

**Wellington
Equestrian Preserve Committee Meeting
April 3, 2019
Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Boulevard**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chair Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Jane Cleveland, Glen Fleischer, Dr. Kristy Lund, Robert Bushey, Dr. Rachel Eidelman, Carlos Arellano, and Annabelle Garrett were present.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Remarks by Committee Chair

Jane Cleveland started by reminding everyone that livestock waste disposal, an equestrian education program for local schools, and the State of the Industry report are the main topics from the Equestrian Plan of Action that the EPC would be focusing on in the coming months. Then, Chair Cleveland and the rest of the committee moved on to discussing potential mid-block crosswalk improvements. The Village Engineering Department provided speed bumps, rumble strips, and yield signals as potential additional safety features for pedestrians, bicyclists, horses, and golf carts utilizing mid-block crossings. Ms. Cleveland asked staff if they could explore these types of improvements to mid-block crossings. The committee agreed with the recommendations provided.

IV. Additions/Deletions/Reordering of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to acknowledge and discuss comments made by residents at the previous open forum EPC meeting held in March. The first comment discussed was from a resident who was concerned about a condition of approval to provide access points to the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center that has not been fulfilled. Michael O'Dell explained that any state of emergency signed by the governor allows for developers to delay projects for a period of two years after it is enacted. Next, the committee discussed the manure shavings/recycling operation as it was presented by Equine Ecogreen at the previous meeting. Mr. O'Dell mentioned that Equine Ecogreen indicated they already has a facility, and that there is potential for manure to be shipped via rail to the facility to be converted into an end material. O'Dell then questioned whether or not the Village of Wellington should get involved in receiving and re-selling the manure end product, as that is more of a private sector venture. The committee then went on to address comments pertaining to the agricultural transshipment station on 50th Street and the truck traffic that comes with it. Mr. O'Dell reported that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Health Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the PBSO's Environmental Unit had all been to the site and no violations were reported. He also stated that the Village is looking into ways to mitigate the increased traffic on 50th street. The committee then discussed alternative methods of livestock waste disposal that were mentioned at the

March meeting such as biofuel, composting, and digesters. Mr. O'Dell agreed that staff would keep the committee informed on advances in alternative disposal methods.

VI. Staff Comments

Ryan Harding made the committee aware of a native plants for equestrian properties seminar coming up on April 17th at the Wellington Library.

VII. Board Comments

Jane Cleveland made note that the Equestrian Plan of Action topics that would continue to be discussed and looked at in the coming meetings would be manure disposal, the equestrian education program, and golf cart use in the Equestrian Preserve Area.

VIII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jane Cleveland, Chair

D.J. Helkowski, Recording Secretary