

meeting minutes was made by Vice Chair John Macaluso and seconded by Member Glenn Smith. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Update on the Watergoat

Chair Cunningham stated that the sign for the watergoat has great details on it that will help educate how it works. Vice Chair John Macaluso and Chair Cunningham provided more details of a watergoat is and how it works. Chair Cunningham mentioned that the City and Volusia County have a list of volunteers to help maintain the watergoat.

4. Update on the Garden Spot

Margaret Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager, explained that staff from Parks and Recreation will prep the grounds and the start of planting will begin in March or April. Chair Cunningham said that she would like to speak at one of the Council meetings to ask people to sponsor for the benches. Ms. Tomlinson mentioned that there is a program to donate benches but she is waiting on pricing and details. Chair Cunningham said that there will be signs near the plants and flowers for educational purposes.

5. Spring Festival Tree Delivery

Chair Cunningham found out that the spring festival would be at the Riverwalk Park. Chair Cunningham mentioned that the board will be giving away the trees on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ms. Tomlinson said that she will work with the event coordinator to see where the board will set up. Ms. Cunningham mentioned that the leftover trees will be given to vendors or to anyone that reaches out.

6. 2024 Special Meeting Dates

The special meeting dates, if needed, would be September 9, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. and December 9, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. September was chosen because it is before the fall festival and December so that they could have one before the year end.

7. Discussion on Member Appointments

Vice Chair Macaluso mentioned that Member Shawn Goepfert should have spoken to the board before putting in his resignation. Chair Cunningham mentioned that the board had to cancel a meeting because there was no quorum. Chair Cunningham said that the board needs applicants that are passionate, educated and care about the city. Chair Cunningham asked the board members to spread the word to get a new applicant.

8. Items for Next Agenda

Debriefing on the Plant Giveaway
Tree City Signs

Chair Cunningham wanted an update on the tree canopy that is located in front of the Port Orange Regional Library. Ms. Tomlinson shared an update that there will be a new irrigation added to the islands and will be adding 6 inches of top soil with some groundcover plants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinhegan, resident, commented that he believes the City should allow the board to review any changes to the Land Development Code, particularly Chapter 9. Chair Cunningham said she was advised that the code was only cleaned up and not changed.

BOARD COMMENTS

The board would like an email sent to them with updates on the watergoat and the garden spot. Member Gregory asked if there would be any documents relating to the Environmental Advisory Board at any of the events. Chair Cunningham said members would introduce themselves and answer any questions residents may have. The members would like to do a social media or Podcast to advertise more about their projects .

ADJOURNMENT - 6:22 p.m.

9. Next Meeting Date: April 22, 2024 @ 5:15 p.m.

10. Board Report to City Council : February 6, 2024


Chair Kristine Cunningham