

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

**Wellington Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

Council Members present: Anne Gerwig, Mayor; John T. McGovern, Vice Mayor; Michael Drahos, Councilman; Michael Napoleone, Councilman; and Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman.

Advisors to the Council: Paul Schofield, Manager; Laurie Cohen, Attorney; Jim Barnes, Assistant Manager; Tanya Quickel, Director of Administrative and Financial Services; and Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Gerwig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Students from Elbridge Gale Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** - Reverend Peter Bartuska of Christ Community Church delivered the Invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Schofield indicated staff recommended approval of the Agenda as amended.

1) Remove from Presentations and Proclamations Item 5A, Proclamation Recognizing Wellington Community High School Principal Mario Crocetti for His Years of Service, as Mr. Crocetti is unable to be here this evening.

2) Add to Presentations and Proclamations Item 5C, Major Eli Cano with the School District of Palm Beach County Police Department and Captain Rolando Silva with the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO), if Council would like to have a brief discussion on school safety.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the Agenda as amended.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. **17-1753** ~~PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WELLINGTON COMMUNITY HIGH~~

~~SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MARIO CROCETTI FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE~~

This item was removed from the Agenda.

B. 18-1905 ELBRIDGE GALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEAM LEGO ROBOTICS COMPETITION RECOGNITION

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Mr. Lundeen, Village Engineer, spoke about his experience with the Elbridge Gale Elementary School staff members and students. He stated he received an e-mail from Mr. Barnes with a request for engineering help. He said on November 6, 2017, he met with Chad Phillips, Christine Muldowny and a special group of students. He stated they needed a local issue that dealt with the water cycle. He said he decided on an idea that combined stormwater runoff and sanitary sewer. He stated the question was how to deal with the oats after they pass through the horse and how to keep the local phosphorous requirements in check for their canal systems.

Mr. Lundeen stated he explained how the Village brings the canal water from the south of the Village to the north boundary line; how the Village operates four of eight pump stations that discharge directly into the C-51 canal; how the C-51 canal eventually discharges into the Atlantic Ocean; how the Village uses Best Management Practices to clean and treat the stormwater runoff prior to entering the C-51 canal; and how an overabundance of phosphorous can cause algae blooms, fish kills, and other environmental problems. He said it was a very spirited discussion and all of the students' ideas were considered. He indicated they had some really good questions: how big is a phosphorous molecule, can you filter phosphorous out of the water, what is the flow capacity of the pump stations.

Mr. Lundeen stated Mr. Phillips and Ms. Muldowny are very positive, supportive and caring individuals, who go well beyond their daily duties. He said the students are really amazing and smart, but they would not be doing as well without the guidance of some pretty spectacular parents. He thanked Vice Principal Chad Phillips and STEM teacher Christine Muldowny for a fantastic experience.

Mr. Phillips stated the students started this adventure in October, when they had to come up with a problem and a solution. He said they wanted something local, so he contacted Mr. Lundeen. He stated the kids picked manure as the problem and came up with all kinds of solutions to present to the judges.

Mr. Phillips explained the competition had four different parts: robotic competition; project presentation to the judges; core values, cooperation and teamwork; and robot design and coding. He stated Ms. Muldowny teaches coding at their school, so the kindergarteners know how to code already. He indicated the students on their robotics team are fourth and fifth graders, and this year the first leg of the competition is for grades four through eight. He said this is their first time participating in this competition and it is in its tenth year.

Mr. Phillips stated the team came up with an awesome skit, which they performed at a SAC Meeting for practice. He said they have outfits with cowboy hats and horses that tie to the community as they show the judges their project and the solution. He stated the kids are asked questions by the judges.

Mr. Phillips stated the team's first competition/qualifying tournament was in January 2018 at the South Florida Science Museum. He said the team was not expecting much since they were new to the field, but they won the robot competition with 120 points. He indicated the video they are about to watch will show the missions that had to be completed. He stated after the presentations, the students won the overall champion of the qualifying tournament at the South Florida Science Museum. He mentioned that Elbridge Gale was the only public elementary school there, as the rest were either middle schools or private schools.

