

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 25, 2022

THE REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chair Kristine Cunningham at 5:20 p.m.

Present: Kristine Cunningham, Chair
Shawn Goepfert
John Macaluso
Philip Klema
Michael Anderson
Daniel Pompei

Absent: Nancy Vaughn (excused)

Also Present: Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager
Tracee Cody, City Clerk's Office

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - April 25, 2022

Motion to approve the April 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented was made by Vice Chair Macaluso and Seconded by Member Pompei. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Discussion on Obtaining a Watergoat Trash Barrier Deployment System

Chair Cunningham discussed different aspects of needing and obtaining a Watergoat Trash Barrier Deployment System, focusing on the fact that trash is excessive and going down in the canals. She also discussed the cost and explained that volunteers are needed. Member Goepfert suggested asking volunteers to make donations to help toward the cost.

Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager, is going to double check if Ordinance 2022-5 pertains to Watergoats. She also suggested a newsletter to get the information out to the public.

Determining factors, such as how deep water must be, will be researched by Staff and discussed later.

4. Railroad Trestle Dredging Project Plan

Member Anderson said Volusia County is trying to get a permit through the state. He explained that one of the hurdles is dredging the material. He also mentioned there is a kayak launch that could be used to partner with the County.

Member Goepfert suggested speaking to Buddy Davenport, an insurance agent, about funds that are available for this project. Mr. Davenport has already spoken to City Council about funds available for the intercoastal waterway and money raised throughout the state. Member Goepfert also suggested they could look back at the history of when Rose Bay was dredged to help with this project.

Ms. Tomlinson informed the Board that the City has a consultant that will be addressing the pollutants in Spruce Creek. Member Klema also informed the Board that samples drawn from the Volusia County Health Department were high in pollutants and they are flowing into the City.

The Board discussed various aspects of the pocket park being used as a transfer location. Ms. Tomlinson will have staff research any restrictions prohibiting this activity.

5. City Center irrigation, trees, landscaping, parking lot, sidewalk, shoreline stabilization project update from Public Works

Ms. Tomlinson relayed information from Ronny Buttrum, Public Works/Public Utilities Deputy Director, that irrigation needs to be addressed. Chair Cunningham also relayed information from Steve Edgar, City Forester, that trees are in bad shape near City Hall. The Board discussed topics to bring up to Council for funding.

The Board discussed possibly getting a booth at Family Days to promote Earth Day and giving information out to the community about sidewalks. Members discussed ideas about another tree giveaway or even giving away native plants.

6. Items for Next Agenda

Discussion on confirming what to do at the Fall Festival
Discussion on City mowing
Discussion about the garden spot at Riverwalk

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

7. Update from Member Pompei on the new law on property rights relating to trees

Member Pompi provided information on the new law on property rights relating to trees.

Chair Cunningham informed the Board that a Council member spoke to her about having a garden. She discussed ideas and the topic was put on next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:20 p.m.

8. Next Meeting Date: September 12, 2022 @ 4pm
9. Board Report to City Council: August 16, 2022


For Chair Kristine Cunningham