

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

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| Roll Call | Present:      | John Macaluso, Vice Chair<br>Angelina Rossi<br>Kristine Cunningham, Chair<br>Glenn Smith<br>Philip Klema |
|           | Absent:       | Shawn Goepfert (Unexcused)<br>Eric Gregory (Unexcused)   |
|           | Also Present: | Margaret Tomlinson, Construction &<br>Engineering Manager<br>Meghan Meyer, Administrative<br>Assistant   |

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - September 11, 2023

*Motion to approve the September 11, 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. Update on Watergoat

Chair Kristine Cunningham mentioned that the watergoat has been approved and that it would cost \$5,000. The location will be on the west side of the Riverwalk footbridge. It will be attached to two trees onto the canal. Chair Cunningham contacted someone to provide the board with the grant for the watergoat. Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager, stated when there is a storm that the watergoat should be placed somewhere safe. Chair Cunningham would like to put up signs that would explain what the watergoat does. Ms. Tomlinson asked Chair Cunningham for an estimated date for when they would be receiving the signs for the watergoat and, she stated that she would receive the signs by this year. Ms. Tomlinson said that she would create a sheet to keep track of when the watergoat was collected and cleaned.

4. Debriefing on Family Days

Chair Cunningham stated that Family Days was well organized and that they had a

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good time. Member Glenn Smith and Ms. Tomlinson asked Chair Cunningham if they should book the area they used for family days again for any other events such as the tree giveaway. Chair Cunningham said that the location would be too far for people to be able to pick up their tree.

5. Update on Tree City USA and Signs

Ms. Tomlinson stated that there are six locations where the Tree City signs can be placed within the city. She needs DOT's permission for the signs. Chair Cunningham asked Ms. Tomlinson about the benches and trying to get the price for them. Chair Cunningham mentioned that those who donate for the benches will receive a plate for the bench. Ms. Tomlinson asked Chair Cunningham for the plant list so that they can schedule a planting date.

6. Discussion on Riverwalk Garden Spot

Chair Cunningham mentioned that there is an empty area of grass near the chambers where the benches can go. Chair Cunningham would like to create a horseshoe area with four benches and plants to make a place for people to enjoy and meditate. Ms. Tomlinson is trying to get quotes for the plants and the costs for the benches and get the area prepped for them to get it set up.

7. Items for Next Agenda

Update on the Watergoat  
Update on the Garden Spot  
Spring festival tree delivery  
2024 Special Meeting Dates

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Sigmann from the Native Plant Society wants to help provide plants for the Riverwalk garden.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Cunningham would like an update on Member Shawn Goepfert's attendance because he has missed multiple meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:53 p.m.

8. Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2024 @ 5:15 p.m.

9. Board Report to City Council: November 7, 2023

  
Chair Kristine Cunningham