

**WELLINGTON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022 - 7:00 PM
WELLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Sam Falzone, Anthony Forgione, Tomas Bueno, Stephen Levin

Members Absent: Stephanie Cagnet Myron, Peter Bartuska, Marc Coleman

Village Staff: Eric Juckett, Daryl Boyd, Branden Miller, Michael O'Dell, Christian Santa-Gonzalez

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at Wellington City Hall Council Chambers and all members were present excluding Stephanie Cagnet Myron, Peter Bartuska, and Marc Coleman.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Sam Falzone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. New Business

The agenda was approved by a 4-0 vote with Stephanie Cagnet Myron, Peter Bartuska, and Marc Coleman absent.

Eric Juckett introduced Michael O'Dell and Christian Santa-Gonzalez to the board members prior to their presentation.

Michael O'Dell gave a brief introduction about the Blueways Master Plan and it's process to get approved and into the Comprehensive Plan.

Christian Santa-Gonzalez presented to the board members on the Blueways Master Plan and provided extensive detail on background, proposed impact areas, goal and purpose, plan of action, and construction details.

Sam Falzone asked about the location of the culverts and if the waterways would be widened.

Christian Santa-Gonzalez stated that it would be 3 culverts and showed the location for all 3. He also stated the waterways would not be widened.

Stephen Levin asked what is currently at the locations of the proposed culverts and about the proposed intent of the box culverts.

Christian Santa-Gonzalez stated that there are existing but smaller culverts at these locations. He also explained that the intent is for single person watercraft to have accessibility through the culverts.

Tomas Bueno asked about the proposed completion date.

Michael O'Dell stated that this the first step in the process and that due to varying timeline to receive grant dollars, there is no official timeline yet.

Stephen Levin asked what portion of the waterways within Wellington are connected and how much are we proposing to connect. He also asked about the impact the connections will have on stormwater runoff.

Michael O'Dell stated that the proposed culverts have connections at the waterways currently. He explained that the lakes have the same control elevations and that the water management system won't be affected.

Sam Falzone stated that no new connections will be made and that the proposed bridge on Big Blue Trace also has a current connection.

Michael O'Dell stated that the current connections are either 24 inch or 48 inch pipe culverts but will be expanded to larger box culverts to allow for pontoon boats to pass through.

Stephen Levin asked if we are increasing water interconnectivity or capacity for boats to go between.

Michael O'Dell explained that we are only increasing the capacity for boats to go between but also improve stormwater protection.

Sam Falzone asked about the committees who were charged with the drainage system and the effects on the water.

Michael O'Dell stated that only one committee, PZAB, has been consulted with the Blueways Plan and that they were informed about drainage and impacts on water. He also explained that the engineering department is responsible for the flow ways and water quality.

Sam Falzone asked if we offer activities at these locations as shown on the map.

Michael O'Dell explained that we do currently offer these activities but they are drop in access locations for kayaks or canoes but not rental locations. He also stated that a concession is planned to be added at Town Center for kayakers.

Sam Falzone asked if this is another piece of Wellington's plan to be more accessible with walkability and biking.

Michael O'Dell stated that it is another piece of our plan to be more accessible.

Sam Falzone closed the discussion and requested a motion on the recommendation for the Blueways Master Plan.

Tomas Bueno stated that it is a brilliant idea and he made a motion to recommend to approve.

Stephen Levin seconded the motion to approve.

No objections were made and the motion to approve committee recommendation passed.

IV. Public Comment

V. Closing Comment

Tomas Bueno thanked the staff and stated he was very impressed with this project and would like to see it through.

Stephen Levin said that it was a great presentation and he was excited to connect the waterways together.

Anthony Forgione stated that he was glad to be back after missing the previous meeting.

Sam Falzone welcomed back Eric and made a motion to close.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18p.

Chairperson