

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Mike Arminio (unexcused)

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

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Member Macaluso to nominate Member Cunningham for Chair and Seconded by Member Foley. Member Cunningham accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Member Foley to nominate Member Macaluso for Vice Chairman and Seconded by Chair Cunningham. Member Macaluso accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - October 26, 2020

Motion to approve the October 26, 2020 minutes as presented was made by Member Vaughn and Seconded by Member Anderson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Presentation by the City Forester on Tree City

Steve Edgar, City Forester, provided information on where the City is at regarding trees, where its headed and asked for any feedback from the Board.

Mr. Edgar informed the Board that the City of Port Orange has re-qualified as Tree City USA. He requested the Board recommend to Council that the City add Tree City USA signs below the current City Entrance signs. Mr. Edgar stated that there are funds available in the budget for the signs.

Mr. Edgar announced that Tree City USA is having a Virtual Conference that is available at no cost to all the members of the EAB. He handed out flyers with information for this Conference.

4. Request to Remove Historic Live Oak Tree – 107 Flamingo Drive

Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager, provided a presentation on the request to remove a historic tree at 107 Flamingo Drive and answered questions from the Board.

Carol Reid, Homeowner, and her son Mike Reid spoke regarding the reasons for requesting the tree removal and the damage currently ongoing with the home.

Anthony Tucker, Tucker Outdoor Services, spoke on behalf of the mobile home park owner and stated that they are willing to remove the live oak tree and replace it with the 15 required replacement trees. The park owner was not willing to purchase a new home for the homeowner.

Motion to was made by Vice Chairman Macaluso to recommend to City Council removal of the live oak tree at 107 Flamingo Drive by the mobile home park owner and replace it with the 15 required replacement trees and Seconded by Member Anderson. Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Member Klema voting no.

5. Review Other Cities Stances on Single Use Plastic

This item will be discussed at the next meeting on April 26, 2021.

6. Discussion on a Quarterly Newsletter Subject for Next Edition

No items were discussed. Any articles the Board would like to submit for the Newsletter will be sent to Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk, or the City Clerk's office.

7. Environmental Advisory Board Priorities for 2021

The Priorities the Board would like to focus on are the following: Work with Mr. Edgar for education on how to care for trees and plants, Single Use Plastic and Wildlife preservation.

8. 2021 Proposed Meeting Dates

No changes to the quarterly meetings were requested. The Board discussed dates for the two additional meetings requested for 4 pm to accommodate staff.

The two additional meeting dates are as follows:

March 15, 2021 at 4pm

September 13, 2021 at 4pm

9. Item for Next Agenda

Amanda Lasecki Grants Administrator discussion on Echo/Volusia Projects

Update from Steve Edgar City Forester

Review Other Cities Stances on Single Use Plastic

A. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sande Habali, Florida Native Plant Society, would like to see public education on how citizens could avoid watering in the spring /rainy season to reduce the cost and conserve water. She would also like to see more native plants in Port Orange homes.

BOARD COMMENTS

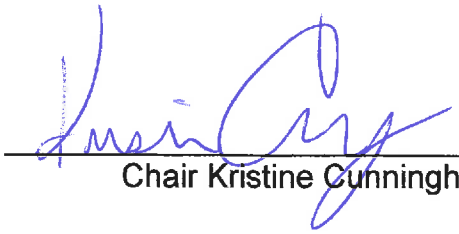
Member Vaughn is concerned that the removal of large trees will set a precedence. Vice Chair Macaluso agrees with Member Vaughn.

F. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

10. Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2021

G. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:45PM

11. Board Report to Council - February 2, 2021



Chair Kristine Cunningham