

**Wellington
Equestrian Preserve Committee Meeting
October 6, 2021
Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Boulevard**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chair Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Jane Cleveland, Dr. Rachel Eidelman, Haakon Gangnes, Carlos Arellano, and Annabelle Garrett.

Members absent: Dr. Kristy Lund (called in), Glen Fleischer (called in).

Staff present: Michael O'Dell, Ryan Harding, and D.J. Helkowski.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was done.

III. Remarks by Committee Chair

Chair Cleveland acknowledged that Glen Fleischer and Dr. Lund were calling into the meeting and that a vote needed to be taken to allow them to do so.

Annabelle Garrett motioned to approve Glen Fleischer and Dr. Kristy Lund joining the meeting by phone. Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Members attended by phone: Glen Fleischer and Dr. Kristy Lund.

IV. Additions/Deletions/Reordering of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

V. Approval of Minutes

Chair Cleveland asked for a motion to approve the September 1st EPC minutes. Annabelle Garrett pointed out an error in the "Members present" section.

Mr. Gangnes motioned to approve the minutes with an edit to the "Members present" section. Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

VI. Old Business

World Equestrian Center Presentation

Mr. Harding began his presentation in response to the committee's request to provide additional data related to the World Equestrian Center (WEC). He listed the amenities WEC has to offer and highlighted that the site has 370 acres already developed and 300 acres planned for development.

Chair Cleveland stated that there is interest from the Village Council in hearing from the Equestrian Preserve Committee about what the horse industry needs in Wellington. Chair Cleveland suggested each member of the committee go out to as many equestrians as they know in Wellington and ask them what the Village ought to do to maintain the world-class competition environment. The committee discussed providing the survey to anybody who has anything to do with the equestrian industry, not just equestrians themselves.

The committee continued to discuss the survey as well as its implications. At the end of the discussion, Mr. O'Dell told the committee that when they return the surveys to Mr. Harding, staff will compile all of the data and analyze it to get some sort of direction from the equestrian community.

Before moving onto the next scheduled topic of discussion, Chair Cleveland brought up an article that she had read regarding Ocala not having dressage events anymore, which she concluded was a completely misleading and inaccurate article.

VII. New Business

EPC 228 Ordinance No. 2021-22 (Best Management Practices: Stormwater Quality Management)

The committee concluded that they hadn't been given enough time to read through the ordinance in order to vote on it at this meeting, so Chair Cleveland said that a presentation would be given and then if the committee members decide that they still aren't comfortable voting on the ordinance, a vote on this item could be held at the next meeting instead.

Mr. O'Dell explained that the BMP's are a requirement of the permitting process with the South Florida Water Management District. The purpose of the BMP is to reduce phosphorous levels in Wellington's water. The BMP's have been in place since 2000, (correction from the stated 2008) and this ordinance is a required update. The original BMP's addressed fertilizer and livestock waste. This update addresses haulers, livestock waste bins, water discharges, etc.

Mr. Harding presented the revisions to the ordinance. He reviewed the Whereas Clause and the 4 new definitions that were added for clarification purposes (*Impermeable Containment Pad or Floor, Livestock Waste Storage Container, Manure Bin, and Permit Criteria and Best Management Practices Manual for Works in the Village of Wellington*).

Screening in manure bins was discussed. Mr. O'Dell said that staff would provide a definition of screening.

Mr. Harding presented the changes made to regulations in the BMP document.

Mr. O'Dell said that staff would go back and review the language in the section related to Horse Hair Interceptors.

Chair Cleveland stated that the committee wouldn't vote on the BMP ordinance tonight, and that it will have to come back as an item next meeting.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Discussion

Mr. Harding presented the Bike and Pedestrian plan. He described how the equestrian venues could be connected to the Village's existing multi-use pathways. The presentation showed that golf carts would be allowed, under the new ordinance that had been passed by council, on streets with a posted speed limits of 25 miles per hour and on Village multi-use pathways of 8 feet or wider. Mr. Harding indicated the goal of the plan is to provide more connectivity through the Equestrian Preserve Area – specifically between the venues – and to make the overall circulation system of Wellington more cohesive.

Mr. Harding and Mr. O'Dell answered several questions from the committee on the Bicycle and Pedestrian plan and on specific transportation issues in the Equestrian Preserve Area. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Harding said that he would be sending the Bike and Pedestrian Plan document to the committee when it is finished.

VIII. Staff Comments

There were no staff comments.

IX. Board Comments

There were no board comments.

X. Public Comments

Jim Montrose of Palm Beach Little Ranches approached the podium to speak. He said that he had been told several years ago that he needed to have a horse hair interceptor, and believes the process of getting one is nonsensical. He also questioned why manure bins need to have a concrete pad underneath.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Jane Cleveland, Chair

D.J. Helkowski, Recording Secretary