Mr. Phillips stated that win qualified the team to go to the regional tournament this past weekend where 47 schools participated. He said the tournament covers the Keys up to Indian River County and includes approximately 180 teams. He said his team spent the day at Boynton Beach High School and competed mostly against middle schools, as there was only one other public elementary school there. He stated they started a little shaky, but ended up with 145 points. He said 12 of the 47 schools are allowed to go to the state tournament on August 8, 2018, in St. Augustine, and their school is one of them.

Mr. Phillips stated they were so proud of these awesome and dedicated students. He said the kids have great cooperation, as they work together and manage their time. He stated they are competing against the middle school kids and are hanging in there with them.

At this point, a brief video was shown of the Elbridge Gale Elementary School Lego Robotics Team in action.

Mr. Phillips stated the robot is coded by the students. He said they have a team of coders, a team of builders, and a team of presenters, so there are skills for everyone.

Mayor Gerwig stated the students might have to come back for another proclamation after the state competition. She said they are very proud of their local schools and the teachers who spend the time doing this. She stated Elbridge Gale Elementary is a great school and she is glad they shared their experience with this Council.

Council congratulated the team, the parents and the school, as they were impressed by what the students have accomplished at such a young age. Council stated the team had done a great job and they were really proud of them. Council told the kids to keep up the good work as well as the teamwork, and wished them luck at the state competition.

Mayor Gerwig thanked Mr. Lundeen. She said not every community has a staff that does what the Village staff does. She stated they were very proud of Mr. Lundeen for getting engaged in the community, as the Village is always looking for ways to partner with their schools, kids and families.

**C. DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL SAFETY WITH MAJOR ELI CANO,
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY POLICE
DEPARTMENT, AND CAPTAIN ROLANDO SILVA, PALM
BEACH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (Added to the Agenda)**

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Captain Silva stated, in light of the incident on February 14, 2018, at Stoneman Douglas High School, he was making himself available to answer any questions the Council may have. He indicated Major Cano, who oversees all of the schools throughout Palm Beach County, was with

him as well. He stated they were looking at what happened and what lessons were learned to ensure something like that does not happen in Palm Beach County.

Mayor Gerwig apologized for not holding a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting. She said many of them either know students or teachers at Stoneman Douglas High School.

Mayor Gerwig stated a local equestrian, Mr. Scott Swerdlin, called her the day after the incident and said he was going to raise \$100,000 to put bulletproof doors on the classrooms. She said she told him she did not think that would be the best use of the money, as there are windows and other things to look at. She stated she passed the information onto Dr. Robert Avossa, Superintendent of Palm Beach County schools, who said they need to have single point of entry discussions, etc. She indicated Mr. Swerdlin stated he will raise the money and the Village is to use it on what Wellington schools need most.

Mayor Gerwig stated she thought it was a bigger conversation than bulletproof doors. She said the dais is bullet proof, as they take precautions in life. She stated the Village does things for the Council to stay safe and they want to do things for their students to stay safe. She said they want to work together and Mr. Swerdlin is working on getting that money. She stated she spoke to Ms. Marcia Andrews about it and they will do what they can as a community to stand behind the law enforcement.

Major Cano stated he will give Council his phone number, so they can call him if they have any questions. He said they are looking at and learning from what happened in Broward County. He stated they are looking at their protocols and discussing the bus compounds and the safety of the children on the busses. He explained they are working on how to train the bus drivers and prepare the parents for something like this. He stated the demands and requests for more officers on campus have made it tough, but they are working on it. He said the Governor has proposed providing more officers to the schools and, as such, the superintendent will be hiring more officers.

Vice Mayor McGovern asked if the plan for more officers was one officer per school. Major Cano stated the Governor has indicated one officer for every 1,000 students. He said Dr. Avossa has said that he wants three officers at the high school, two at the middle school, and one at every elementary. Major Cano stated they are working on that now, but it will take some time. He explained these officers will be working with children and not adults, so it makes it difficult when they come out of the academy ready to knock down doors and chase people down.

Vice Mayor McGovern asked, for the purpose of Wellington schools, if a plan was in place for the School District Police and the Sheriff's Office to communicate instantaneously and to execute a plan at each school if need be. Captain Silva stated the Sheriff's Office does annual active shooter training, but communication is critical. He explained they use a communication triangle when they get information on a potential threat, as the Sheriff's Office, the School District Police, and the school itself each have a corner of that triangle. He said they ensure the communication between these stakeholders works really well. He stated since the shooting on February 14, 2018, they have investigated a lot of threats and calls. He said with Major Cano being there this evening, it shows how good their communication is.

