

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chair Kristine Cunningham at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call	Present:	John Macaluso, Vice Chair Angelina Rossi Kristine Cunningham, Chair Glenn Smith
	Absent:	Shawn Goepfert Philip Klema
	Also Present:	Steve Edgar, City Forester Tracee Cody, Deputy City Clerk

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - August 7, 2023

*Motion to approve the August 7, 2023 meeting minutes as presented was made by Vice Chair John Macaluso and seconded by Member Glenn Smith. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

3. Tree Cities of the World

Steve Edgar, City Forester, mentioned that the board should focus on an updated inventory and assessment list for Tree City USA. Mr. Edgar needs to get the date for the next annual renewal for Tree City USA. He will inform the board so they can get it on the next agenda to speak about Tree City USA and support it. The board and staff spoke about possible places/entrances to put up the signs as well as temporary signs throughout the city. Mr. Edgar said the irrigation for the trees around the city center is being delayed three years. He is leaning toward a low volume tubing irrigation and planting shade-tolerant plants around the perimeter as a short-term solution, but would need volunteers to help.

4. Garden Spot at Riverwalk

Chair Kristine Cunningham met with Peter Ferreira, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, to look into a piece of land. Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager, had spoken about using the funds from the tree bank for some trees. The board then discussed getting volunteers and donations from the Rotary Club and Chambers for benches and a sign. There is not much maintenance to the garden spot due to it having native plants and flowers. The board spoke about the cost of planting

more trees and getting more benches. Ms. Tomlinson said Parks & Recreation has memorial benches and would like to get a quote on the stock item.

5. Discussion on Watergoats

Chair Cunningham was in touch with Surfing Evolution and Preservation Foundation to provide a grant for a watergoat. The County also has a list of volunteers that help clean out the watergoat every three weeks.

6. Discussion on Family Days Event

Chair Cunningham went over previous ideas they had throughout family days events. The general idea for this year would be to do a sign-up sheet for the tree giveaway for the spring. Ms. Tomlinson said people should be informed to expect an email from Port Orange, since last year caused confusion because people thought it was spam. This year there should be smaller trees because that is what people prefer. Ms. Tomlinson and Mr. Edgar are going to work together to figure out the best ideas for the trees: 3 gallon pots, slower growing trees and maximum height trees. Vice Chair Macaluso suggested maybe getting more information regarding recycling cardboard and plastics. Ms. Tomlinson will give the board printed brochures for the tree giveaway. The board will man their booth on Saturday, October 14th. Chair Cunningham also suggested having a contact list of city staff/departments if residents have questions.

7. Items for Next Agenda

Debriefing on Family Days  
Update on Tree City USA and signs  
Update on the Watergoats  
Discussion on Riverwalk Garden Spot

PUBLIC COMMENTS


There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

The board welcomed their newly appointed member Glenn Smith and he introduced himself.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:02p.m.

8. Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 5:15 p.m.
9. Board Report to City Council: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

  
Chair Kristine Cunningham