

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 28, 2024

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call Present: Kristine Cunningham, Chair
Eric Gregory
Philip Klema
Mark Heldreth

 Absent: John Macaluso, Vice Chair (Excused),
Glenn Smith, Member (Excused)

 Also Present: Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and
Engineering Manager
Christine Clowes, Administrative
Assistant City Clerk Office

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - July 22, 2024, and Special Meeting September 9, 2024

Motion to approve the July 22, 2024 and September 9, 2024 Special Meeting minutes as presented was made by Member Eric Gregory and seconded by Member Phil Klema. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Spring Plant Giveaway - Next Steps

Due to Hurricane Milton and Family days being canceled, Kristine Cunningham, Chair suggested seeing which spring events are taking place and setting up a booth to do the spring plant giveaway. The public can be notified through the City Newsletter, social media, and on the City's website. Ms. Cunningham offered to be the point of contact via City email address for plant orders. Residents may receive 2 plants if they sign up prior to the event and 1 plant for walk ups until they are gone. There will be a selection of 3 plants, Milkweed, Blueberry and American Beautyberry to choose from. Members estimate ordering approximately 125 - 150 3-gallon plants and will coordinate the order and pick up with Stephen Edgar, City Forrester Supervisor.

4. Tree Bank Fund

Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager brought a large map of the City, to show where trees can be planted. Ms. Cunningham would like to incorporate tree plantings along the perimeter of any new stormwater ponds on newly acquired properties, along the perimeter of existing stormwater ponds to help capture runoff, and around bus stops for shade.

Philip Klema, member inquired about planting trees by the schools (Horizon Elementary and Sugarmill Elementary) for shade for the children and asked if the schools are on County or City property? There are big open fields at the schools where trees can be planted.

Items for Next Agenda

Adopt a Storm Drain Program

Spring Give Away Update

Tree Planting Update

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinham, resident asked for an explanation regarding the ordinance with flooding and storm drainage. Ms. Cunningham explained the process of approving ordinances with City Council. Storm water draining was explained as well.

BOARD COMMENTS

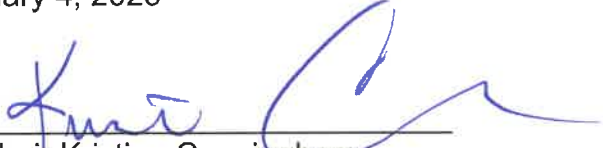
Members discussed the need for trash cans near the Water Goat location and the picnic table on the north side of Riverwalk Park.

Mr. Heldreth inquired as to what kind of liabilities there would be if someone's name is on the adopt a storm drain program. Ms. Cunningham will speak with City Council regarding this, along with why the fund was cut for the flea market.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:59pm

6. Next Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

7. Board Report to City Council: February 4, 2025


Chair Kristine Cunningham