



## CITY OF OAK HILL

234 South U.S. Highway 1  
Oak Hill, Florida 32759

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE  
November 12, 2013 6:00 PM

### MINUTES

- A. Chair Donia Dewees called the meeting to order at 6:05. Members present at roll call: Donia Dewees, Cynthia Livingston, Joseph Ludwig, and Jane Andrews. Absent: Paul Davis.
- Members expressed disappointment about the resignation of James W. (Buck) Carr, which was accepted with regret by the City Commission on October 14. City Hall has now also received the verbal resignation of Debi Malphurs. Her resignation will be presented to the Commission at their November 25 meeting. Members expressed hope that both Buck and Debi will return.
- B. Vice Chair Cindy Livingston moved to approve the 9/10/2013 Minutes; this was seconded by Jane Andrews. The motion carried 4-0: Donia Dewees, yes; Cynthia Livingston, yes; Joseph Ludwig, yes; Jane Andrews, yes.
- C. Old Business
1. The City has placed a Cigarette Butt Receptacle at the Dock, and Public Works personnel reports heavy usage.
  2. Vice Chair Cindy Livingston reported on the Hands Across the Lagoon rally she attended on the South Causeway Bridge in September, to bring attention to the needs of the Indian River Lagoon.
  3. The EMC Divers' quote for dumping sand at Sunrise Park was received, but the Commissioners want to first research other options for the erosion at Sunrise Park.
- D. New Business
1. City Clerk Kohn Evans, on behalf of the City Commission, asked the Waterfront Board to come up with an Action Plan to save Sunrise Park from its severe erosion problem. The Board agreed to look into the DEP permitting and to seek funding from FIND or another source. The Clerk would provide some paperwork for the members to work from
  2. The City Clerk also asked the Waterfront Board to assist the City to complete the annual requirements to keep its NPDES permit. These would include educational activities such as a newspaper posting or a mailing of flyers. Facilitating a clean-up would also be an option.
- E. Comments & Concerns of Members
1. a. It was suggested that when Board members run across articles pertaining to the estuary such as the recent one about official monitoring of the IRL for brown tide and algae bloom, that we consider contacting the individuals mentioned in order to share information.  
b. The Committee discussed the proposal in Brevard County to open a new inlet in order to flush stagnant waters. Member Jo Ludwig stated that a new opening here in the Mosquito Lagoon would

be very helpful. Jo also voiced his concern about the use of septic tanks along River Road, and hopes that all properties will soon be required instead to hook up to the County's sewer line.

c. The City has received an email from Dr. Linda Walters about UCF's project, funded by National Parks Services, to alleviate erosion at Seminole Rest. She explained that the oyster mats were not successful, and were replaced with shell bags and plantings that are doing well to reduce erosion.

2. Waterfront Chair Donia Dewees has contacted Paul Haydt of the St. Johns River Water Management District about planting seagrass in the Sunrise Park area.

3. Member Jane Andrews reported that she has spoken with Troy Rice of SJRWMD, Mary Paulic of DEP, and with Paul Haydt of SJRWMD about their recommendations. She shared a map indicating that the Mosquito Lagoon was not one of the areas designated as "impaired" by the last official DEP assessment of the Lagoon's water quality in 2010. Jane presented a draft she made of a letter from the Oak Hill Waterfront Committee to Tom Frick of the DEP requesting a water quality assessment BEFORE the next scheduled one in 2017, due to the loss of plant and animal life we have experienced since 2010. Chair Donia agreed to sign the letter on the Board's behalf. Jane made a motion, seconded by Member Joe Ludwig, to send this request. The motion carried 4-0: Donia Dewees, yes; Cynthia Livingston, yes; Joseph Ludwig, yes; Jane Andrews, yes.

4. Jane proposed we consult Paul Haydt for a shoreline assessment. The Board confirmed by consensus that a workshop with Paul Haydt is going to be set up.

5. Jane let the Board know she will discuss with Oak Hill's PLDRC Board two items: the City's Master Stormwater Plan of 2006, and the DEP's recommendation of baffle boxes.

6. Jane then explained a program called Florida Friendly Yard & Neighborhood, in which residents who practice environmentally friendly landscaping and gardening can be evaluated on a 9-point system and recognized by the County Extension Office. Jane plans to participate and would like to promote this in Oak Hill, encouraging everyone to participate.

7. Jane offered to look into determining whether septic systems are polluting our water.

8. Jane has learned that some Indian Harbor Estates residents are providing fresh water to manatees. She is going to find out if the manatees' waste in the canal is contributing to the lagoon's pollution and will report back.

9. The Board discussed how property owners can get a No Spray Zone from Mosquito Control.

## F Public Participation – NONE

[Attendees with questions or comments are asked to please state their names and to use the microphone at the podium.]

## G. Adjournment – 7:25 PM

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*Note: For any public participation: In accordance with City Resolution 2006-17, a three (3) minute time limitation per speaker will be imposed. A speaker may address the Commission for a maximum of three (3) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, and for a maximum of three (3) minutes during any specific Agenda topic.*