

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 28, 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
Nancy Vaughn
Kristine Cunningham
Philip Klema
Jonathan Foley

Absent: Michael Anderson (unexcused)
Christina Berry (unexcused)

Also Present: Tim Burman, Community Development Director
Melanie Schmotzer, Community Development Review Technician
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - July 22, 2019

Motion to approve the July 22, 2019 minutes as presented was made by Member Cunningham and Seconded by Member Vaughn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Consideration of Minutes - August 20, 2019

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

4. Viewing of New Development Activity Report

Melanie Schmotzer, Community Development Technician, gave a brief overview of the Development Activity Report interactive map and answered questions from the Board.

Chairman Macaluso asked to skip to item #8 as the representative for the project was present to provide more information.

5. Environmental Summit

Chairman Macaluso requested this be a repeat item for the meeting agendas.

6. Update on Family Days/Preparation for next Family Days

Chairman Macaluso gave an update on Family Days and the discussion with the public on no longer recycling glass in the City. He stated there is a desire from the public to investigate recycling glass again. He asked for an item on the December 2, 2019 agenda to discuss ideas for the Spring Expo at City Center.

7. Discussion on House Bill No. 1159

Mr. Burman provided information on House legislation regarding tree removal on private property and what the City can do to protect the trees.

C. BROWNFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

8. Update on Draft Excavation and Disposal Management Plan per Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement for the 5811 Williamson Boulevard Brownfield Site

Michael Sznajstajler, Attorney for the project, gave a presentation providing an update on the 5811 Williamson Boulevard Site and answered questions from the Board.

Member Cunningham asked about incorporating more native plants to help with irrigation at the site. The developers will continue to look into it.

Member Klema asked about the plume of petroleum from the 7/11 across the street and if they have to remove the contamination or if it's 7/11's responsibility and its influence on the current schedule. Mr. Sznajstailer responded it is 7/11's responsibility to remove their contamination and neither of their schedules should interfere with each other. Member Klema also inquired if 7/11 is receiving any tax incentives for helping clean up the contamination. Mr. Sznajstailer responded no, they do not get to participate in the program as they are the ones responsible for the contamination.

Member Vaughn asked about the requirements for groundwater testing in Brownfield designations. Mr. Sznajstailer responded that it depends on the location of the water table and how far you plan on excavating. They are planning on testing the soil and if that is contaminated, ground water testing is required. Member Vaughn also inquired if it is better to remove the contamination or leave it as is to avoid exacerbating the contamination. Mr. Sznajstailer replied that if done right, it is better to remove the contamination.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Macaluso read from the clean up report from Causeway Park provided to the Board via email.

Member Vaughn asked about the Fysh Bar and Grill plans and if the City can ask for them to plant some mangroves instead of just a hardscape seawall. Mr. Burman will discuss with the applicant to see what can be done.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

8. Next Meeting Date: December 2, 2019

9. Items for Next Agenda

Ideas for the Spring Expo

Environmental Summit

General Update on Down Under (if applicable)

Discussion with 7/11 consultant (if applicable)

F. ADJOURNMENT – 6:50pm

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

Chairman John Macaluso