

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 26, 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, Chair
John Macaluso
Philip Klema
Daniel Pompei
Kat Atwood

Absent: Michael Anderson (unexcused)
Nancy Vaughn (unexcused)

Also Present: Tim Burman, Community Development Director
Peter Ferreira, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - April 26, 2021

Motion to approve the April 26, 2021 minutes as presented was made by Vice Chair Macaluso and Seconded by Member Atwood. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Be Floridian Now program / Christie Miller, Be Floridian Now and Volunteer Coordinator, Volusia County Environmental Management

Christie Miller, Be Floridian Now and Volunteer Coordinator, introduced herself and provided a presentation about the Be Floridian Now program which promotes local fertilization laws, proper plants in the proper placement, and answered questions from the Board. The Board suggested educating the HOA's to make them aware of the County fertilizer ordinance.

Chair Cunningham suggested started a recognition program for cities cooperating with the Be Floridian Now program.

Tim Burman, Community Development Director, suggested putting information on the City's social media and getting a booth at Family Days this year to spread awareness.

4. Discussion with Parks & Rec Regarding Plastics at City Events

Peter Ferreira, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director, sought direction from the Board on how they want to address plastics at City events and answered questions from the Board. He suggested starting with putting a disclaimer and/or suggestion to find plastic alternatives on vendor applications and flyers. He will put some ideas together and bring them back before the Board for consideration.

Chair Cunningham suggested making recycle bins more visible to encourage recycling and provide more engagement for the citizens.

Vice Chair Macaluso would like to encourage the vendors to use fewer plastic bags and straws specifically. Mr. Ferreira suggested promoting a "bring your own bag" style like at the grocery store.

Member Klema asked about placing restrictions on plastics at sporting events/public spaces (such as concession stands) in which Port Orange organizations are running the space. Mr. Ferreira will investigate it.

5. Tree Bank Fund Discussion

Mr. Burman informed the Board that since the last meeting the City has added \$1,000 to the tree bank fund bringing it to a total of \$50,673. He is also seeing an increase in developers keeping healthy trees and natural landscape buffers on the property.

6. Items for Next Agenda

Discussion on Fertilizer Information Posts for City Social Media

Presentation by Parks & Recreation on changes to Single Use Plastic Options at City Events

Update on Sunshine Laws, Policies and Procedures

Clarification on Florida State Statue 163.045 - Tree Pruning, Trimming, or Removal on Residential Property

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Klema inquired about the notification requirements for arborist's reports related to tree work. Member Pompei responded that the language "documentation" used in the Florida Statue is vague and the homeowner, while they must receive a letter from a certified arborist, aren't required to present it to anyone. Mr. Burman stated the homeowners are not required to obtain a permit or submit an arborist report to the City for tree work.

Mr. Burman provided an update on the Riverwalk area. The City is no longer actively pursuing construction of the trail, but a trail and/or walkway will still be a component of whatever project is

accepted. As the City receives proposals from developers and those go before City Council, he will keep the Board updated.

E. ADJOURNMENT 6:21 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Date: September 13, 2021

8. Board Report to City Council - August 3, 2021


Chair Kristine Cunningham