

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 17, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Cunningham at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Kristine Cunningham
John Macaluso
Jonathan Foley
Michael Anderson
Philip Klema

Absent: Mike Arminio (unexcused)
Nancy Vaughn (excused)

Also Present: Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager
Ruth Thayne, Administrative Assistant

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - July 27, 2020

Motion to approve the July 27, 2020 minutes as presented was made by Member Macaluso and Seconded by Member Foley. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Recommendation on Single Use Plastics at City Events

Member Foley discussed ideas for alternatives to plastic. He recommended that ideas be sent to Council. Member Macaluso discussed getting a resolution in place, like New Smyrna Beach, for single use plastics. Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager, will get a copy from New Smyrna Beach and this will be a topic on the agenda for the October 26, 2020 meeting for review and discussion.

4. Discussion on Adding Wildlife Crossing Signs

Chair Cunningham discussed areas she noticed could use wildlife crossing signs. Ms. Tomlinson provided information on the cost of signs stating they are about \$60-70 per wildlife sign. Member Cunningham said the biggest concern was between two waterways, and to possibly put a suggestion on where they should go in the Quarterly Newsletter. Member Klema suggested they mention the sign postings at City Council. Chairman Cunningham asked the board if this would benefit the City. Member Anderson felt this does not benefit the City.

5. Creating a Section in the Quarterly Newsletter

The Board discussed options for a section in the Quarterly Newsletter. The board was in favor of a section introducing the EAB with a statement and an email address. Ms. Tomlinson will find out if a central email address is an option. In addition, she spoke with the Information Officer on the submission dates. With any submission, it is suggested that a photo be presented along with any written information.

Member Foley read a short message that could be put in the quarterly newsletter, introducing who the Board is and what they do.

Motion to approve the message for the Quarterly Newsletter as presented was made by Member Anderson and Seconded by Member Macaluso. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinhausen, citizen, spoke about setting up accounts regarding two wells that were contaminated by Wellfield road. He reached out to the City Manager and received no further information. Mr. Reinhausen is looking for the status of these wells.

Derek LaMontagne, citizen, supports the Newsletter idea and the signs for the Wildlife crossing. He would be willing to donate money for this idea and would like to get involved with that. Mr. LaMontagne would like to see future large projects come before this board and not just Community Development. He would like to see a project on planting more foliage around the I-95 interchange for the City, either plants or trees instead of grass for easy maintenance.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Klema inquired if they could ask Lynn Stevens, Public Utilities/Works Director, for the status information of the wells for the next meeting. The Board requested Ms. Tomlinson ask that Ms. Stevens attend the October 26, 2020 meeting to give status information about the wells.

Member Macaluso agreed with Mr. LaMontagne that the EAB should be involved with the large projects. He also agreed the I-95 landscape project is beneficial to the City. Ms. Tomlinson stated that DOT does have a plan to plant on the sloped area. In addition, the City is pursuing a sign on the wall of the underpass/I-95.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

6. Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2020

7. Items for Next Agenda

Information from Public Works on the Contaminated wells at Wellfield Road
Discussion on a Quarterly Newsletter subject for the December edition
Recommendation on Single Use Plastics at City Events

F. ADJOURNMENT – 5:00 p.m.



Chair Kristine Cunningham