location for the new BIPD station. No update; however Council may want to review the Use Agreement again on a future agenda.
City acquisition of Property	Council discussed possibility of acquiring parcels within the City and directed City staff look at options on how to acquire property.	NA	Consultant provided a first draft of the cost of a new combined police/EOC/City Hall facility. CM is requesting Council workshop to review potential sites for new City Facilities (Police/EOC/City Hall). After workshop, Council directed CM to look at selected properties. City cancelled the purchase of 1209 Hoffner (Escrow returned). No update
Charter School Expansion	With Lease signed, CCA is moving forward with financing. Expect to close on the financing in June. CCA expected to apply for PD zoning.	3/3/2022	PD Pre-Application meeting held. Community Meeting held. CCA to submit concept plan for review by P&Z and City Council prior to PD application submittal.

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Municipal Code Update	The City Council contracted with a planner to update the municipal code. There are sections of the BIMC that need to be updated. This is an on-going process.	4/3/2017	6 month moratorium on Artificial Turf in effect. Code Enforcement and CM met on suggestions to change the general ordinances. P&Z Meeting Update on Artificial Turf by City Planner. Continue with moratorium, Planner is developing community survey and questionnaire for other local governments on the use of artificial turf. Registration of Septic Haulers. Agenda Item for Septic Hauler Registration and P&Z request to extend moratorium on Artificial Turf until September.
Comp Plan Updates	The comp plan is reviewed every 7 years to see if it needs to be updated. The City Council contracted with a planner to update the comprehensive plan.	3/1/2017	Next plan review and changes are to be done in 2024. Funds budgeted in FY2022-2023 Budget to hire a consultant to assist in developing Comp Plan update. Committee openings advertised. Two applications received (both District 6). Applications due by December 8, 2022. No additional applications received. If the Council cannot fill the remaining vacancies, the Council should consider disbanding this Committee. Bids due on 2/2/23 for Comp Plan Consultants.
Annexation	Council discussed the desire to annex contiguous property in order to build the tax base and possibly provide more commercial development in Belle Isle.	4/3/2017	Sienna Place is now in the City. Staff met with HOA President. CM will continue to contact Brixmor. Welcome Packet distributed and posted. Sienna Place Annexation closed. Brixmor (Publix) Annexation on hold (update in October). Direction from Council needed on next area, if any, to look at annexing. Meeting being set up with Brixmor. Reviewing other areas that might benefit the City. Ongoing
Lake Conway Issues	Residents have complained that Lake Conway is unsafe due to speeding and reckless actions by some vessels. Council would like more local control over the lake.	6/1/2019	Met with FWC Officials and Orange County Personnel on Lake issues. City and County will work toward a joint document for lake issues. County adopted Phase I of a new ordinance on May 24. Belle Isle is Phase II of the process. Presentation made to Nav Board on Sandbar exclusions and kayak trail. City Manager and Police Chief met with citizens to discuss sand bar issues. Suggest Council hold a workshop to further discuss Sand Bar issues and hear comments from public. Update to be given by Chief Houston. Nav Board voted to approve MSTU millage increase.
Lancaster House		2/5/2019	CCA voted to request demolition of the Lancaster House. Council denied request for house demolition and directed CM, Comm. Partin, and CA to negotiate new lease terms with CCA. CCA stated they cannot change the terms of the lease while going through financing. CCA to renovate the house.

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<p>Weed Management</p>	<p>Many residents have complained about the proliferation of weeds in the lake. The weeds are causing damage to vessels and some large "weed mats" are considered Navigational Hazards.</p>	<p>11/1/2022</p>	<p>The City submitted an application to the FWC for a permit to look at mechanical harvesting of the lake weeds. The application was submitted for managing the weeds in the middle and south lobes from shore out to 500 feet. FWC is reviewing the permit and asked for additional information. Permit still being reviewed at FWC. City staff developing RFP for mechanical harvesting if permit is approved. FWC cannot issue a permit for the large-scale pondweed removal described in the initial application. The permit will target specific areas for plant management and we still require a vegetation map of the lake to determine which areas are appropriate for harvesting. Working with a consultant to see about mapping so we can continue with the permit. No update</p>
<p>Airport Noise</p>	<p>Residents have complained that there is excessive noise from the airport since OIA instituted the Metroplex plan of operation. The City has shared their concerns with the Airport Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC); however ANAC has yet to assist the City in resolving this issue.</p>	<p>11/1/2022</p>	<p>The City worked with an aviation consulting group to develop a report to present to the ANAC Committee at the January 13 ANAC meeting. This report outlines the problems and suggests recommendations on how to resolve the issues. City's report was delivered to ANAC at January 13 Meeting. Special meeting to be held in February to discuss City's report.</p>
<p>Weir Management</p>	<p>Prior to storms, it has been the practice of Orange County Public Works Drainage Division to remove boards from the weir on the south lobe to reduce the water level. During the last two named storms, there has been an issue with this process. Keeping the water level high causes damage to property.</p>	<p>11/1/2022</p>	<p>The City wants to pursue a meeting with all parties involved in the decision-making process on removing boards from the weir. The expected results of the meeting are a clear "chain-of-command" for authorizing the removal (or not) of the boards and a well-defined process for lowering the lake levels. New person at SJRWMD who will be investigating the process and contact the City. No Update</p>