THE TOWN OF
Windermere

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Gregg Anderson
Secretary: Lloyd Woosley
George DuBois
George Roat
Frank Krens
Stephen Lewis
Paul Pantozzi
Council Liaison: Tom Stroup

Agenda ***Agenda***

July 24, 2025
6:00 PM

TOWN HALL
520 MAIN STREET
WINDERMERE, FL 34786

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AGENDA

1. THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR

2. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT (3-Minute Minimum)

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Planned/Budgeted Town of Windermere Project Updates (John Fitzgibbon)

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2025 meeting (attached)

b. Tree Board Update on Town Square Improvements Plan and Fieldtrip – Frank Krens

c. Pocket Park Project

d. Relocation of Gate at 5th Avenue Park

e. LRP Committee Resizing and Member Resignations

f. Potential Agenda Items for Next Meeting

g. Confirmation of Remaining 2025 Committee Meeting Dates

5. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Next Meeting - Thursday, August 28 @ 6:00pm

6. ADJOURN

Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee

Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2025

1. **THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER –** Chair Gregg Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with a quorum in place.

Committee Members Present: Gregg Anderson, Frank Krens, Stephen Lewis**,** Paul Pantozzi**,** George Roat, and Lloyd Woosley

Town Officials Present: Councilman Tom Stroup, Town Engineer John Fitzgibbon, and Town Manager Robert Smith (via telephone)

2. **OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT (3-Minute Maximum)** – None

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

    a. **Comments on the Comprehensive Plan –** Robert Smith reported that the draft plan has been submitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity. Gregg asked if any of LRP's comments were incorporated into the plan, specifically mentioning the recommendation for installation of underground power lines. Robert said that the committee's comments were included in the comment section in the plan. A lengthy discussion followed about protecting the Butler Chain of Lakes, an Outstanding Florida Water. Lloyd stated that he reads all the minutes from the monthly Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Council meetings and will report back to committee about any items or issues that warrant action by the LRP committee.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

    a. **Septic to Sewer (STS) –** John Fitzgibbon gave an overview of the technical and financial challenges of STS for the town. With funding from a $340,000 state grant, a series of meetings have been held over the past 1.5 years with the Orange County Utilities Department and consultants. Initial estimates are about $5 million for engineering design and analysis, and $90 million for construction. John said that this clearly is not economically feasible for our small town. Lloyd pointed out that the recently completed updated study of water-quality conditions of the Butler Chain of Lakes, conducted by Harvey Harper's firm, Environmental Research and Design, revealed that the chain of lakes are being more adversely affected by other sources of nutrients, specifically muck in the lakes (internal recycling of nutrients), discharges of runoff from golf courses and residential property treated with reclaimed wastewater (treated effluent), and stormwater runoff. Ground-water inflow to the lakes, which includes septic tank leachate, was shown to not represent

a significant source of nutrients to the lakes. A cost-benefit analysis would not support the large investment in STS.

b. **Town of Windermere project updates –** Robert summarized his and John's recent meeting with the FDOT concerning approval for the trail pedestrian bridge. The discussion was very eye opening and several hurdles must be overcome. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled.

5. **NEXT MEETING ON June 26, 2025**

6. **ADJOURN –** With no further business, moved to adjourn, seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.