

**Wellington
Equestrian Preserve Committee Meeting
March 1, 2023
Village Hall Council Chambers
12300 Forest Hill Boulevard**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

Members present: Jane Cleveland, Haakon Gangnes, Glen Fleischer, and Dr. Rachel Eidelman.

Members late: None.

Members absent: Ben Myers and Dr. Kristy Lund.

Staff present: Jonathan Reinsvold, Cory Cramer, Rachel Bausch, Judy Rios, Orlando Lindo, Helen Archer and D.J. Helkowski.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was done.

III. Remarks by Committee Chair

There were no remarks.

IV. Additions/Deletions/Reordering of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

V. Approval of Minutes

Glen Fleischer motioned to approve the October 6, 2022 EPC Minutes. Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

VI. New Business

Introduction of New Liaison for EPC Jonathan Reinsvold

Jonathan Reinsvold introduces his staff: Helen Archer, DJ Helkowski, Orlando Lindo, and Judy Rios

Equestrian Trails Update

Jonathan Reinsvold provided an update on the Equestrian Trails located within the EPA.

After the update, Dr. Rachel Eidelman recommended to have a fence separate the bridle trail from the multiuse trail.

Haakon Gangnes asked for the timeline of the proposed equestrian trail projects.

Jonathan Reinsvold responded that the Greenview Shores project is grant funded and set for funding fiscal year 2025. The FPL Multiuse Pathway is under design and currently we do not have grant funding for the actual pathway; but we have funding for the retention area and it could be slated for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Mr. Gangnes asked if there was a scenario where the Village of Wellington would keep the dry retention area but not do the pathway.

Mr. Reinsvold's response was that we would move forward with the dry retention area even though we did not have funding for the pathways.

Chair Cleveland asked if the Village of Wellington has a system to obtain feedback from trail riders who use these trails and to find out which trails are used frequently.

Planning & Zoning Manager, Cory Cramer provided information regarding the new App FlashVote, which is meant to obtain feedback for projects within the Village of Wellington. Currently, it is being tested by our Communications Department at this time.

Dr. Rachel Eidelman motioned to separate the multiuse pathways and bridle path trails with a fence. The motion was seconded by Haakon Gangnes and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Upcoming Projects Update

Mr. Reinsvold deferred to the Planning & Zoning Department for the updates.

Ms. Cramer mentioned that "Wellington 3.0" did not have an update at this time. The agent for "Wellington 3.0" had been requested to resubmit a more detailed comprehensive site plan versus a conceptional site plan. The Planning & Zoning is still waiting for resubmittal.

Mr. Gangnes inquired regarding the Bi-annual Manure Inspections and the 2022 inspections that were already conducted.

Mr. Reinsvold introduced Helen Archer, the Code Officer for Engineering who is responsible for the BMP inspections.

Helen Archer stated that there was an issue with some duplication in the 2022 letters mailed out. She has contacted farms to clarify their BMP inspection status. The letters will now be staggered for 2023 and beyond.

VII. Staff Comments

There were no staff comments

VIII. Board Comments

Mr. Gangnes brought up concerns regarding equestrian trail safety and asked if we can have signs on trails. Mr. Reinsvold stated that we do have an inventory of signs and locations which is loosely updated. Each equestrian trail does have signs at the entrances but are open to discuss any additional signage. Mr. Gangnes suggested pictorial signage for those individuals who are driving because sometimes signs are too hard to read when driving. Motorist need to know how to proceed when horses are present.

Chair Cleveland requested an inventory of signs. Mr. Reinsvold said that he would obtain a list of where signs are and a typical entrance to each equestrian trail.

IX. Public Comments

Michael Whitlow of 2070 Appaloosa Trail, Wellington FL: Stated that the Equestrian Preserve Committee has a moral and ethical obligation to protect the EPA against non-equestrian preserve development.

Mr. Gangnes read the comment card from Rob Gierkink who opposes the “Wellington 3.0” project and did not wish to speak.

Bob Margolis of 657 Juniper Place, Wellington FL: He greeted the members of EPC and stated two (2) concerns:

1. Number of times the EPC meetings have been canceled. Stated the importance of having the meetings.
2. He had questions regarding applicant’s cancelation policy. If an applicant canceled twice will the EPC board have the option to vote on the item in question.
3. In regards to the Gracida Street clearing of land, was the land cleared without a Vegetation Removal Permit? If not, is this a code case?

Mr. Margolis thanks the EPC for their service.

Mr. Gangnes made a motion to Close Public Comment and it was seconded by Glen Fleischer, unanimously approved (4-0).

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Jane Cleveland, Chair

Helen Archer, Recording Secretary