
THE ROCKLEDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT (TREE) BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2018 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Cynthia DeSiena, Carole McCormick, Crystal Pope, Marti Rich, Pam Shoemaker, David Straughn, Amy Tidd, Liz Lark-Riley

ABSENT: Susan Davis (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Golding & Steve Wilson

GUESTS: None

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:01p.m. by Chairman Shoemaker.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Cynthia DeSiena, seconded by Marti Rich, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2018. Motion passed.

3. REPORTS

A. Chair

1. Chairman Shoemaker reported that she met with City Manager, Dr. Brenda Fettrow, and Planning Director, Alix Bernard, about proposed projects, including the Don Griffin Walking Trail entrance, Thompson House beautification, trash cans at SCAT bus stop locations, and Old St. Mary's fence beautification.

B. Beautification

Chairman Shoemaker recommended that trash cans be placed at SCAT bus stops throughout the City. Member Liz Lark-Riley suggested that they should be accessible for the disabled.

Chairman Shoemaker recommended the beautification of the Thompson House without using actual landscaping due to lack of irrigation and sun at the facility. Chairman Shoemaker also mentioned updating the handrails and using graphic wraps on the exterior of the sides of the building, similar to what the City of Cocoa does with their traffic light boxes.

Several members felt that maintaining the historic character of the Thompson House was important.

Chairman Shoemaker suggested involving the community in the design of the graphic wrap/mural and perhaps partnering with the Brevard Cultural Alliance.

Chairman Shoemaker asked if any board members would volunteer for a subcommittee for the Thompson House Beautification Project. Members Crystal Pope and Cynthia DeSiena volunteered.

A meeting with subcommittee members and Staff will be scheduled.

Chairman Shoemaker stated the City will be installing a fence at the Old St. Mary's church and suggested having a spring planting after the fence has been installed.

Chairman Shoemaker stated she will be meeting with City Manager Fettrow periodically about these beautification projects.

C. Standing Committees

1. Neighborhood / Membership

Chairman Shoemaker stated there is one vacancy on the board.

Liz Lark-Riley mentioned that Rockledge Gardens is interested in partnering with the City on planting trees around the playground at Larry L. Schultz Park. Ms. Lark-Riley will gather a list of approved trees and a cost estimate for the March meeting.

2. Clubs and Organizations

Chairman Shoemaker reported on the following Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB) Events:

- The 3rd Annual KBB Golf Tournament at the Cocoa Beach Country Club - March 16, 2018
- Ron Jon Beach 'n Boards Festival Cleanup - March 8 through 11, 2018
- St. Johns River Clean-up – May 5, 2018

3. Business and Public Properties

Member Amy Tidd informed the board of the following information:

- The new CRA Coordinator is Britta Moore.
- Blue Marlin Pools sold property/building to the City of Rockledge.
- The Shopping plaza on Barton Boulevard, Barton Commons (formally K-Mart), was discussed.
- A new independent living facility has opened on Roy Wall Boulevard.
- A walking trail around the retention pond on Barnes Boulevard is being discussed.

D. OLD BUSINESS- NONE

E. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Rockledge Wednesday Friendsday – March 7, 2018 (5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)

The City of Rockledge and the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce will be co-sponsoring the table- top event at Rockledge City Hall.

2. 37th Annual Trash Bash – April 7, 2018

- Board members to arrive at 7 a.m.
- TREE Board will donate \$300.00, which includes 12 shirts; Staff will review last year's count for this year's order.

3. Arbor Day Art Contest Flyer - Judging of the contest will be done at the April 12, 2018, meeting.

A flyer will be created and distributed to schools.

4. Arbor Day Tree Planting – National Arbor Day April 27, 2018

Chairman Shoemaker asked the board to seek donations of trees and honorees. Member Liz Lark-Riley informed the board of the passing of Mary Witte and will speak with the family about planting a tree in her memory at Larry L. Schultz Park.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

The Board welcomed Ashley Golding as the new recording secretary.

G. ADJOURN

Chairman Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be March 8, 2018.

Submitted by:

Ashley Golding, Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY

Pam Shoemaker, Chairman