

5. Garden Update

Ms. Cunningham gave an update regarding the Garden and how they are working on getting people to sponsor benches for the Garden. Ms. Cunningham stated the benches cost anywhere between \$1,600 and \$1,800, trying to keep them consistent with the Riverwalk. Ms. Cunningham would like to have 3 benches and would like to plant the garden and have signs up to say what the plants are as well.

Steve Edgar confirmed the irrigation system is working. Ms. Cunningham said the grass is growing back and that the border needs a bigger trellis. Ms. Cunningham suggested looking into a donation for a trellis. Mr. Macaluso suggested going to the Chamber to ask for donations.

Ms. Cunningham mentioned that with the water coming up and the expansion, including food trucks, there will be more garbage.

6. Watergoat Update

Ms. Cunningham stated that the Watergoat is working but needs more water and asked for another trash can. Mr. Mascaluso agreed. Ms. Tomlinson will see about getting one to place near the picnic table by the canal. People litter with cigarette butts, styrofoam from food truck events, etc. Ms. Cunningham stated that she goes out there at least once a month, to clean it. Ms. Cunningham explained the cleanup process and the need for upkeep. Ms. Cunningham stated that finding volunteers to help keep the canals clean has not been a problem.

7. Items for Next Agenda

Family Days on Special Meeting for September 9, 2024 at 4pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Macaluso had issues with the Council reducing the penalties for the previous historic tree removal. Mr. Macaluso felt it was a violation of the Ordinance.

Mr. Smith inquired about the definition of excused and unexcused absents for Board Members. Angelina Rossi, Member, has not reached out to the Board regarding absences and has not been seen since October 2023.

Motion to Remove Member, Angelina Rossi from Board due to excessive unexcused absences presented by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

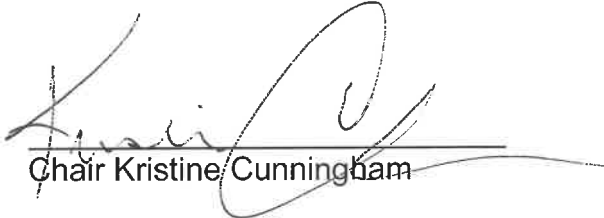
Ms. Cunningham spoke about adopting drains, where people can sign up to check their drains to make sure there is no debris before storms and keep them clear by removing the debris, in the same regard also adopting Islands, where residents can get involved with keeping the Islands clear. Board questions who owns the Islands (privately owned, State of Florida). Mr. Macaluso believes the Board should have guidance from the city attorney. The storm drain idea was well received by the other members of the Board.

Ms. Cunningham wants to focus on education and volunteers.

Mr. Heldreth wants a retention pond behind Palmer.

ADJOURNMENT

8. Next Meeting Date: October 28, 2024 @ 5:15 p.m.
9. Board Report to City Council: August 6, 2024



Chair Kristine Cunningham