

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
APRIL 22, 2019 AT 5:15 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Macaluso at 5:15 p.m.

Present: John Macaluso, Chairman
Kristine Cunningham
Nancy Vaughn
Philip Klema
Newton White
Derek LaMontagne

Absent: Joseph Fazzie

Also Present: Tim Burman, Community Development Director
Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager
Briana Conlan-King, Community Development Planner
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - March 20, 2019

Motion to approve the March 20, 2019 minutes as presented was made by Member Cunningham and Seconded by Member Vaughn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Single Use Plastic Straw Use in Port Orange

Alan Rosen, Assistant City Manager, and the Youth Leadership Program members Amelia Bonjour, Alyssa Christen and Emma Dominguez presented the history of straws, how they end up in our environment, the effect plastics have on our environment and health, and different alternatives. The program members interviewed local businesses to figure out what types of straws they use and discuss alternatives to single use plastics. They provided recommendations to the Board such as leading by example, providing straws only upon request or a complete ban on plastic straws. The Youth Leadership program members responded to comments and answered questions from the Board.

4. Resolution relating to List of Trees

Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager, gave a recap of the previous changes and asked the Board for any comments or changes they have for the updated

resolution after looking through the list. Member Vaughn requested the ground covers Sensitive Mimosa, Ornamental Peanut and Dune Sunflower be added to the list because they need less water and less fertilizer.

Motion to approve the Resolution for Landscape Material as amended was made by Member White and Seconded by Member Cunningham. Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Member Klema and Member LaMontagne voting no.

5. Environmental Summit

Chairman Macaluso would like to create an environmental summit to discuss water, air, and other environmental issues regarding neighboring cities and industries. Chairman Macaluso requested this be a repeat item for the meeting agendas.

6. Planning for a booth at Family Days

Chairman Macaluso stated Jake Johannsson, City Manager, is in support of an informative booth for Fall Family Days. He asked that this item be continued to the July 22 meeting, with a potential special meeting after that to properly prepare.

7. Meeting Schedule/Board Member Attendance

Chairman Macaluso would like to increase the number of meetings to 6 meetings a year instead of the current 4. He would like to add an additional meeting in December and discuss the additional 2 meetings for the 2020 calendar year at that time.

Member Vaughn made a motion to change the number of meetings to 6 meetings a year, with the 2 new meetings being at 4:00pm to accommodate staff and Seconded by Member White. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Sigmund, citizen, is working on updating ground covers for Volusia County.

Robert Reinhagen, citizen, asked if the Land Development Code regarding the space required between the road and specimen trees has been updated. Tim Burman, Community Development Director, said it has.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Vaughn asked staff about the lack of a 20ft natural buffer for Self-Storage on Airport Rd and Williamson Blvd. Mr. Burman responded that while much of their tree preservation is on the backside of the property, they will be required to have some sort of natural buffer along the roadway. She also inquired about the language in the Tree Ordinance that

allows for the tree mitigation bank money to be allowed for irrigation and if that can be revisited. Mr. Burman suggested that if the Board revisits the topic of renaming the Tree Mitigation Bank, they bring any other recommendations for changes to the Tree Ordinance to Council at the same time.

Member Klema asked for a comprehensive discussion at the next meeting about the preemptive state legislations that will affect local legislation.

Member White announced he is stepping down from the Environmental Advisory Board to pursue his realty career and thanks the Board for his time served.

Member LaMontagne also announced his term has come to an end and he has decided not to pursue reappointment. He touched on some projects he felt are unfinished and would like to see completed in the future.

Chairman Macaluso expressed his desire to see the EAB someday become more influential, even potentially become a Commission. He also informed the Board about the Earth Day celebrations at Riverwalk park on April 28, 2019. Chairman Macaluso would like clarification in the future about what the City does and does not recycle.

Tim Burman informed the Board that there is currently \$36,474 in the tree mitigation bank.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

8. Next Meeting Date: July 22, 2019

9. Items for Next Agenda

Information from Public Works on ground covers, maintenance and tree pruning

Planning for a booth at Family Days

Environmental Summit

Update on Preemptive Legislation

F. ADJOURNMENT – 7:11pm



Chairman John Macaluso