

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 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, Chair
Philip Klema
Daniel Pompei
Kat Atwood
Michael Anderson
Nancy Vaughn

Absent: John Macaluso (excused)

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - September 13, 2021

Motion to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes with an amendment to note Nancy Vaughn as excused was made by Member Anderson and Seconded by Member Atwood. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Debriefing on Family Days

Chair Cunningham discussed the Environmental Advisory Board booth at Family Days.

Discussion was held on each member's involvement. Information was passed out about native plants and the county fertilizer ordinance. Coloring books were given out.

Christie Miller from Be Floridian Now provided information on the County fertilizer ordinance.

Member Atwood and Chair Cunningham would like to see better recycle bin placement at Family Days in the future.

Member Pompei suggested a poster listing who the Board is and what they have accomplished that year at the next Family Days event.

4. Navigating the New Florida Tree Law

Member Pompei provided an overview to the Board of all the proposed changes to Florida State Statue 163.045 - Tree Pruning, Trimming, or Removal on Residential Property discussed at the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Florida chapter event he attended and answered questions from the Board.

Member Pompei is going to submit a small article to the City Clerk's office for the quarterly newsletter summarizing when an arborist is necessary.

5. Discussion on Scheduling a Workshop with City Council

Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk, recommended the Board make a list of priorities to discuss with Council and staff will schedule a Workshop with Council after the new year.

The priorities are as follows:

Planting More Trees Using the Tree Mitigation Fund

Involvement with Riverwalk

Providing More Tree Education to the Citizens

Water Quality

Spruce Creek Railroad Trestle Dredging

6. Items for Next Agenda

Election of Officers

2022 Proposed Meeting Dates

2022 Priorities to Discuss with City Council

Ashton Lakes Tree Removal Discussion

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinhausen, citizen, inquired about home inspections upon the sale of a home and the requirements in the city. Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager, responded the city does not inspect properties for home sales. Mr. Reinhausen informed the Board that Derek LaMontagne, citizen, provided a presentation at the last city council meeting about other cities receiving mitigation funds for all trees not just certain ones and Mr. Reinhausen believes this would benefit Port Orange.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Pompei is dismayed at the way Ocean Oaks Apartment Complex has removed and trimmed their trees and inquired about getting the City to enforce the tree ordinance. Ms. Tomlinson responded it must be reported to Code Enforcement and reports can no longer be anonymous per the recent state statute change.

Member Vaughn stated Ashton Lakes is having issues with trees buckling sidewalks and is removing them, but she is concerned with the number of trees being removed. She would like any big tree removal projects to come before the Board.

Ms. Tomlinson provided additional information on the history of the trees in Ashton Lakes and the work being done by the City.

E. ADJOURNMENT – 6:35 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Date: January 24, 2022
8. Board Report to City Council - November 2, 2021


Chair Kristine Cunningham