

Wellington Garden Club
Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting
Date: October 2, 2019 - 9:30 am
Wellington Community Center

Attendees: Alison Albury, Kate Kouba, Twig Morris, Carol Ralph, Diane Rice, Barbara Ricksen, Dee Rolfe, Deb Russell, Kathy Schneider, Danese Sloan-Kendall, Maria Wolfe, Barbara Zenker, Bobbie Ziegler

Absent: JoAnn Akins, Evvy Bartley, Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, Carol Coleman, Linda DeSanti, Lisa Ferrano, Maxine Fisher, Larry Grosser, Barbara Hadsell, Kathy Hernicz, Carol Lazzarino, Tina Becker, Adele Rubin, Harriet Samuels, Jan Seagrave, John Siena, Kathy Siena, Janet Stein, Jim Thompson, Terrienne Tuskes

- I. Called to Order at 9:34am.
- II. Established a quorum
 - A. Silenced all cell phones
 - B. Committee members who will approve minutes of this meeting are Barbara Ricksen and Alison Albury.

III. Officer Reports

- A. **President's Report** – Vacant Chair - Spring Luncheon - we are still looking for a chair person for the spring luncheon. There is documentation from previous chairs to help in organizing the event. Dee Rolfe agreed to mentor the next chair for the Spring Luncheon.
- B. **Approval of 8/28/2019 BOD minutes** – Twig had corrections Item II -Officers reports – Delete “the chair needs to be an officer” and “the parliamentarian is on this committee plus 3 others”. Also, add an “s” to committee. Also, items E a. – Other, item a. delete February 28 to March 1 will be used to do staging and insert “The Flower Show will be open to the public from Feb 29 – Mar 1. Item E, e. Re Shirts; Alison will contact Helga Mesmer who volunteered last season to handle purchase of more shirts to bring her up to date.
- C. **Treasurer— Danese Sloan-Kendall** – it has been very quiet month and there is not much to report. There were \$207 in expenses and \$2600 in fundraising last month. We have about \$37,000 in our checking account. Danese will have a complete report after she balances the checking account; it will be available for the Oct. 7 membership meeting next week.
- D. **1st Vice President— Maria Wolfe** – the village is continuing to work with Maria on the Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication. Mark your calendars – On Monday, November 11, very early in the morning at 8:15 we will be in front of Village Hall close to Forest Hill Boulevard. The dedication will take place at 8:30. The club will not be part of the parade. The Garden Club will be part of the presentation.
- E. **2nd Vice President – Maria spoke in John Siena's** absence. The speaker this month is Lance Osborne from the U.F. He will speak on pests in our gardens.
- F. **Corresponding Secretary – Kate Kouba** - One sorrow. Tim Hadsell's brother passed away.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Articles of Association** – no report
- B. **Finance** – no report

- C. **Newsletter – Tina** unable to attend. Maria reminded everyone that submissions are due by 10-15-2019.
- D. **Website – Carol Ralph** – reported on how many people are looking at our website. See attached reports. Carol will look for the page which shows member log-ins.

V. **Special Committee Reports**

- A. **Holiday Luncheon –Barbara Zenker** asked for help with preparing the raffle baskets. Barbara will be requesting help at the Oct 7, 2019 meeting.
- B. **Special Fund Raisers** — no report
- C. **Membership – Alison Albury** – see attached report. We now have 131 members.
- D. **Youth Activities— Janet Stein** in charge of NGC/FFGC Youth Contests and she is absent. Award Apps - Twig Morris is in charge of awards and they are not due until the end of November.
- E. Other - **Youth Gardens** – postponed until the October 30 BOD meeting.
- F. **Petite Flower Show – Twig** – See attached report and copy of budget submitted. See motion by Kate Kouba that at the Nov 4th membership meeting Taylor Basnight come with plants to sell for the Petite Garden Show; Deb Russell seconded. Approved.
 - a. Books on miniatures - Discussion, but nothing decided – don't have enough information.
 - b. Budget is finalized. Insurance for 4 days is included in budget.
- G. **Wekiva** – There are two \$200 fees that were not used by the campers. The program we paid for was not presented during 2019 camping weeks, specifically when Stormi Bivin was present. Therefore, the BOD voted at the 8/28/19 meeting to specify that this money be donated for the Building Fund at Wekiva.