Mayor Gerwig stated there have been incidents started on campus that end up off campus. She said the Sheriff's Office and the School District Police have had to work together in the past. She stated the Village encourages this, because their government, the Palm Beach County

Sheriff's Office (PBSO), and the School District Police are all one community for the benefit of the kids.

Major Cano agreed. He stated they are doing everything they can to assure the parents that they are putting as many police officers as possible at the schools. He said the Sheriff's Office supplied 38 officers for the walkout at West Boca High School. He said six students had to be checked by paramedics, because it was very hot and the students did not realize it was fifteen miles to Parkland. He stated they decided to send buses from Palm Beach County to Broward County to bus the students back to the school. He said they are expecting more schools to walkout, but it has been positive. He stated there has been no rioting or fighting, as they are allowing the students to protest as long as they do it peacefully. He said the School District Police has been able to do this with help from all of the other agencies, especially the Sheriff's Office, as they are the biggest department in the county.

Councilwoman Siskind stated she met with Lieutenant Eli Shaivitz and Mr. Blake Bennett, Principal of Wellington Landings Middle School, right after the Stoneman Douglas incident. She said Mr. Schofield and Mr. Barnes were there to facilitate the conversation. She indicated one big take away from that meeting was the need to increase the communication between the School District and PBSO. She stated another take away was that some solutions may be universal to their schools and some might be unique to each school, because each campus is different. She said, in order to solve these problems, they need to have joint meetings and much better communication.

Mr. Schofield asked for an explanation on how the 911 notifications happen. Captain Silva explained that all 911 calls go directly to the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office communication center. He said if something happens at a school, it comes through PBSO to the school district. He stated PBSO gets notified as quickly as anyone else and their response times in the Village are very quick.

Vice Mayor McGovern said he understood, after speaking with many of their school principals in the last ten days, they do not currently have full-time resource officers at the elementary schools. Major Cano indicated they currently have one officer between three and five elementary schools.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated he wanted to assure the residents of Wellington that if there is any deficiency, as they are ramping up staffing for school police at Wellington elementary schools, PBSO is ready to supplement with officers if need be. Captain Silva stated it is a tough priority, as they are trying to fill that gap concurrently with a mission to be highly visible at all schools. He said Major Cano knows the priority this Council and Village puts on the schools as well as how much the Village supports the schools financially and in every other way. He stated they will do everything they need to do to work together to provide the highest level of safety possible.

Councilman Drahos stated if this Council can be of assistance in any way, PBSO and the School District Police should not hesitate to reach out to them. Major Cano stated right now throughout the county they are taking all the help they can get. He said he is encouraging the teachers and principals to call him if they hear anything. He explained if they do not respond to the warning signs, all of sudden something happens. He said they look at and document every call that comes in.

Councilman Napoleone asked about the new Student Protect app. Major Cano stated he did not know much about the app, because the School District deals with it on the school base. He said they have people who receive the information and once they see something that is not right, they notify the School District Police.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated the new app is coming from PBSO and is called Student Protect. He said every parent in the Palm Beach County School District that has an e-mail registered with the School District received an e-mail from Superintendent Avossa on school safety. He stated it reemphasizes the point that Major Cano was making, which is "If you see something, say something." He said it gives the non-emergency number to School District police, (561) 434-8700. Captain Silva indicated the non-emergency number to the Sheriff's Office is (562) 688-3400. Vice Mayor McGovern indicated, according to Dr. Avossa's e-mail, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Student Protect app should be available at Google Play and the Apple App Store very soon.

Vice Mayor McGovern indicated now this the time for residents to write their legislators asking them to fund the Governor's plan. He said what Major Cano is talking about - enhancing safety, increasing staffing of school resource officers, etc. - cannot be done without money from Tallahassee.

Mayor Gerwig stated, because of the severity of the attack and the close proximity, the Village felt it pretty strongly. She said a lot of parents were panicked about threats on social media and the rumors were escalating fear. She stated, because the Village has a relationship with their principals, she feels the confidence of the people in charge. She told Captain Silva and Major Cano that this Council and Village are confident in what the two agencies are doing, as they work together and run down every rumor.

