

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

THE REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Vice Chair John Macaluso at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Shawn Goepfert  
Philip Klema  
Daniel Pompei  
Michael Anderson  
John Macaluso

Absent: Nancy Vaughn

Also Present: Kristine Cunningham, Chair (via phone)  
Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and  
Engineering Manager  
Tracee Cody, Assistant City Clerk  
Harriet Meade, Administrative Assistant

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - July 25, 2022

*Motion to approve the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented was made by Member Anderson and Seconded by Member Goepfert. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

3. Discussion on Confirming What to do at the Fall Festival

Vice Chair John Macaluso discussed what to hand out at the Port Orange Family Days event. Chair Kristine Cunningham feels they should focus on education and a tree giveaway. Member Shawn Goepfert mentioned having a sign for a free tree giveaway for Arbor Day to attract attention. Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager, will try to prepare a sign-in sheet for Family Days. Board members all agreed that the plan for Family Days will be to promote that they will be giving trees away on Arbor Day. They also discussed times they would be available to man the booth at Family Days.

4. Discussion about the Garden Spot at Riverwalk

Chair Cunningham went to the Riverwalk and the Chamber and received a lot of support for the idea of having a garden spot. Focus will be made on education about native plants and trees and incorporating a memorial or a meditation garden. Ms. Tomlinson asked if there would be any vegetables, like a community garden, but Chair Cunningham said there is not enough protection at this location for that type of garden. Ms. Tomlinson reached out to Parks & Recreation to ask the Board for clarification on who is going to manage the garden. Vice Chair Macaluso believes Parks & Recreation should be in charge of maintaining the area but the Board should be in charge of plant selections and information. Member Goepfert spoke about a sensory garden he visited that he thought would be a nice idea. Member Goepfert and Vice Chair Macaluso mentioned approaching some groups and organizations, such as the Chamber and Rotary Club, for help with maintaining the garden. The Board will meet one more time for preparation before staff from Parks & Recreation attend the meeting to discuss collaboration ideas.

#### 5. Discussion on City Mowing

Member Klema was concerned as to why the City stopped mowing on the southside of Willow Run. Ms. Tomlinson explained the County issued a cease and desist for the City to stop mowing the section because it was eroding the banks. Vice Chair Macaluso would like clarity on what will happen to this section. Ms. Tomlinson will speak to Ronny Buttrum, Deputy Public Works Director, for further clarification.

#### 6. Items for Next Agenda

Update on the Garden Spot at Riverwalk  
Solidifying plans for Port Orange Family Days

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

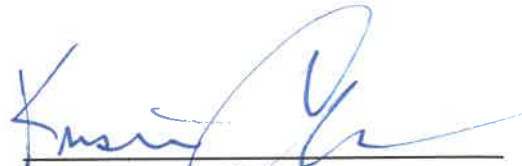
#### BOARD COMMENTS

Member Anderson gave an update on the railroad trestle dredging project plan at Spruce Creek and his communication with Niles from the County regarding permits. The next step is to find out what the County needs from the City. Member Goepfert informed the Board that his contact, Buddy Davenport, unfortunately cannot assist with funding. Member Goepfert spoke to the former Mayor about the previous Rose Bay project to gather information for other possible resources for this project.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:39 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2022 @ 5:15 p.m.

8. Board Report to City Council: October 4, 2022



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Chair Kristine Cunningham