The second \$200 was for a camper that was unable to attend during the 2019 summer camping season. Wekiva has returned this to WGC and Jan has received the refund. This \$200.00 will be returned to the Campership Fund. No decision by the BOD is necessary.

Deb Russell explained that the building that burned is a combination office and nurses' quarters which is well used. There is a building fund that has been established and Deb will get more info on that.
- H. **Environmental – Diane Rice** – See attached report and “Letter to the Editor” regarding Wellington Preserves and council meeting on Monday evening, October 7, 2019. There was discussion about how involved Wellington Garden Club should get. Diane will make a 3-minute presentation to the membership meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **Panther Ridge – Kate Kouba** – Judy Berens needs shade trees and she hasn't decided on the tree that she wants. Kate is looking at 30 gallon trees. It is costly to purchase and plant the trees. This is still under investigation. Maria suggested we contract Mark Unger, Landmark Tree Service. Twig suggested we wait until Arbor Day, January 17, to plant and get the youth involved which may lead to a possible award. It would be approximately \$250 to plant and deliver over the cost of the tree.

- b. **Tee Shirts – Alison Albury** talked about new club shirts. She will bring them to the meeting on Oct 7, 2019. She would like to get approval from the board so she can purchase the shirts while there is a sale. Twig made a motion that Alison Albury contact Chris Tiner and if Chris is unable to do the embroidery, Alison will proceed with the shirts as she had planned. Bobbie Ziegler seconded. Approved. Copies of pics will go out with agenda.
- VII. **New Business – Dee Rolfe** – Wellington Magazine included 4 or 5 articles (one was about Panther Ridge). They were well written and great that they wrote about the animal shelters.
- VIII. Announcements – **Kathy Schneider – reported on Tree Planting** – 3000 trees. We were very well represented with many young children. Brian Hopper was involved.
- IX. Adjourn – 11:37AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ralph

Recording Secretary

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Twig (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

B. Bobbi Ziegler
~~Barbara Ziegler~~ (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

Alison Turner re: embroidery
Contact Chris, if no, then
Alison can proceed with
project as she had
planned

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Barbara Ziegler (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Alison Aubury (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

to Except mens
as amended

Motion Form

Who is making this motion?

Kate Kouba (Print Name)

Who seconded this motion?

Debi Russell (Print Name)

Write detailed motion:

I make a motion that on the
Nov 4th meeting Taylor Basnight
come with plants to sell for the
petite garden show.

Daily Statistics for September 2019

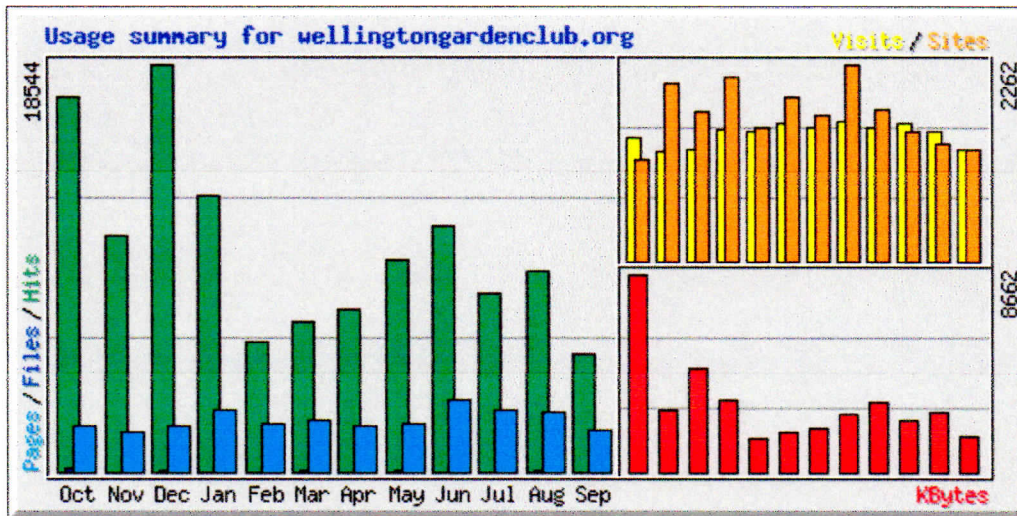
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Membership Report for the Board Meeting, October 2, 2019

Alison Albury, Membership Chair

The membership committee has been well placed with everyone having their own set of responsibilities. Karin Teston is in charge of name tags and is presently investigating a stronger type of name tag that will hold up better with use. We tried Lanyards but these tangle easily in the retrieval of tags at the meeting's end.

