

Wellington

Equestrian Preserve Committee Meeting

March 4, 2026

Village Hall

12300 Forest Hill Boulevard

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Glen Fleischer, Judith Sloan, Gail Bayly, Ash Atkinson, Sarah Goos and Dr. Lund.

Members Absent: Annabelle Garrett.

Staff Present: Village Engineer Jonathan Reinsvold and EPC Secretary Helen Archer.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

Chair Fleischer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. REMARKS BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

This being the last EPC Meeting with the current Village Council, Chair Fleischer and the Committee recognized Councilwoman Siskind and Councilman McGovern and thanked them for their service.

Chair Fleischer also recognized Brook USA Charity Equestrian Event which Judith Sloan had participated in the past weekend.

IV. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING OF AGENDA: None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fleischer motioned to approve the February 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes, motion was made by Judith Sloan, seconded by Gail Bayly. Motion was unanimously approved (6-0).

VI. PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

EPC 356 – Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit Discussion.

District 8 Team Sgt. Jeff Israel and Deputy Audrey Miranda spoke about the opportunities of community involvement with the Palm Beach Sheriffs Mounted Unit. The Mounted Unit has been involved in several events in Wellington through the Community Services Dept. The Mounted Unit requires a request from Command and the Community to schedule their attendance for events.

The Committee requested help from the Mounted Unit regarding the monitoring of the Bridle Trails. A request for scheduling the Mounted Unit for the monitoring of the trails was discussed. Deputy Harold Harper requested schedule of dates during Equestrian season to introduce the Mounted Unit to the Equestrian Community.

EPC-353- Horse Rescue Operations – District Chief Vomero – Battalion 2

Palm Beach Fire Rescue Chief Vomero presented a power point of an event that occurred in the Palm Beach Point Community. Slides were shown of a horse in distress. The horse had fallen into a canal bank and Fire Rescue was dispatched with equipment specially created for technical rescues used to free the horse. The incident was discussed further and recommendations were made regarding courses that offer Fire Rescue Special Operations Certifications for Technical Rescues. Dr. Lund offered her property for the course. Chair Fleischer also discussed the purchase of an animal harness for future use. DC Vomero agreed to look into the cost and training for the harness. Dr. Lund commented that a fundraiser at the horseshow would be beneficial to cover the cost of the course and harness.

EPC-357- Bridle Trail System Improvement Follow-Up Discussion

Chair Fleischer presented Key Takeaways from February 9th Council Workshop where the Village Council discussed EPC items that included Bridle Trail enforcement.

The Committee spoke on the use of **Horse ONLY** trails and creating a map of the bridle trails with more information for the equestrians to navigate. A pilot test for exclusive bridle trail use with enforcement was discussed.

Vice Chair Sloan spoke about hiring a bridle trail expert to evaluate the trails. Mr. Reinsvold added that the Village does have resources but they are not exclusive to trails. A study was done in the past to produce footing recommendations that is currently in u

EPC-358- Equestrian Feedback Discussion

Flash Vote was discussed as a way to gather data from the Equestrian Community. A request for questions from the Committee to create the Flash Vote questionnaire was made. A time frame on when and where the Flash Vote would be used was discussed.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Judith Sloan requested an update on 6.8.8. Currently in PZ&B hold because of SB 180.

Dr. Lund commented she was participating in the Challenge of the Americas and invited the Committee to attend.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Reinsvold commented that the pedestrian counts on Pierson Rd were in progress.

The Lake Worth bridle trail extension was presented to the Legal department and access by the public needed to be confirmed before it could move forward. A cross section for this trail needed to be addressed.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Fleischer motioned to open public comment, first by Ash Atkinson, seconded by Gail Bayly. Motion was unanimously approved (6-0).

Mr. Ralph Hodges – (no comment card) Mr. Hodges spoke about the Showground development.

Chair Fleischer motioned to close public comment, first by Gail Bayly, seconded by Judith Sloan. Motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

X. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Fleischer adjourned the meeting at 8:33PM.

Glen Fleischer, Chair

Helen Archer, Recording Secretary