Captain Silva stated they will respond to everything. He said "see something, say something" only works if law enforcement does something. He stated they were not taking anything for granted, as they were going to get to the bottom of everything they possibly can. He told Council the communication is there. He said Mr. Schofield always brings to his attention the different matters or concerns that Council mentions, and they will each be addressed one by one.

Council thanked Captain Silva and Major Cano for being there.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 17-1511** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE AQUATIC VEGETATION CONTROL SERVICES TO WELLINGTON CANALS AND LAKES
- B. 18-1890** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A TRAILER MOUNTED TRASH PUMP
- C. 18-1855** RESOLUTION NO. R2018-09 (INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING A REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF

WELLINGTON AND ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

D. 18-1857

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. R2018-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA APPROVING THE ENTRANCE INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXERCISING INVESTMENT POWER JOINTLY TO INVEST FUNDS IN CONCERT WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B. APPROVAL OF FLORIDA COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES SYSTEM (FLCLASS) AGREEMENT.

E. 18-1891

RESOLUTION NO. R2018-12 (CHUKKER COVE REPLAT)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE CHUKKER COVE REPLAT LYING IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 41 EAST, VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A REPLAT OF LOTS 32 THROUGH 35, CHUKKER COVE OF PALM BEACH POLO & COUNTRY CLUB WELLINGTON P.U.D., AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 63, PAGES 163 THROUGH 165 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

F. 18-1895

RESOLUTION NO. R2018-13 (DROWNING PREVENTION COALITION "BUCKS" CERTIFICATE PROGRAM)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DROWNING PREVENTION COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR VOUCHERS FOR FREE SWIMMING LESSONS UNDER THE "BUCK" PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield stated staff recommended adoption of the Consent Agenda as presented. He indicated no public comment cards were received.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mr. Schofield indicated no public comment cards were received for any other items on the Agenda.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 18-1818 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR GREENBRIAR AND SOUTH SHORE PARK

Mayor Gerwig explained her company does not have any work with Kimley Horn, but they do have work with some of the subcontractors on this proposal. She stated in order to comply with the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics; she will be recusing herself from this vote. Mayor Gerwig left the Chambers.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He stated staff put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design firms. He said this contract is in the amount of \$159,900 and will provide conceptual planning, programming, surveying and geotechnical services for both projects. He indicated South Shore Park has been in the budget and Greenbriar Park has been added. He stated staff was just authorized to negotiate the contract at the last Council Meeting, so Mr. De La Vega was challenged to get it here. He said staff was moving very quickly to get that part constructed per Council's direction to provide services.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated this project was important to Council, as they were focused on getting the two parks done quickly and to Wellington standards. He said the authorization to negotiate the contract was given at the Council Meeting two weeks ago. On behalf of Council, he thanked Mr. De La Vega for getting it done so quickly. He stated it brings forth some creative ideas and a funding package for the three initial components of surveying, geotechnical, and conceptual planning. Mr. De La Vega indicated this could not have been done without the immediate response from Kimley Horn.

Mr. Schofield stated as staff went through the process of selecting professionals to do the work, they noticed that Kimley Horn had taken a fresh look at the parks. He said the design in front of Council is vastly different than what is there right now. He stated staff asked Kimley Horn to look at it and give the Village better options. He said Kimley Horn presented this design during the oral presentations and their approach to it rated them very high. He thought it was a pretty innovating and refreshing look at a park. Vice Mayor McGovern thought it was dramatically different.

Mr. Barnes stated it is starting off as a green field site. He believed that was the direction and creativity the committee saw in the presentation. He explained Kimley Horn looked outside the box at other options. He said the design in front of Council is not necessarily what will finally and ultimately be designed and constructed. He stated the team members will be looking at all of the options the Village has available in order to maximize the use and the programming on the site. He indicated the master plan in front of Council incorporates the existing six fields, the facility and the support facilities, including restrooms and concession areas, etc., as well as a future phase of an actual three-gym gymnasium.

