
THE ROCKLEDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT (TREE) BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 14, 2019 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Carole McCormick, Crystal Pope, Frederick Sanders, Janet Monaco, Marti Rich, Amy Tidd, Adam Copenhaver and Pam Shoemaker

ABSENT: David Straughn (excused) and Darby Miller (unexcused)

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Golding

GUESTS: Dr. Fettrow, City Manager; Alix Bernard, Planning Director; Trina Gilliam, City Planner

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Shoemaker.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Crystal Pope, seconded by Marti Rich, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 10, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS:

Chairman Shoemaker yielded to Dr. Fettrow. Dr. Fettrow thanked the Board for its service and proceeded to give updates to questions from the previous meeting. Bus Stops: Dr. Fettrow has been working with SCATS since last summer to get trash and cigarette containers at every stop. Additionally, just last week the City Manager and staff met with SCATS to discuss ADA compliance. There are 46 bus stops in Rockledge, of those, 24 are located on Fiske Blvd. and FDOT is responsible for them. The City is responsible for the other 22. The City Manager will work with the City Council to budget for potential work on the bus stops in the next fiscal year. Dr. Fettrow said she would be keeping the TREE Board updated on these topics. Then she introduced Alix Bernard, Planning Director and Trina Gilliam, City Planner.

Trina Gilliam reported on visiting the Manager of Walgreens on the corner of Murrell and Barnes, about their lack of landscaping. They have been issued a code enforcement violation and have 60 days to comply (i.e. install new landscaping).

Alix Bernard explained about the tree ordinance. Rockledge requires a minimum of 4 trees per home. She also explained the tree removal permitting process differences between commercial and residential. No fee permit is required for residential tree removal.

Member Adam Copenhaver commented to Alix on enforcing an ordinance that no invasive trees (i.e. Brazilian peppers) be planted and also setting a ban.

Alix Bernard stated that this is already a part of the current ordinance.

Dr. Fettrow reported the city is doing many things and/or reviewing many things for consideration by the City Council. A few examples are as follows: Breeze Swept septic to sewer conversion project; Gus Hipp ditch "BAM" project, stormwater master plan 2015, recycling, FPL street lights, and resiliency.

Chairman Shoemaker suggested publishing the cities projects and accomplishments in the "About Town."

Dr. Fettrow addressed the Board for their consideration on the Planning Department overseeing the TREE Board. This departmental liaison would better be able to assist with the questions and concerns as well as getting the Board's input.

At 6:37 pm Alix Bernard, Trina Gilliam and Dr. Fettrow leave.

Motion by Adam Copenhaver, seconded by Crystal Pope to have the TREE Board overseen by the Planning Department. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Chair - NONE
- B. Beautification - NONE
- C. Standing Committees - NONE
 - 1. Neighborhood / Membership
 - 2. Clubs and Organizations
 - 3. Business and Public Properties

4. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Sanders visited the Thompson House and subsequently created a report for potential beautification improvements. Mr. Sanders proposes a hardscape/maintenance of the property rather than beautification. He reviewed the risk management, signage, and is concerned that it is not ADA compliant.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Trash Bash – April 6, 2019 – Approved

6. STAFF UPDATE

Wednesday/Friday – March 6, 2019 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, theme is St. Patrick's Day.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The next meeting will be on March 14, 2019.

Submitted by:

Ashley Golding, Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY

Pam Shoemaker, Chairman