

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 23, 2023

THE REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chair Kristine Cunningham at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call	Present:	Shawn Goepfert Philip Klema Daniel Pompei Michael Anderson Kristine Cunningham John Macaluso
	Absent:	Nancy Vaughn
	Also Present:	Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager Steve Edgar, City Forester Tracee Cody, Assistant City Clerk

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - October 24, 2022

Motion to approve the October 24, 2022 meeting minutes as presented was made by Member John Macaluso and Seconded by Member Michael Anderson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Election of officers was added to the agenda.

Motion to nominate Member Kristine Cunningham for Chair was made by Member John Macaluso and seconded by Member Shawn Goepfert. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to nominate Member John Macaluso for Vice Chair was made by Member Michael Anderson and seconded by Member Daniel Pompei.

Member John Macaluso declined.

Motion to nominate Member Michael Anderson for Vice Chair was made by Member Shawn Goepfert and seconded by Member John Macaluso. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Tree Cities of the World Designation

Steve Edgar, City Forester, discussed the criteria and guidelines for Tree Cities of the World Designation. He explained the City of Port Orange meets most of the standards except for having tree inventory. Mr. Edgar explained that the City does not have a tree crew to keep up with the inventory. Mr. Edgar also discussed issues with the root systems of the Oak trees surrounding City Center and answered questions from the members about plans to handle the issues. As the City of Port Orange is forty years a Tree City USA, the Board will help get authorization to hang up the Tree City USA signs.

4. Watergoat Update

Chair Cunningham discussed an estimate she received from a watergoat company but it was higher than expected. She reached out to the County and received possible options for funding.

Motion for Chair Kristine Cunningham to look into grant funding for two watergoats was made by Member John Macaluso and seconded by Member Shawn Goepfert. Motion carried 4-1 by voice vote with Member Michael Anderson voting no.

5. Family Days Update

Chair Cunningham provided a brief update from Family Days stating that about eighty people signed up for trees. Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager, asked for clarification about how the people who signed up at the Family Days event would get their trees. Ms. Tomlinson will be responsible for emailing out the people who signed up letting them know where and when to pick up their trees. The Board members discussed various options for facilitating a pickup location and times for volunteering. The day to give away the trees will be Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Spring Brew & Food Fest event.

6. Garden Spot Update

Chair Cunningham still needs to meet with Parks & Recreation. This item will be moved to the next agenda on Monday, April 24, 2023 and discussed then.

7. Spring Tree Giveaway Coordination

This item was discussed with the Family Days update item.

8. Items for Next Agenda

Garden Spot Update
Debriefing on the Spring Tree giveaway
2023 Schedule Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinhagen, resident, inquired about the Oak trees at City Center and irrigation.

BOARD COMMENTS

Member Philip Klema inquired about the Board's two Special Meetings, which will be placed on April's agenda for discussion and to schedule.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:21 p.m.

9. Next Meeting Date: April 24, 2023 @ 5:15 p.m.

10. Board Report to City Council: February 7, 2023



Chair Kristine Cunningham