

## BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES December 12, 2018

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Matt Champagne (Chairman), Kelly Austin (Vice Chair), Rick Yorman, Paul Bickford (Secretary), Marvin Macedo, Harrold Robinson, Gracie Turley, Lloyd Walker.

**Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance:** Tom Judson, David Brandenburg, Leia Bush, Jerry Hover, Kim Carlson

**Management Liaisons in Attendance:** Rick Echols, Chris Fuller

**Guests Present:** Several POA members

**Call to Order:** Matt Champagne called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Eight committee members were present.

#### **Additions/deletions to the Agenda:**

**Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the October 2018 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

#### **POA Board Member Liaison Comments:**

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- Yorman asked about how the POA Board responded to the Lakes JAC request to limit the number of guests of dependents members as well as the wake boat issue. *Tom* responded by saying, decisions were postponed pending lake ranger input via future observations and more time to study the issues.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> the Board approved the 2019 budget to keep increased funding necessary to support the same number of lake rangers as 2018.
- *Tom* Responded to Matt's, off the cuff question, regarding the POA east side stump dump fire by saying the POA is trying to help as much as possible, even though the dump was closed December 2016, and sold at a later date by Blue Mountain Storage to Brown's Tree Service.
- The POA has budgeted \$100,000 to hire FTN engineering to study and make recommendations on how to deal with past, present and future stump dump issues.
- The POA will cooperate with the ADEQ (AR Dep of Environmental Quality) and EPA on their recommendations.
- A citizen meeting was held recently about the stump dump fire, and most of the questions were directed to the fire department; therefore, the city has taken the primary lead on the issue.
- Matt raised the question about how the stump dump fire water run-off could potentially affect Lake Ann and *Echols* responded by saying this a concern and under study.

Rick Echols - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Superintendent -

- Completed the monthly water quality analysis lake and stream sampling.
- Rangers made 713 member and guest contacts last month.
- High winds overturned port-a-pottys and some required a thorough cleaning.
- A Port-a-potty will be placed at Lomond Tiree.

- Winsor Lake draw-down is complete at about 76”.
- One of the two Winsor gates was inoperable during the drawdown but now operational.
- Working on a logo design and signage for the Marina opening in March. *Echols* is creating inventory orders and selecting vendors for products.
- After the first of the year, efforts will begin to hire and train three part-time Marina employees.
- High wind events disturbed Marina docks which required mooring cables to be adjusted.
- Owners of two boats that broke away in the high winds were contacted.
- Opening a sale through February 15<sup>th</sup> on the Marina, new uncovered slip leases only, reducing the price from \$880 to \$600.

**Old Business:** Lakes JAC Committee members volunteered 16 hours since the October meeting.

### **Open Forum:**

- Question asked about Winsor dredging and *Echols* said this effort is almost complete at London Landing. Boulders were added along the adjacent bank to help keep the bank from sluffing off. As a result, had to extend the ramp a couple of feet toward the dock; therefore the ramp is a little wider. Also removed the big gravel bar from the other side.
- The gravel bars will be removed at Pontoon Park and goose/snake Island.
- Home owners can obtain permits to make repairs to their lake walls or docks.
- Dredged material cannot be legally sold.
- Question asked if the ramp drop-off at Lake Brittany will be adjusted and *Echols* replied that gravel will be first used to help with the problem.
- Question asked about the wake board issue and wanted to know the status. *Tom* responded by saying the issues are being monitored and under study and recommendations could result sometime in 2019.
- *Echols* stated that a new wake boat category has been added to boat registrations that hopefully will aid the monitoring and managing future wake boat issues.
- *Echols* guessed that between 10 and 20 wake board boats are used on lakes and would like to contact and work with these owners to help solve issues rather than invoke penalties.
- *Tom* stated that if one observes a violation of boating rules, please call the (Lakes and Parks Dept. 855-5148) immediately and report the incident and lake rangers will address the possible violation ASAP.
- *Echols* stated residents requested more buoys be added and he responded saying that present buoys purposes are not well understood and uninformed boaters; therefore, unintentionally violate boat speed rules. As a result, new buoy signs will be issued stating the range the rules apply.

Chris Fuller - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries –

- Presented a comprehensive, well documented report on Bella Vista lakes water quality using Secchi data collected on all lakes by volunteers over a six month period from April through September.

### **Announcements and next meeting:**

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Village Country Club Board Room at 2 pm on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.