Joy Smith will be away for the upcoming meeting. We will be sure to substitute someone to run the gauntlet with the basket.

Sharon Millette and Carolyn Lowe man the front table for membership applications and guest cards. They are old hands at this job and need very little direction.

Adele Rubin will be handling the mentoring assignments for new members and hopefully will follow up with each assigned mentor. We plan to hold a 'new members' meeting later in the year or early next year.

Kimberly Helms will continue as last year making the little shell gifts for presenting to each new member. In the past, the membership chairman gave out this gift, but if it is ok with the President, Alison would be happy if she would do the honors. Alison will talk to Jan about this.

SHIRTS

Alison offered to take up the ordering of WGC shirts. Two samples are presented at this meeting for approval. The only difference is that "Member FFGC" has been omitted since this line of lettering appeared to crowd the logo itself. The Queensboro Shirt Company has been selected to produce these polo shirts: pink v-neck for ladies; v-neck with buttons in navy for men. The shirts are 50/50 with wicking ability to keep the wearer cool and comfortable.

After discussion, Alison would like to ask the Board to approve the logo and style. Also, how to handle the purchase and proceeds from sales. Once established, she will proceed to bring this to the club's attention at a general monthly meeting.

Other notes: (TOTAL OF 131 members)

WGC BOARD MEETING

10.2.19

FLOWER SHOW STATUS REPORT

- Kick-off meeting on September 25 was attended by approximately 20 members
- An overview of the show and the various committees was presented
- Questions were answered and suggestions made by members regarding design and botanical arts workshops, horticulture requirements, etc.
- Distributed handouts with workshop dates. All dates posted on WGC website. First workshop on Saturday, November 16 from 10:30 to 12:30 PM
- Attendees were interested and seemed excited about helping with the show
- Budget has been finalized and sent to Danese. Only \$800 profit is shown in the budget, but it is hoped the profit will meet or exceed the \$2,600 profit of the 2018 show.
- Additional 1M liability insurance is required by the Mall for the four days the club will be using the Mall premises. An estimate of \$300 for this coverage is included in the budget. Danese will advise exact amount when she contacts the club's insurance company.
- The show schedule is progressing nicely and will be finalized in the next few weeks. A draft will be posted on the WGC website when it is ready.
- Carol and I are filling spots for committee chairs. If we call you, please say 'yes'.
- May have a vendor to bring dwarf plants to November meeting. Is that OK?

Floral Design and Botanical Arts Workshops

PLEASE NOTE: The workshop times listed in your Yearbook have changed. The schedule below is the corrected information. All workshops will be held in the 360° Studio at the Wellington Green Mall.

- ✓ **Floral Design** – Saturday, November 16 from 10:30 AM -12:30 PM
- ✓ **Floral Design** – Saturday, December 7 from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- ✓ **Botanical Arts** – Saturday, December 7 from 1-3 PM
- ✓ **Floral Design** – Saturday, January 11 from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- ✓ **Botanical Arts** – Saturday, January 11 from 1-3 PM
- ✓ **Floral Design** – Saturday, February 15 from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

October 3, Board of Directors Meeting

4 messages

Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 8:15 AM

To: Diane@pbccleanup.info

Cc: Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>

Hi Diane,

The report that you sent to me was for the October 7 membership meeting.

I also need your report for the October 3 BOD meeting,

Please send asap.

I am working on the October 3 minutes at this time. Thank you.

Carol

Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 8:34 AM

To: Diane@pbccleanup.info

Cc: Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>

I have your "letter to the editor" from the Town Crier. Is that basically what you used at the meeting?

Carol R

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diane@pbccleanup.info <diane@pbccleanup.info>

Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 2:03 PM

To: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Cc: Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>, carolcoleman <taxi44480@aol.com>

Dear Carol,

The board meeting was about this attached email blast that was sent to all the WGC asking for support on the Wellington Preserves. The discussion was whether or not I should represent WGC when I give my 3 minute talk to the Village of Wellington meeting. Most of the board members were inclined to believe that I should speak out on behalf of WGC due to the fact it represents our mission – outreach to the youth and environmental protection. This is the mission of the District X, the State FFGC and National Garden Clubs.