Mr. Barnes stated Greenbriar Park was also included in the solicitation. He explained Kimley Horn evaluated the facility/site based on the preliminary layout prepared by staff as a basis for the Request for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Qualifications (RFQ), but they also applied the requirements for the nearby Aero Club runway. He said they looked at potential site limitations to determine if lighted facilities could be provided in the future. He stated Kimley Horn thought about flip-flopping some fields, the dry retention, and parking, so the western most

field that may be impacted by the approach surface for the runway would not impact the ability to still put four fields there. He said, if they just change facilities, they may have some conflicts with the approach surface and the height of the sports field lighting. He stated Kimley Horn looked at all potential issues in addition to just the traditional site, civil or site plan related issues. He said they took the same kind of innovative and comprehensive approach they took on South Shore.

Mr. Barnes stated they have to be completed with this phase by early summer in order to be out to bid later in the summer and be under construction with the parks before the end of the year. He said this phase involves the most amount of effort, because they are trying to flush out the final design before going to the more traditional engineering of just designing the fields, the site and the facilities. He stated it also has the most amount of flexibility, because they are able to compress a bunch of meetings and get with all of the different stakeholder groups, i.e., the staff, the sports provider, the actual facility users. He said they hope to get it done before the summer starts.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (4-0), with Mayor Gerwig recused, to approve the Authorization to Award a Contract to Provide Engineering and Architectural Services for Greenbriar and South Shore Parks as presented.

At this point, Mayor Gerwig returned to the Chambers.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schofield indicated no comment cards were received from the public.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MS. COHEN: Ms. Cohen presented the following report:

- She stated she distributed to Council the Motion for Rehearing, Rehearing En Banc, and Certification of a Question to the Supreme Court. She said Council can contact her if they have any questions.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

MR. SCHOFIELD: Mr. Schofield presented the following report:

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He indicated that it is also Election Day.
- On Saturday, March 3, 2018, Wellington and its partners will kick off the Let's Move to Commit Challenge for Physical Activity at the Mall at Wellington Green at 8:00 AM.
- On Saturday, March 10, 2018, the second of three Saturday morning family friendly events will be held on Lake Wellington. Activities are scheduled between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.
- Wellington's Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The polling locations can be found on the Village website or the Supervisor of Elections website.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- She thanked Temple Beth Torah for inviting them to judge the costume contest for their Purim Festival. She said it was a great event.

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN: Vice Mayor McGovern presented the following report:

- Vice Mayor McGovern echoed the comments on the presentation from Major Cano and Captain Silva. He thanked the local school principals, the Palm Beach County School Board members, Dr. Avossa and the leadership teams at the schools, for reassuring the parents and implementing interim and long-term plans for school safety while addressing the unique situations of each school.
- He commended staff as well as Mr. Delaney and his Parks & Recreation team on the Lake Wellington Event last Saturday, as it was very successful. He thought it was a great opportunity to introduce Lake Wellington and its uses to the residents.
- He also commended Parks & Recreation on another great opening to the Little League season on Saturday. He said Councilman Drahos did a great job throwing out the first pitch.

COUNCILMAN DRAHOS: Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- Councilman Drahos stated some people were surprised that there was no charge to kayak on the lake or to participate in the kids activities. He encouraged families to come out and see what their lakefront has to offer and what staff does to make the experience really enjoyable. He said his family had a great time.

COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE: Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- Councilman Napoleone indicated the lake is 1.5 miles long, and it got good use during the Lakefront event. He said it was a great day and he was glad they were doing more of them. He thought since the first event was extremely successful, more people would come out each week.
- He indicated the Pine Wood Derby with Cub Scout Pack 125 will be held this Saturday, March 3, 2018. He said it is a great event and the kids have a blast, as they build some amazingly fast cars. He hoped someone was building a fast car for the Village of Wellington.
- He encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election in two weeks. He explained there will be a smaller turnout than the last presidential preference primary election, so it will magnify the importance of their votes.

Councilman Drahos thought that was an excellent point. He said the Village has had elections that have come down to a handful of votes, so nothing should ever be taken for granted. He urged the residents to come out and exercise their right to vote.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- She stated a lot of activities are coming up, so everyone should check the website.

- She indicated the Village will again be offering the Students Working to Achieve Greatness (SWAG) program. She stated the Village is looking to place interns at local businesses over the summer and the cost is borne by the Village. She asked how local businesses could get engaged in this program.

