RESOLUTION NO. 07-02-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE PARK TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING EFFORTS BY THE TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES AND NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROCEED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHAIN OF LAKES, THE OCEAN TO TRAILS INITIATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A BOAT LIFT AT THE C51 CANAL S155 CONTROL STRUCTURE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, known as the "Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969," authorizes local governments to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities that will harmonize geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, the desire of our sister cities to develop recreational opportunities, encourage economic development, and create new jobs within their regional area while enhancing the environmental attributes of their communities should be commended; and

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) created ***The Intracoastal Waterway Plan for Palm Beach County: Charting a Course for the Future*** ('09 Charrette) for the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) published in January 2009; and

WHEREAS, the '09 Charrette participants identified six core public themes including increasing public access to the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW), protecting natural resources, expanding all forms of water based transportation, and promoting sustainable economics; and

WHEREAS, the MPO requested the '09 Charrette be updated by TCRPC and their report was published in January 2015 which documented that a connection to the

ICW at the S155 Control Structure on the C51 Canal would have significant economic and recreational benefit; and

WHEREAS, the C51 Canal is connected to a 26 mile chain of freshwater lakes (Pine Lake, Lake Clarke, Lake Osborne, Lake Eden and Lake Ida) and navigable canals within our regional area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park supports improvements to the C51 Canal that would enhance the recreational uses of the ICW, C51 Canal, and the Chain of Lakes and provide for new economic opportunities and job creation; and

WHEREAS, a connection between the ICW and the C51 Canal at the S155 Control Structure would provide for economic development, job creation and recreational enhancement. The connection has been referred to as the "Boat Lift" and is estimated to provide significant economic benefit to the regional area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park recognizes a significant environmental resource in the canals and lakes that must be protected and improved; and

WHEREAS, the Boat Lift provides for environmental enhancement to the waterways, safe and effective portage opportunities for non-motorized recreational watercraft, and small motorized boats to access the ICW; and

WHEREAS, the current President of the Palm Beach County (PBC) League of Cities has created an initiative called Ocean to Lake Trails focused on enhancement of the land and water trail system from the Ocean to the Lake Okeechobee Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean to Lake Trails Committee of the PBC League of Cities has identified the Boat Lift and the associated improvements to the ICW and the C-51 as vital to that Ocean to Lake Trails initiative; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Commissioner, Shelley Vana, hosted a regional visioning session, where redevelopment was the number one priority for this area of Palm

Beach County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKE PARK TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: The Town of Lake Park Commission fully acknowledges and supports the following:

A. Recreational opportunities, economic development and environmental enhancement which occur within the partner municipalities are beneficial to the regional area and ultimately to the Town of Lake Park; and

B. The efforts of the partner municipalities to proceed with improvements to the chain of lakes, the Ocean to Lake Trails initiative and development of a boat lift at the C51 canal and the S155 control structure.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Flaherty who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rapoza and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR JAMES DUBOIS	✓	
VICE-MAYOR KIMBERLY GLAS-CASTRO	✓	
COMMISSIONER ERIN FLAHERTY	✓	
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'ROURKE	✓	
COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN RAPOZA	✓	

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 07-02-16 duly passed and adopted this 17 day of February, 2016.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

BY: _____
JAMES DUBOIS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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VIVIAN MENDEZ
TOWN CLERK

(TOWN SEAL)

TOWN OF LAKE PARK SEAL FLORIDA

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY: _____
THOMAS J. BAIRD
TOWN ATTORNEY