

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 24, 2022

THE REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chair Kristine Cunningham at 5:16 p.m.

Present: Philip Klema
Michael Anderson
Kristine Cunningham, Chair
Nancy Vaughn
John Macaluso, Vice Chairman

Absent: Shawn Goepfert (unexcused)
Daniel Pompi (excused)

Also Present: Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and
Engineering Manager
Tracee Cody, Assistant City Clerk

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - September 12, 2022

Motion to approve the September 12, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Vice Chair John Macaluso and Seconded by Member Michael Anderson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Update on the Garden Spot at Riverwalk

Chair Cunningham provided a picture print out of a possible spot for the garden at Riverwalk. Board members remain focused on planting native plants and providing education. Other options discussed to incorporate would be a meditation spot for yoga, and possible benches and memorials. Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager, suggested that members and possible nursery sponsors make a list of native plants they would like to include. Plans and details will have to be discussed with Parks and Recreation to determine who will maintain the garden.

4. Solidifying plans for Port Orange Family Days

Chair Cunningham confirmed that members would be present at Family Days and their available times. Ms. Tomlinson will have a sign-up sheet available for their booth and

confirmed that the actual tree giveaway will be in the spring. Different types of small native tree options were discussed.

5. Historic Tree Removal - Halifax Medical Center, 1041 Dunlawton Avenue

Chad Hutchinson, Halifax Medical Center Facilities Operations Manager, explained that a large oak tree was damaged by lightning that required emergency mitigation. Mr. Hutchinson and Ms. Tomlinson discussed options and guidelines for replacements. The recommended motion will be presented to City Council on November 15, 2022.

Motion to recommend approval of the historic tree removal with the mitigation of three replacement trees was made by Member Michael Anderson and seconded by Vice Chair John Macaluso.

There was further discussion to allow the mitigation to be worked out on-site with staff and Halifax.

Member Michael Anderson withdrew his motion.

Motion to recommend approval of the historic tree removal with the mitigation to be worked out on-site with staff and Halifax was made by Member Michael Anderson and seconded by Member Nancy Vaughn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Items for Next Agenda

Tree Cities of the World designation. (Steve Edgar)

Watergoat Update

Family Days update

Garden Spot update

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

Member Nancy Vaughn expressed her concerns about the watering of the trees around City Center and Chair Cunningham said she brought it up to City Council. Member Vaughn also asked if there were any ideas being implemented in the "down under" area under the bridge. Ms. Tomlinson discussed a few possibilities. Chair Cunningham

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stressed to the Board members that volunteers are a crucial part of their projects and to try and recruit as many as possible.

7. Board Report to City Council: November 1, 2022

8. Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2023 @ 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:13 p.m.



Chair Kristine Cunningham