

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

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

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

Absent: Mike Arminio (unexcused)
Michael Anderson (excused)

Also Present: Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - January 25, 2021

Motion to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes with an amendment to clarify Vice Chair Macaluso supported Member Vaughn's position in the "Board Comments" section was made by Member Vaughn and Seconded by Vice Chair Macaluso. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Cunningham opened the agenda out of order as Steve Edgar, City Forester, arrived late.

3. Update from Steve Edgar City Forester

Steve Edgar, City Forester, stated there has been no update on the Tree City USA signs since the last meeting. He provided information on his current project of irrigation repairs due to live oak tree roots. He would like to add azaleas to city center to help the trees. Member Vaughn would like to see native plants instead. Mr. Edgar will investigate native shade plant options.

4. Discussion on Echo/Volusia Projects with Amanda Lasecki Grants Administrator

Amanda Lasecki, Grants Manager, provided information on current Echo/Volusia programs, the process to apply for Echo grants, future application opportunities and answered questions from the Board. Member Vaughn asked if there are funding assistance options for green

infrastructure at Riverwalk Park. Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager, responded they are looking into some options and will bring more information about Riverwalk to the next meeting. Chair Cunningham would like to see funding for projects that provide more education on the environment for children.

5. Review Other Cities Stances on Single Use Plastic

This item was not discussed. It may come forward in the future when city events start occurring again.

6. Items for Next Agenda

Discussion on Topics for the next Quarterly Newsletter

Update on Environmentally Friendly options for Riverwalk

Briefing from Chair Kristine Cunningham on her inquiries with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on Plastics at Parks & Recreation Events

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

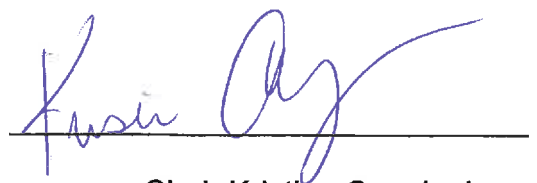
Member Vaughn informed the Board that the League of Women Voters of Volusia County is holding ECHO/Volusia Forever information sessions (prior to the county's listening sessions) to outline what happens next, including how projects are submitted and how they are evaluated for funding. These listening sessions will be on March 24, 2021 and March 30, 2021.

Member Foley informed the Board that he is campaigning for City Council and if elected he will need to step down from the Environmental Advisory Board. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and learn.

Chair Cunningham will be meeting with Mayor Burnette to discuss the future priorities of the Board.

E. ADJOURNMENT – 5:01 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2021
8. Board Report to City Council - April 6, 2021
9. Water Conservation Month Proclamation


Chair Kristine Cunningham