

**Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board
Windermere Water and Navigation Control District (WWNCD)
Regular Meeting
Orange County - Windermere Library
November 18, 2013**

Board Members Present: Cheryl Miller (Chair), Jason Fulmer, Ijaz Ahmed and Robert Binkley

Board Members Absent: Ann Connolly (Vice Chairperson)

Staff & Guests: Sergio Duarte, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD).
Lt. Jeff Hudson, Butler Patrol

Residents: Molly Rose, John Armstrong, Richard Drake, Ted Kellogg, Lori Bradford, and
Thellie Roper

I. Call to Order:

With a quorum present, Cheryl Miller called the meeting of the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board (BCLAB) to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approval of the October 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes:

Upon a motion by Ijaz Ahmed, seconded by Jason Fulmer, with Ann Connolly being absent and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the October 21, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

III. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board

Richard Drake, representative from the Keene's Point (KP) Community Association, discussed the "Chair Miller letter" to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on the Keene's Pointe PD Land Use Plan (Case CDR-13-07-190). Mr. Drake expressed that he was disappointed with the Advisory Board not having the time at the last meeting to review Orange County staff recommendations for the KP land use plan changes. Mr. Drake inquired about the information used by the Advisory Board to produce the letter to the BCC and if the Advisory Board has a different opinion for the BCC hearing scheduled for tomorrow (November 19, 2013)

Chair Miller stated that she had the opportunity to review the Orange County staff recommendations prior of the mailing of the Advisory Board letter to the BCC. Mr. Jason Fulmer stated that as part of his real estate business, he has been involved with the KP subdivision and that he was already familiar with the case involving the KP property management office and the proposed KP land use plan changes; prior to the discussion on this case. The Advisory Board expressed that they are against the proposed Keene's Pointe PD Land Use Plan and a commercial use of a building next to the lake, and that their opinion on this case, after the review of all the information available, is not different.

IV. Butler Marine Patrol Report:

1) **Monthly Marine Patrol Report**

Lt. Hudson presented the following report for October 2013:

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| Total Patrol Hours | 174 |
| Uniform Boating Citations | 3 |
| Warnings Issued | 32 |
| Vessels inspected | 104 |
| Disabled Vessels Assisted | 6 |

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2) Caution Buoy Request for the Windermere - Swimming Area at Lake Down Park:

Mr. Duarte stated that the Town of Windermere received a request from Mr. Ted Kellogg for a caution buoy for the swimming area at Lake Down Park (located between 5th Avenue and Lake Street). Mr. Duarte stated that after further review of the swimming area, EPD found that the Town of Windermere failed to obtain the proper state permits for the installation of the swimming area / fence pilings next to the existing dock. Mr. Duarte stated that EPD and the Town of Windermere are already working together to get all the proper permits in place for the swimming area at Lake Down Park.

Ted Kellogg stated that he lives in front of the Lake Down Park / swimming area, and that he is requesting the installation of a buoy to caution the boaters/jet skiers about the swimming area. The Advisory Board discussed with Lt. Hudson (Butler Patrol) the stated permit requirements and need for a caution buoy. Mr. Duarte stated that a caution buoy could be permitted / installed; if the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission approve a permit for the Town of Windermere - swimming area. Mr. Duarte added that he will report back to the Advisory Board in January 2014.

V. EPD Report:

1) Egret Island - Restoration Proposal: Mr. Duarte stated that OARS (Orlando Area Rowing Society at Lake Down) is already schedule to do a “community service project at Egret Island” in April 2014. Mr. Duarte stated that the cleaning/planting project for Egret Island (Lake Butler) may include the planting of 50 Cypress trees, the removal of 2,500 square feet of cattails, several exotic red bottle bush trees / air potato vines, and the planting of approximately 1,250 bulrushes. Mr. Duarte stated that he will bring a cost proposal for the Advisory Board review/approval at the next meeting in January or February 2014.

2) Lake Burden Water Levels: Mr. Duarte stated that the only water level data available for Lake Burden is between 1960 and 1975, prior to the construction of all the subdivisions around the lake. Mr. Duarte stated that there is the need to put a staff gauge at Lake Burden to start monitoring the “post development” water levels conditions to determine if the water levels as are getting worst.

The Advisory Board discussed with Richard Drake the concerns with the water levels at Lake Burden and the concerns expressed by Dick Radkewich in an email dated November 18, 2013. Mr. Duarte stated that he will bring a proposal for the installation of a staff gauge at Lake Burden to the next meeting.

3) Lake Down Sub-basin 9 Study: Mr. Duarte stated that AMEC completed the stormwater sampling in October 2013 and started the base flow/groundwater samplings for the Lake Down Sub-basin 9 Study. Mr. Duarte noted? that most of the pollutants appear to be coming from the wetland next to the Olympia High School and the neighborhoods adjacent to the outfall pipe (Downeast Lane).

4) Lake Down Alum Treatment Facility: Mr. Duarte stated that Orange County Real Estate Management completed the paperwork for the purchase of two drainage easements in the amount of \$15K for the Lake Down Alum Treatment Facility. Mr. Duarte stated the purchase of the easements is schedule for the approval of the Board of County Commissioners on December 17, 2013.

VI. New Business:

- 1) **Chair and Vice Chair Elections:** The Advisory Board voted to have Cheryl Miller as the Chair, and Jason Fulmer as the Vice Chair.

Upon a motion by Robert Binkley, seconded by Ijaz Ahmed, with Ann Connolly being absent and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice; the Advisory Board voted to maintain Cheryl Miller as the Chair and to appoint Jason Fulmer as the new Vice Chair.

VII. Old Business:

- 1) **Letter of Recommendation for the Keene's Point Land Use Plan (CDR- 13-07-190):**

Chair Miller stated that as directed, she sent a letter to the BCC expressing the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board position against the Keene's Pointe PD Land Use Plan (Case CDR-13-07-190) and a commercial use of a building next to the lake. Chair Miller, Jason Fulmer and Ijaz Ahmed stated that they are scheduled to attend the BCC Public hearing on Keene's Pointe PD Land Use Plan on November 19, 2013. A discussion ensued about putting the Advisory Board letter in the records or exhibits for the BCC hearing.

VIII. Non-Agenda Items/Public Comment: none

IX. Meeting Schedule:

Upon a motion by Ijaz Ahmed, seconded by Jason Fulmer, with Ann Connolly being absent and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice; the Advisory Board canceled the regular meeting on December 16, 2013, and approved the next meeting for Monday, January 24, 2014 depending on the availability of the Orange County Library in Windermere.

- X. **Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Cheryl Miller, Chairman

Date

Sergio Duarte, Minute Preparer

Date