

**Wellington
Equestrian Preserve Committee Meeting
June 3, 2020
Village Hall (Virtual)
12300 Forest Hill Boulevard**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Remarks by Committee Chair

Chair Cleveland requested that committee members introduce themselves.

IV. Additions/Deletions/Reordering of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Annabelle Garrett nominated Jane Cleveland as Committee Chair. This was seconded by Dr. Rachel Eidelman, and the committee unanimously voted to retain Jane Cleveland as Chair.

Carlos Arellano was nominated for Vice Chair by Dr. Rachel Eidelman, and this was seconded by Annabelle Garrett. The motion passed unanimously, and Carlos Arellano was appointed Vice Chair of the committee.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Glen Fleischer made a motion to approve the February 5, 2020 EPC minutes. The motion was seconded by Carlos Arellano, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

VII. New Business

Chair Cleveland announced that the committee will be discussing a zoning text amendment (Ordinance 2020-10) to allow covered arenas in Winding Trails. Winding Trails is Subarea F of the Equestrian Overlay Zoning District, which was created in 2017. Winding Trails has just 9 lots, most of which have yet to be sold. Tricia Holloway, the applicant, stated that she has realized that people won't buy any of the lots because there aren't covered arenas allowing them to ride all year round.

After discussing Ordinance 2020-10 to allow covered arenas in Subarea F of the EOZD and hearing from the applicant, Chair Cleveland opened the item to public comment.

Hope Greenfield of Aero Club called into the meeting, stating that she would consider purchasing a property in Winding Trails, but only if covered arenas are allowed to be built. She then asked what the issues are with allowing covered arenas.

Chair Cleveland closed public comments and the committee gave final remarks.

Dr. Kristy Lund made a motion to approve the zoning text amendment to allow for covered arenas in Winding Trails (EPA Subarea F). Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 members voting yay, and 2 members (Annabelle Garrett and Glen Fleischer) abstaining.

VIII. Staff Comments

Michael O'Dell stated that staff have been working on updating the Comprehensive Plan Equestrian element, and that it will be brought forward to the committee in either July or August. Final approval of the Comprehensive Plan will take place in February 2021. The Equestrian element addresses entire issues that the committee addressed in the Equestrian Plan of Action.

IX. Board Comments

Jane Cleveland asked if there was any update on the provision that the committee voted on in February to allow for the EPC to be involved in review of Special Use permits involving development orders with conditions that have not been satisfied. Michael O'Dell replied that he would inform the committee when these permits are scheduled to go to council. He reminded the committee that the process for approving seasonal equestrian permits is outlined in Article 5 of the Land Development Regulations. These permits are reviewed by council.

Dr. Kristy Lund then asked why the Village took the horse symbol off of new signs along Forest Hill Boulevard. O'Dell responded that it was Council's direction, and that he thinks they will remain on signs within the Equestrian Preserve Area.

Glen Fleischer then asked what the plan is for future meeting as far as in person versus Zoom. O'Dell responded that we are currently under a governor's order to socially distance. He said he hopes that we can meet in person in July, but we will remain conducting committee meetings through Zoom until further notice.

X. Public Comments

There were no public comments

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Jane Cleveland, Chair

D.J. Helkowski, Recording Secretary