

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 24, 2022 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
John Macaluso

Also Present: Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager
Tim Burman, Community Development Director
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Consideration of Minutes - October 25, 2021

Motion to approve the October 25, 2021 minutes as presented was made by Member Atwood and Seconded by Member Anderson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Ashton Lakes Tree Removal Discussion

Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk, informed the Board no one from Public Works was available for the meeting but can be present at the next meeting if they wish to continue the item.

Tim, Burman, Community Development Director, provided an overview of the discussion at the previous meeting pertaining to the history of the live oaks planted, the need to remove them, and answered questions from the Board.

Member Vaughn would like to ensure this doesn't happen with future developments. Mr. Burman responded it hasn't happened since Ashton Lakes and Town Park who has street trees planted in the parkage.

Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineer Manager, provided information on the Land Development Code related to planting trees.

Chair Cunningham asked what the Board can do to help with educating citizens. She would like to review plans for conservation on current city projects to provide information to citizens.

The Board would like a representative from Public Works to provide additional information at the next scheduled meeting.

3. 2022 EAB Priorities to Discuss with City Council

Chair Cunningham reviewed the priority list and asked the Board if they had any changes. There were no changes to the priorities.

Ms. Field informed the Board that staff will schedule a Workshop with Council sometime around March or April.

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

Mr. Burman reviewed the development proposal submitted by Bristol Development Group chosen by City Council to develop the Riverwalk properties and their potential environmental impacts. Staff will provide updates to the Board as the project progresses.

4. 2022 Proposed Calendar

The Board agreed to keep the meeting schedule as is with 2 additional meetings and a Joint Workshop with City Council.

Discussion was held regarding potential meeting dates.

Motion to add two additional meetings on February 21, 2022 and September 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to accommodate staff was made by Vice Chair Macaluso and Seconded by Member Atwood. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Items for Next Agenda

Ashton Lakes Tree Removal Discussion
Review Conservation Plans for Current Projects

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Klema is happy with Community Development items being listed first in the City Manager Weekly Newsletter as it provides information of current projects right up front.

Chair Cunningham informed the Board the state decides which cities test their wastewater for COVID-19 and funds it, but Port Orange is not one of those cities.

F. ADJOURNMENT – 6:11 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Date: February 21, 2022

8. Board Report to City Council - February 15, 2022



Chair Kristine Cunningham