

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ORANGE
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE – CITY HALL
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
January 23, 2018 AT 5:15 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman LaMontagne at 5:15 p.m.

Present: John Macaluso, Chairman
Nancy Vaughn, Vice Chairman
Newton White
Philip Klema
Kristine Cunningham
Derek LaMontagne

Absent: Danielle Elwood

Also Present: Michelle Cusella, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Jake Johansson, City Manager
Margaret Tomlinson, Construction and Engineering Manager
Briana Conlan-King, Planner

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Member Cunningham to nominate Member Macaluso for Chairman, Seconded by Member White. Member Macaluso accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Member Cunningham to nominate Member Vaughn for Vice Chairman, Seconded by Member White. Member Vaughn accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Macaluso informed the board of his background in Environmental Engineering and his desire to see the Board meet monthly rather than quarterly.

Jake Johansson, City Manager, advised the board on the differences between commissions and advisory boards. He also stated he was shocked to hear a board member had not heard of the Harbor Oaks project which is currently one of the biggest projects happening in the City. Mr. Johansson stated he was made aware of the plowing of the planted trees and would like to make it right under the right circumstances.

Member White stated his frustrations with the unrepresented last Environmental Advisory Board meeting. There was no City staff in attendance to help guide the board on the only agenda item that Council was voting on in an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Johansson advised the board their obligation is to look over the Ordinance, come to a consensus and report to Council on how the board wants to change it, not rewrite it.

Both Ms. Tomlinson and Ms. Conlan-King introduced themselves to the new board members as well as explained their job title/duties. Ms. Tomlinson apologized for her absence at the last meeting.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Cunningham to approve the minutes for the meeting held July 25, 2017, Seconded by Member Klema. Motion carried 4-2 with Member LaMontagne and Chairman Macaluso voting no.

Motion was made by Member White to approve the minutes for the meeting held October 24, 2017, seconded by Member Cunningham. Motion carried 5-1 with Member LaMontagne voting no.

3. Tree Planting Projects

Member LaMontagne inquired about the donation for seedlings, as well as how much the budget would be for Arbor Day. He believes at least 1000 trees will be needed, and only one acre to grow them would suffice.

Mr. Johansson stated this would need to be a well thought out plan. If this proposed project is written out and presented to the Chairman, it will be looked over and presented to Council for their consideration.

Chairman Macaluso asked Member LaMontagne if he would spearhead the planting project. Member LaMontagne agreed to work on this project plan and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Johansson stated the City celebrates Arbor day in conjunction with Earth Day in April.

Mr. Johansson advised the Board on the Water Summit and the Stem competition that Port Orange initiated and the possibility of exploring ways to resolve science and technological issues within the City of Port Orange.

Ms. Tomlinson advised the Board of the upcoming Dunlawton Ave. median Project from Spruce Creek Road to I95 which will be 3.1 miles of repurposed trees and plants.

Chairman Macaluso suggested if the Board has any recommendations where to relocate these trees and plants, to get them together for the next meeting and the Board can make an official proposal.

Motion was made by Member LaMontagne to make a recommendation to Council about reviewing all future planting projects, Seconded by Member Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Tree Mitigation Bank Overview

Ms. Tomlinson provided the board with an overview of the Tree Bank as well as a fact sheet.

Discussion ensued about the enforcement of the tree mitigation bank.

Member White would like to recommend tree mitigation funds be used to fund the same kind of tree that was removed.

Motion was made by Member White to recommend the tree mitigation bank money be used to replace similar trees and landscape, Seconded by Member LaMontagne. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Tree Ordinance Update

Ms. Tomlinson questioned what was discussed about hat racking at the last meeting.

Member White recapped the last meetings tree ordinance discussion and about wanting to add nuisance trees and additional species to the tree ordinance in order to protect them.

Member LaMontagne provided the City of Jacksonville's Tree Protection Ordinance again for the Board to look over to possibly use as direction for the City of Port Orange.

The Board agreed to add Tree Ordinance Discussion to the next meeting.

6. Development Projects in Review

Member White explained the Development Projects attachment is split into two sections; commercial and residential and shows the projects that are in progress and the status of the progress. The review is always available on the City's website under Community Development.

Member LaMontagne suggested adding to the next agenda a discussion on environmental/health impact of the Yorktowne Extension. The Board agreed to add this item.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS- There were none.

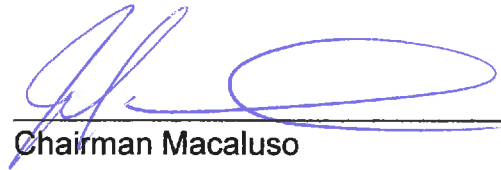
E. BOARD COMMENTS- Member LaMontagne suggested holding a special meeting next month on February 26th in the Community Development Conference Room. The Board also agreed on this date.

The Board would like to add Map of Wetland Mitigation Bank /Timber Harvesting Map to next agenda.

F. NEXT MEETING DATE

7. Next Meeting Date: 4/24/18

G. ADJOURNMENT- 7:56 p.m.



Chairman Macaluso