
THE ROCKLEDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 9, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement Board met in regular session on February 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Shoemaker, Chairwoman
Frederick Sanders
Martha Rich
Eugene Sims
Julie Rebelo
Hope Leonard

ABSENT: Richard Swart (*Unexcused*)

STAFF PRESENT: John Cooper, Planning Director
Tricia Olsson, Recording Secretary

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pamela Shoemaker.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ATTENDANCE RECORD

A. Meetings of January 9, 2020

See item 2.C. for motion

B. February 13, 2020

See item 2.C. for motion

C. March 12, 2020

Member Rich made a motion to approve the minutes and attendance record of the meetings on January 9, 2020, February 13, 2020, and March 12, 2020; seconded by Member Sanders. The motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS FROM STAFF/COMMITTEES

Chairwoman Shoemaker provided an update on the following:

A. Introductions

- Members and staff introduced themselves.

B. Trash Bash

- This event will take place April 1, 2023, and the theme this year is “Love Where You Live.”
- Planning Director Cooper stated t-shirts and snacks will be provided and encouraged volunteerism for this event.

C. Arbor Day Tree Planting

- Planning Director Cooper stated that a Mayoral Proclamation is recommended and a tree planting ceremony is to be scheduled.
- Chairwoman Shoemaker announced there is an interested member to donate some memorial trees to the city this year, and it was agreed that one of the trees could be planted for Arbor Day.
- Planning Director Cooper pointed out that there are three (3) parks in Rockledge that are designated for memorial trees, including Larry L. Schultz Park, Taylor Park and Dr. Robert A. Anderson Stormwater Park.
- Planning Director Cooper answered questions related to the City of Rockledge Ordinance concerning trees, city beautification, and environmental programs and reported that staff is working on additional ways to inform residents through the *About Town* newsletter and social media channels.

D. Tree City U.S.A.

- Planning Director Cooper gave a brief overview of the Tree City U.S.A. requirements needed for an official designation. It was discussed and explained what the differences are between a committee and a board. In addition, the Sunshine Law was covered for further knowledge and information to the new board members.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

5. CONSENT BUSINESS

- Mayor Proclamation for National Arbor Day, April 2023

Member Rich made a motion to approve the Mayoral Proclamation for National Arbor Day in April 2023 and to forward a recommendation of approval to the City Council; motion seconded by Member Leonard. The motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval: Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023

Chairwoman Shoemaker opened the floor to nominations for the Office of Chair.

Member Rich nominated Member Shoemaker.

No other nominations were heard. Chairwoman Shoemaker closed the floor for nominations.

A vote was taken, and all members present elected Pamela Shoemaker as Chair by acclamation. The vote carried unanimously.

The floor was then opened to nominations for Vice Chair.

Member Rebelo nominated Member Leonard.

No other nominations were heard. Chairwoman Shoemaker closed the floor for nominations.

A vote was taken, and all members present elected Hope Leonard as Vice Chair by acclamation. The vote carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

- A tree planting ceremony date for National Arbor Day will be determined, and the Board will be notified once it is scheduled.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairwoman Shoemaker declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia T. Olsson
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Pamela Shoemaker
Chairwoman