Then Jan Seagrave called me on Sunday afternoon and asked that I do not represent WGC until there is a policy change. So, at the Village of Wellington meeting — I spoke on representing myself as a 30 year resident and Carol Coleman spoke on representing District X, the state FFGC and the national garden club


- NGC.

By the way, you have not heard anything about the outcome of the vote --- because there was no vote. The developer wanted to resubmit at a later date --- probably when no one was looking as my article was in the town crier and parts of my article was in twice in the Palm Beach Post - Thursday Oct. 3 and Monday - Oct. 7 and I was televised by local CBS at 5 PM on Monday - Oct. 7th ---- all within 5 days.

Thank you for all your hard work. If I were you --- I would just submit the attachment and include these notes for better understanding.

Diane

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Twig Morris <twig_morris@hotmail.com>

Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 2:15 PM

To: "diane@pbccleanup.info" <diane@pbccleanup.info>

Cc: Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>, Janet Seagrave <jflygirl@bellsouth.net>, carolcoleman <taxi44480@aol.com>

What policy change?

Twig

Sent from my iPhone

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Wellington Preserves at the Wellington Mall Needs You to Protect It

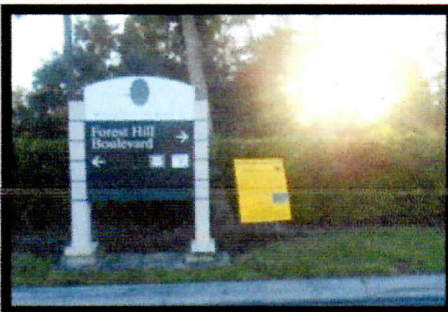
by Diane Rice

“ This Earth is on Fire “ is how Greta Thunberg addressed the UN Embassy on Sept. 20th when discussing Global Warming. And her message resonated with nine year old Elbridge Gale Elementary student Skylar Peterson-as reported by CBS- who wants others to join him at Wellington Council meeting on Monday-October 7, 2019 at 7 PM and explain to the Village council why the approximate 32 acres of deeded preserve land (one deeded Forever Preserve) should not be rezoned.

You can see the first tract while traveling on Forest Hill from Village Hall to the mall. Here you can enjoy a nice relaxing tree canopy before you start to see Starbucks and the Vitamin store. The intended use if re-zoned is for another restaurant. And this makes you wonder why can't the business establishment use the empty store buildings behind Starbucks. At least two building spaces are now unoccupied as shown.



The other tract is across the street from CMX Wellington Mall Theater. The intended use if re-zoned is for more housing. Already built here is the Axis, a nursing home and a rehab facility. And as shown below next to the lovely canopy is Wellington Bay- luxury senior living housing development expected to have units available in summer 2021. So why not leave this preserve for the birds to habitat.



Skylar brought all 25 of the letters from his class to village council person Tanya Siskind who listened to his concerns . She says their opinions will be considered when the proposal comes to a final vote on October 7th. OMG - final vote is on Monday, October 7th.

I believe as Wellington Garden Club members we need to be fulfilling our mission of instilling in our youth the love of gardening and the respect and protection of our environment and support Skylar Peterson along with his class mates in asking the Village of Wellington council members to keep all our deeded preserve lands intact for the birds to habitat. We start this support by attending the Oct. 7 meeting - 7PM.

We can further support him by writing to each of the council members and phoning them about environmental concerns. Our young people are asking for our help. Our birds - which are now a billion fewer then 40 years ago -- see link -- are asking for our help. And most important , Mother Earth is asking for our help.



