



City of Palm Coast

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Meeting Minutes Beautification & Environmental Advisory Committee

Chairman Glenn Partelow
Vice Chair Kenneth Jones
Committee Member John Kapcar
Committee Member Joanna Salkovitz
Committee Member Jeffery Seib

Thursday, August 27, 2015

5:00 PM

Council Conference Room

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Partelow called the BEAC meeting to order at 5:00PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chairman Partelow, Vice Chair Jones, Committee Member Kapcar, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

C. MINUTES

1 [15-348](#) MEETING MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2015 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes 7 23 15 BEAC](#)

Approved as presented

Approved: 5 - Chairman Partelow, Vice Chair Jones, Committee Member Kapcar, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

E. NEW BUSINESS

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**HULETT SWAMP WELLFIELD AREA - ENVIRONMENTAL
DISCUSSION**

Mr. William Butler, Landscape Architect for the City of the Palm Coast, introduced Mr. Brian Matthews, Environmental Specialist for the City of Palm Coast who addressed the Committee on this agenda item and presented them with a handout which is attached to these minutes.

Vice Chair Jones: Is there a current baseline that you are using before the new wells?

ANS: Mr. Matthews: Yes, actually we have a wetlands monitoring program in place that began in 1990, so now it is 25 years (old), and that encompasses 15 wells, 5 in the north zone, 5 in the south zone and 5 in the mid-zone.

Mrs. Salkovitz: Part of Plantation Bay which is part of Flagler County have some severe water problems and I thought they were talking to the City of Palm Coast about drilling a new well down there, am I wrong?

ANS: Mr. Matthews: Yes, first we don't have anything to do with Plantation Bay. Yes, if they drill wells they will have to make sure that they do not impact our wellfield, we are an existing legal user. The district (St. John's River Water Management District-SJRWMD) will not allow them to drill a well if they (SJRWMD) feel that model will impact the wellfield in Palm Coast. They will not be allowed to drill it. They have some water quality issues but not a lot, where their real problem is in their treatment plant.

Vice Chair Jones: Is that similar to what happened with Beverly Beach?

ANS: Mr. Matthews: They had a waste water plant issue, now we are taking their waste water. They never had a water system per se, although they are interconnected with us as a consecutive system and they receive our water.

Vice Chair Jones: Has there been any further talk about a desalination water treatment of the beach water?

ANS: Mr. Matthews: Yes, absolutely. At one time, not long ago, 2004 - 2005 we had a Flagler County water supply plan being built with all the entities in Flagler County. It was being administered by the water management district (SJRWMD), whose goal it is to make sure we grow in a managed sense as it relates to water supply and sourcing. We investigated a whole bunch of source possibilities and the one that fell out as being the most expensive for sure but the most drought proof solution was to not go west but to go east. And what we came up the Coquina Coast desalination project.

Mr. Seib: The wetland monitoring, what are some of the aspects of that, is it looking for decline in the water table or the vegetation, what do you do?

ANS: Mr. Matthews: We look at the species of vegetation, we look at the soils, we look at the waterline, we look at the type of vegetation at different locations within the wetlands. We define the wetlands edge.

Mrs. Salkovitz: Is the City of Palm Coast going to try to get more conservation lands so that they can have more areas to put wells into?

ANS: Mr. Butler: Not presently.

3 [15-352](#) **DISCUSSION OF CELL TOWERS ON PALM COAST PARKWAY
CORRIDOR**

Attachments: [Cell Tower Ordinance 2nd reading](#)

Ms. Sara Lockhart, Flagler Audubon Society, addressed the BEAC.

Vice Chair Jones: Do they (Ospreys) make nests in towers? And secondly do these tower companies tear them down as a result?

ANS: Ms. Lockhart: Yes, they do.

Mrs. Salkovitz: Now there is an eagle nest at Grand Haven. And if they built a cell tower on Colbert (Lane), will that affect they eagles.

ANS: Ms. Lockhart: There is guidance from US Fish and Wildlife that indicates how far they (cell phone towers) are to be from bald eagle nests.

Ms. Lockhart: Jeffrey do you recall from what you've read, how far they (cell phone towers) need to be from a bald eagle nest?

ANS: Mr. Seib: No I don't recall the distance from a bald eagle nest but there is a distance from any environmentally sensitive area.

Mr. Partelow: With two companies building cell phone towers, is there any prediction about how many would be required in Flagler (County)?

ANS: Ms. Lockhart: That is a very interesting question, and I don't know the answer to that (question).

Mr. Kapcar: Bill, Is there anyway that we could go to someplace or you could bring it (to us), to know what the other rules the City follows as it relates to cell towers, because you are saying that whatever isn't covered in this ordinance basically goes back to original rules we are using?

ANS: Mr. Butler: Yes, I could have Irene send it to you.

4 [15-353](#) **PALM COAST BLUEWAYS PADDLING GUIDE**

Mr. William Butler handed out samples of the new Blueways Paddling Guide and discussed this program with BEAC members.

5 [15-351](#) **OCTOBER 2015 MEETING - DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE**

Mr. William Butler discussed a requirement to change the October BEAC meeting due to the City Offices moving during the month of October.

Please note that since this item was discussed and this vote occurred the October meeting of the BEAC has been changed to Thursday, October 29, 2015 @ 5:30PM at the Palm Coast Community Center, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

Approved

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G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

F. DISCUSSION OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Seib: The trees on Old Kings Road, the trees in the median, are they going to stay there?

ANS: Mr. Butler: No, they will have to go due to the Palm Coast four laning (project).

Mr. Seib: So what is going to happen, are they going to cut (them) down and pave over (them), are they going to pull the stumps?

ANS: Mr. Butler: Well yes, they will pull the stumps out.

Mr. Seib provided a presentation regarding the wet swales for the BEAC members, which is attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Salkovitz: Now Jeff, who is supposed to maintain those (swales)?

ANS: Mr. Butler: The City does.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary

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ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES

Attachments: [Wellfield Presentation](#)
 [AugustBluewaysOutsideOnline](#)
 [BluewaysMapInsideOnline](#)
 [SWALES-2015](#)