

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Lake Street Park Solution Presentation Workshop

July 25, 2023

PRESENT:

Present were Mayor Jim O'Brien, Council Members Tom Stroup, Mandy David, Tony Davit, and Molly Rose. Town Manager Robert Smith, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, Attorney Heather Ramos, Deputy Chief Jayson Bonk, and Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter were also present. Council member Andy Williams was absent.

1. THE WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor O'Brien called the workshop to order at 6:00pm and stated that a quorum was present. He then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Other Items for Consideration

i. Lake Street Parks Solutions Presentation

Mayor O'Brien turned the floor over to Manager Smith. Manager Smith commented on the past public workshop regarding the Lake Street parks. He explained that the grant funds are not able to be returned, but that restrictions could be put into place. Manager Smith then commented on items for the Town Council to explore, such as: fencing, the cost for fencing, the dock roof, park access, action items for the Town Council, limited enforcement, FRDAP grant agreements requirements, pass codes, a restriction of the number of people allowed at park at a given time, paid security, the effect on residents, negative law enforcement interactions, opening parks/FEMA repairs, and past buoys. Manager Smith concluded his presentation. Mayor O'Brien opened the floor to the public. First to speak was Ms. Amy DuBois of 336 E 5th Avenue. Ms. DuBois questioned whether the damage to the park could be covered under the Town's insurance, therefore foregoing FEMA and making the park private. Mayor O'Brien commented that he felt the FRDAP grant would remain in place. Manager Smith stated that in the FRDAP agreement, insurance is required so that any damage could be repaired. Mr. Bob McKinley of 536 Magnolia questioned if speakers could be installed with the cameras at the parks. He then stated that he agrees with fencing the parks, and that regulating access will be difficult. Mr. McKinley then stated that the dock roof needed to remain in place as there is sufficient signage for safety. He then questioned the access points within the fencing. Manager Smith explained the locations of the access points. Director Elliott-Moore commented that 3rd Avenue will be completed in the future once the Bessie project is completed. Some discussion followed regarding access, the fencing height and location, enforcement, and the dock roof. Member Rose stated that the roof needed to be removed. Member Stroup agreed with the fence and access code. Member David agreed with Member Stroup. She then questioned if hours the park was open to the public could be limited. Discussion followed regarding restriction with access codes. Member David questioned if parking could be restricted to residents only. Manager Smith commented on enforceability issues. Discussion followed. Mr. James Nykamp of 205 E 5th Avenue stated that a 5' fence could be jumped and suggested motion-activated cameras. He then questioned if designated swim areas could be approved. Mr. Nykamp further stated that the dock roof needed to be metal and steep. Manager Smith commented on motion-activated cameras and issues with animals. Ms. Nora Brophy of 425 Magnolia Street commented on the parking at 4th Avenue. She then suggested a gate like what is at Fernwood Park. Discussion ensued. Mayor O'Brien reviewed the Council Members' discussion: moving forward with the fence and access options. Member Rose questioned fence height. Director Elliott-Moore stated that the fence would match what is currently at Fernwood Park. Member Rose then commented on the roof. Member Davit agreed with moving forward with the fence, but would like to hold off on making changes to the roof to see how the fence may work. Member David and Member Stroup agreed with Member Davit's comment. Mayor

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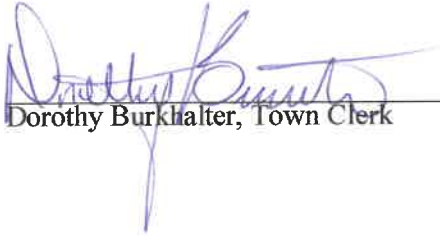
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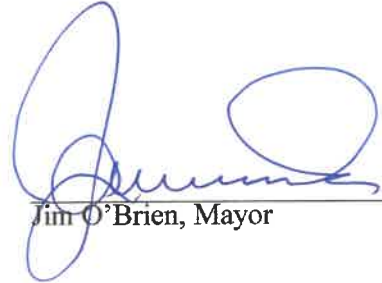
O'Brien thanked everyone for their participation.

4. ADJOURN:

Mayor O'Brien adjourned the workshop at 6:54pm.



Dorothy Burkhalter, Town Clerk



Jim O'Brien, Mayor