Village of Wellington

12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414

Legislation Text

File #: PZ-0194, Version: 1

ITEM: Ordinance No. 2019 - 08 Wellington Green (Tract W-5) Comprehensive Plan Amendment

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL, AMENDING THE WELLINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (PETITION NUMBER 2019-05 CPA 3) BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM CONSERVATION TO REGIONAL COMMERCIAL/LARGE SCALE MULTIPLE USE (RC/LSMU) FOR A PORTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS WELLINGTON GREEN TRACT W-5, TOTALING 8.59 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MILE WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROAD 7 AND LIME DRIVE, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PUBLIC HEARING: YES

QUASI-JUDICIAL: YES

SUMMARY: The petitioner is seeking a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) to change the Future Land Use Map designation for an 8.59 acre portion of Wellington Green Tract W-5 totaling 17.62 acres from Conservation to Regional Commercial/Large Scale Multiple Use (RC/LSMU).

The request is to use an 8.59 acre portion of Tract W-5 for development of 185 multi-family residential units for expansion of the approved 273 unit multi-family residential development know as Axis Luxury Apartments (Wellington Green PUD Pod "C"). A total of 9.03 acres of Tract W-5 will remain as Conservation (wetland) and will be refurbished to enhance the quality of the existing wetlands.

The petitioner is also seeking a supportive Master Plan Amendment.

Help Protect Wellington Preserves

"This Earth is on fire" is how Greta Thunberg addressed the United Nations on Sept. 20 when discussing global warming. And her message resonated with nine-year-old Elbridge Gale Elementary School student Skylar Peterson, as reported by WPEC CBS Channel 12, who wants others to join him at the Wellington Village Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. and explain to the council why the approximate 32 acres of deeded preserve land (one deeded forever preserve) should not be rezoned.

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Skylar brought all 25 of the letters from his class to Councilman Tanya Siskind, who listened to his concerns. She said their opinions will be considered when the proposal comes to a vote on Monday, Oct. 7.

Come to think of it, it is going to take all voices of school children from elementary to college to affect change to be more environmental. So, we are having two contests on what school has the most turnout on Oct. 7. The first will be from 5 to 6 p.m. near the Starbucks/Vitamin Shoppe, and the second will be from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. at the eternal flame at Wellington's Patriot Memorial. Here is your chance to use Facebook and other social media to make a difference. If we have more than 2,000 people — school children and Wellington residents — mail a letter, phone, protest and attend the meeting, then we will make that change.

Diane Rice
Wellington

Beware Mall Land Use Change

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the Wellington Village Council. A copy was sent to the Town-Crier for publication.

Dear Mayor and Council:

In your deliberations regarding your approval/disapproval of the land use change at the Mall at Wellington Green, I would ask you to give weighted consider-

ations to two important factors:

1. The current land use designation was agreed to as part of the approval process to build the mall in the first place. When is an agreement an agreement? It is when two parties shake hands and walk away happy with the outcome. Let's walk away still happy with the land use deal we made years ago.

2. Please keep in mind your role as duly elected representatives of the people of Wellington to continue to represent us in managing the business of our village. What do the people of the village want? I do not believe anyone on our council should be thinking that they were elected to represent the special interests of those interested only in making money for themselves. If you are focused only on added tax revenue, I would ask that you take a long, hard look at the expense for this added revenue. These expenses will include habitat loss and the loss of confidence in our council to properly represent "the people."

Trusting you will seriously reflect on doing the people's business!

Joseph Manning
Wellington

Levee Failures, Not Katrina Flooded New Orleans

Editor's note: The following letter is in response to the article "Lox Census Committee Sets Goal

to Count All Residents in 2020" published Sept. 20.

Ron Buckley wrote this in his story: "[Mayor Robert] Shorr said he learned at a recent Palm Beach County League of Cities meeting that New Orleans is still suffering due to a gross census undercount in 2010, after Hurricane Katrina flooded the city in 2005." New Orleans was flooded due to the federal levee failures.

Wendy King
New Orleans

We Need Healthcare Reform

I couldn't agree more with the experience of 25 or so industrialized countries of the world. Yep, we stand alone as the only nation without universal healthcare. We are the only nation that puts profits ahead of healthcare. We rank 26th in the world in patient outcome and behind Cuba in infant mortality.

I worked about 40 years in the healthcare field, in charge of five professional departments, passing hospital accreditation with no recommendations for improvement and rose to administrator on call. It has been my experience that hospitals are generally more interested in bottom-line politics than they are in individuals getting well.

Creating a healthcare system that would better serve patients would, in my opinion, stop some of the egregious price gouging so prevalent in our healthcare system, and the idea that healthcare is a

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