
THE ROCKLEDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT (TREE) BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 10, 2018 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida, 32955

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Carole McCormick, David Straughn, Fredrick Sanders, Janet Monaco, Marti Rich, and Pam Shoemaker

ABSENT: Crystal Pope (excused) and Adam Copenhaver (unexcused)

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Golding

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Shoemaker.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marti Rich, seconded by David Straughn, to approve the corrected minutes of the regular meeting on December 13, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS

A. Chair – Chairman Shoemaker wished the board a Happy New Year. Mrs. Shoemaker then asked the board to go around the room to introduce themselves to the new member Fredrick Sanders.

B. Beautification -

C. Standing Committees

1. Neighborhood / Membership

Chairman Shoemaker announced the board now has one vacancy. Amy Tidd addressed the board with volunteers needed at the Georgia Phillips Reading Room and encouraged everyone to visit and advertise the Reading Room. Mrs. Tidd went into further detail on how the Reading Room operates with a very flexible checking in and out system as well as the Reading Room accepts book donations.

2. Clubs and Organizations

Chairman Shoemaker instructed the Board to visit the Keep Brevard Beautiful website and the Rockledge Gardens website for information on local events.

3. Business and Public Properties

Member Amy Tidd announced the Business and Development Committee did not meet in the month of December.

Member Janet Monaco suggested to the board to support local businesses such as the First City Café' at The Palmer Inn and Tennis Club as well as Wasabi restaurant.

Marti Rich announced to the board the shopping complex at Barton Plaza had made improvements to the property as well as a pet grooming business had moved into the plaza.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Projects – Chairman Shoemaker addressed the new members of the Thompson House beautification project. Member Fredrick Sanders addressed the board that he would visit the Thompson House to create an assessment of the current landscaping and conditions as well as create a report on his findings of the property.

Chairman Shoemaker also mentioned the Don Griffin Walking Trail entrance project and the history of the board creating a project to make the entrance more visible to the public. Board member Sanders made a suggestion of making the entrance to the trail ADA compliant.

Member Amy Tidd addressed the board with the concern of the SCAT bus stops throughout the City and the lack of trash cans at each stop. Staff member Ashley Golding will report to the City Manager on the progress of this project and report back to the board at the next meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

This is the third year of a Yard of the Year award. Members nominate and vote with a show of hands from the previous fourth quarterly award winners of 2018. The winner will be recognized at the City Council meeting on February 6, 2019 and receive a \$50 gift card from Rockledge Gardens with a certificate , with approval from the City Manager.

With mutual agreement the board decided 950 Brunswick Lane will receive the 2018 Yard of the Year award.

STAFF UPDATE

Staff member Ashley Golding announced to the board the following upcoming City events.

- 11th Annual Art and Craft Show on Barton Blvd- January 26 (10AM- 5PM) and January 27 (11AM-4PM)

Mrs. Golding also informed the board of the completion schedule for Fire Station three being at the beginning of March 2019 as well as the Civic Hub being completed by the end of May 2019.

During this time board member Sanders requested to have additional information on the tree removal policy and how the City enforces the policies.

Chairman Shoemaker made the suggestion of having the Code enforcement officer Maddie McDonald attend the next meeting to give a better understand of the policy.

Staff member Golding acknowledged the two request and would look further into the requests for the next meeting held on February 14, 2019.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The next meeting will be on February 14, 2019.

Submitted by:

Ashley Golding, Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY

Pam Shoemaker, Chairman