Mr. Schofield stated, based on a previous conversation with Mayor Gerwig, he knows she would like to see the number of students in the program double and see a lot more of them go to the local businesses. He said that could be done through the Wellington Chamber and Ms. Edwards could reach out to the local shopping centers.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village is kind of limited, because it is funded by the CDBG. However, she would like to expand it in the future by getting the local businesses to help carry the cost. She said in that this case the businesses get an internship for no charge. She indicated last year the students interned at Wellington Regional, Boys & Girls Club, Interfaith, St. Peter's, Town Crier, and Village of Wellington. She said they want the process to be driven by what the students are interested in. Mr. Schofield stated staff will do the outreach.

- She stated for the past year, some realtors and neighbors have asked about the two acre lots in Paddock Park that back up to the overhead transmission lines. She said there is a significant amount of property there that is not really usable. She stated she had asked staff if they could look at doing some sort of equestrian zoning that was not a large farm.

She explained Saddle Trail, Palm Beach Point, and these high end farm areas have pushed out the people who are not necessarily competitors, but who would like to have a horse or two on their property. She said this has been very controversial in the past and it might be again, but they could start by surveying the property owners to determine if there is any interest. She stated some realtors have told her they feel it is devaluing the properties, as Paddock Park was originally designed for farmettes and ranchettes, and the large two-acre lots are not being used that way. She said it is just a question as to whether that would be a good way to look at valuing these properties again.

Mr. Schofield stated he has asked the planning staff to reevaluate the work they did a number of years ago. He said they sent out a survey that asked three different questions and they each got 33%, so there was no clear majority.

Mayor Gerwig stated in that case it was horses throughout Paddock, yes or no, or horses on the two acre pieces. She said she just wants to know if the property owners are even interested, before it goes any further. She indicated when her friend bought the property, there was a barn on it and a significant portion of the property is not usable for anything other than having a large open space.

Mr. Schofield stated the survey went out before he was the Village Manager in early 2008. Mayor Gerwig explained it was a different time then, as the equestrian properties had not taken off. She thought it was time to reevaluate this area. She stated she knows it will be controversial, but she just wants to start the conversation. She said if the property owners are not interested, the conversation is over. However, if they are interested, she would like to look at the two-acre properties that border the equestrian trails.

Ms. Cohen noted that the Village currently has a petition for cert filed with respect to a staff interpretation. She said if that ultimately gets reversed, there could be no need for the survey.

Mayor Gerwig stated she wanted to be proactive, because she has not been. She said she has been asking staff to look at this, and she has been hearing back that they are going to look at it and they have mixed feelings about it. She stated she is moving it forward, because she thinks it is a good idea for the community to have the conversation. She said she understands it could be different with the litigation. She thought if it was good for the community, they should start the conversation.

Ms. Cohen stated it is a conversation that should be had. However, if they have that conversation and there is no community support for it, they are going to have a lot of disappointed residents if ultimately the Village does not prevail in that cert petition.

Councilman Drahos stated this is the first he has heard of this, so he is not prepared to give an educated response. He thought it may be more appropriate to talk about it in Visioning to see if this Council is even interested. Vice Mayor McGovern agreed.

Councilman Napoleone thought that while the Village was in active litigation, it was premature to start talking about land use changes. He said he would not want to get involved in that until the litigation was resolved.

Mayor Gerwig stated she was not sure if that was an appropriate response from the perspective of living there and having your property on the market for 1.5 years. She noted she is unique in that she lives in this neighborhood. She explained when she bought her property she read the covenants and restrictions, which said she could have a horse or a cow, but no pigs or goats. She stated the understanding changed in the process of this Village and she was never notified, so she understands some of the confusion in her neighborhood. She said there are horses in the neighborhood that have been grandfathered in.

Mayor Gerwig stated she thought it was unfair to avoid the conversation because of one situation. She said property owners have asked her how this happened. She explained they bought in Paddock Park and there was a barn there, and now they cannot sell their property to someone who wants to have one horse in the backyard on a two-acre piece of property. She said she thought staff was going to work on it and it did not happen, so she is having to bring the conversation to this open setting, so they can have the conversation.

Vice Mayor McGovern requested that they circulate the prior survey from 2008 to Council, and then put this item either for discussion or on this year's Visioning agenda, so they can all be prepared to fully weigh-in.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:07 PM.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk