

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 21, 2022 AT 4:00 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
Philip Klema
Kat Atwood
Nancy Vaughn
John Macaluso

Absent: Michael Anderson (excused)
Daniel Pompi (unexcused)

Also Present: Tim Burman, Community Development Director
Lynn Stevens, Public Utilities/Works Director
Ronny Buttrum, Public Works
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Consideration of Minutes - January 24, 2022

Motion to approve the January 24, 2022 minutes with an amendment to add Tim Burman, Community Development Director, to the "also present" list was made by Vice Chair Macaluso and Seconded by Member Vaughn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Ashton Lakes Tree Removal Discussion with Public Works

Tim, Burman, Community Development Director, provided an overview of what was discussed at the previous meeting and the City's inability to find information on why the live oak trees were planted on the right of way, which the City no longer allows.

Ronny Buttrum, Deputy Public Works Director, discussed the report that found 65 trees to be problematic. 19 trees were classified as priority 1 which means actively or has already caused damage; 19 as priority 2 which shows evidence damage will happen but hasn't yet, and 28 as priority 3 which is the least severe.

Lynn Stevens, Public Works/Utilities Director, provided visuals of the damage trees were inflicting on the water, sewer and electrical systems in the Ashton Lakes development and answered questions from the Board.

Staff has currently removed 19 priority 1 trees and replaced 101 sidewalk panels due to damage from the trees removed. Due to funding, the project is spread out over three years.

Chair Cunningham asked if this problem has been identified anywhere else. Ms. Stevens responded yes; the same problem has been identified in Town Park but the City does not own the trees there, the HOA does.

Member Vaughn inquired if there was anything the City can do to require Town Park to remove the trees. Ms. Stevens responded there is an agreement with the HOA currently but legal would have to provide a definitive answer.

Member Vaughn asked about how this issue can be avoided in the future. Mr. Burman discussed solutions the City has used in the past and what can be done in the future.

3. Review Conservation Plans for Current City Projects

Mr. Burman provided a handout of current draft plans for Osprey Point Apartments, Palms at Ashton Lakes, Woodhaven Phase 2, and Halifax Heath at Oakwater and discussed the landscape requirements as specified in the Land Development Code and answered questions from the Board.

4. Items for Next Agenda

Code Options for Tree Planting on Single Family Homes
Discussion on ECHO options for City Projects

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

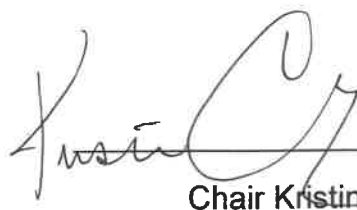
D. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Vaughn would like to explore opportunities for ECHO money for City Projects. She would also like to investigate electric vehicles for light duty City vehicles.

E. ADJOURNMENT - 5:14 p.m.

5. Next Meeting Date: April 25, 2022

6. Board Report to City Council - March 15, 2022



Chair Kristine Cunningham