

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 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
Philip Klema
Christina Berry
Jonathan Foley
Michael Anderson

Absent: Nancy Vaughn (excused)

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - April 22, 2019

Motion to approve the March 20, 2019 minutes as presented was made by Member Foley and Seconded by Member Klema.

Member Cunningham stated that it was not her who spoke about the Self-Storage buffer in the April 22, 2019 meeting it was Member Vaughn.

*Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Member Foley and Seconded by Member Klema.
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

3. Information from Public Works on Ground Covers, Maintenance and Tree Pruning

Lynn Stevens, Public Works/Utilities Director, and Ronny Buttrum, Deputy Public Works Director, provided information to the Board about how the City maintains some of the trees, but that tree trimming is contracted out by the City. Ms. Stevens also provided an update on the success of the Raintree tree removal.

Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager, answered questions from the Board about different grass types that the City can try planting and suggested working with Public Works to find something that works.

4. Planning for a Booth at Family Days

Chairman Macaluso read member Vaughn's comments into the record and talked about the pros and cons of different types of straws.

Ms. Stevens informed the Board they are working on changing a few things with their recycling program and would be happy to bring a presentation to the next scheduled meeting. They will provide some flyers and fridge magnets to be passed out at the Family Days booth.

Member Anderson asked about the possibility of getting bags with the city logo and information about recycling on them. Member Foley is going to provide example options to the Clerk's office to distribute to the Board.

Chairman Macaluso requested a special meeting August 20, 2019 at 4pm to discuss this item further, receive a presentation about the City's recycling, and schedule the extra 2 meetings.

Ms. Stevens suggested checking out some of the water treatment plants websites, such as the St. Johns Water Management District, for some information and brochures to pass out as well.

5. Environmental Summit

Chairman Macaluso requested to table this item to discuss the Legislation instead. He requested this be a repeat item for the meeting agendas.

6. Update on Preemptive Legislation

Tim Burman, Community Development Director, provided information on House legislation regarding tree removal on private property and what the City can do to protect the trees. The Board asked for further discussion on this item once everyone had a chance to look it over.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Derek LaMontagne, citizen, suggested putting the link to the City's website about recycling on the bag with the logo. Mr. LaMontagne informed the Board about the removal of the trees at Riverwalk property.

Peter Sigmund, citizen, discussed the benefits of composting that could help with some recycling issues.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Cunningham asked about the possibility of acquiring some money from Volusia Forever to purchase land to preserve more trees.

Member Foley is excited for the opportunity to serve. He also commended the Spruce Creek Envirothon that was recently recognized at the last regular City Council meeting. He asked about the possibility of the Environmental Advisory Board getting a Facebook page.

Mr. Burman informed the Board about the new City Manager's conference table that was constructed using the Booth's Bowery tree that was taken down two years ago. He also informed the Board that the Tree Mitigation Bank is currently at \$26,942.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

7. Next Meeting Date: October 28, 2019

8. Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda

Discussion on House Bill No. 1159

Viewing of New Development Activity Report

Environmental Summit

Updated on how Family Days went, and Preparation for next Family Days

F. ADJOURNMENT – 6:27pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Macaluso', is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman John Macaluso