

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 2, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Macaluso at 4:05 p.m.

Present: John Macaluso, Chairman
Nancy Vaughn
Kristine Cunningham
Philip Klema
Jonathan Foley

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

Also Present: Tim Burman, Community Development Director
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - October 28, 2019

Motion to approve the October 28, 2019 minutes as presented was made by Member Vaughn and Seconded by Member Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Macaluso informed the Board that staff was unable to coordinate with the 7/11 consultant to attend the December 2, 2019 meeting but is attempting to set something up with them for a future meeting.

3. Meeting with Be Floridian Now staff

Megan Martin, Be Floridian Now Coordinator, provided a presentation about their community based social marketing, how to protect Florida's natural resources and answered questions from the Board. Be Floridian Now is an educational outreach program regarding the fertilizer ordinance in Volusia County. Ms. Martin provided a few ideas regarding what individuals can do to reduce fertilizer use and protect our water sources.

4. Environmental Summit

Chairman Macaluso is very interested in the idea of an Environmental Summit with neighboring cities to discuss water, air, and other environmental issues they share. This idea may come back in the future if more time and energy can be invested in it.

5. Ideas for the Spring Expo

The Board discussed possible topics they can present at the Spring Expo booth. Chairman Macaluso suggested presenting information on who the Environmental Advisory Board is and what they do for the City. Member Cunningham suggested providing them information on what the Board can do for the citizens. The Board is interested in getting their own booth, a banner and name tags.

Member Foley is going to draft a document to pass out to citizens at the event containing the information the Board would like to present.

Tim Burman, Community Development Director, suggested providing the information Ms. Martin presented about how to take care of their yards and the benefits of native plants because some people may appreciate and respond to that information and stay to learn more. Mr. Burman is going to reach out to city staff to inquire about obtaining the booth, banner and name tags. The Board is going to provide ideas via email to Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk, to compile and distribute at the next meeting.

6. General Update on Down Under

Mr. Burman provided an update on the work at Down Under. The project has received funding and the first step now is to fix the parking lot. The next step is to plant mangroves, which they hope to do with volunteers in order to make it a community event. The City is working with vendors marketing the signage for the area.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinhagen, citizen, spoke about the requirements in the City for connection to sewer versus septic. He would like the Board to advocate to City Council for all future developments to connect to sewer rather than septic.

Mr. Burman suggested inviting Steve Parnell, Public Utilities Deputy Director, to speak to the Board regarding Septic and Sewer requirements and what the City is currently doing.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Cunningham would like to see the EAB become more proactive and involved in solar programs.

Chairman Macaluso is a believer in term limits and would like to give someone else an opportunity to serve as chair for the year 2020.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

7. Next Meeting Date: January 27, 2019

8. Items for Next Agenda

Discussion on Be Floridian Now Program

F. ADJOURNMENT - 5:30pm



Chairman John Macaluso