



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, April 27, 2017

5:00 PM

City Hall Community Wing

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Partelow called the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, April 17, 2017 to order @ 5:04PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Member Partelow, Committee Member Kapcar, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Jones

C. MINUTES

1 [17-139](#) MEETING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2017 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

A motion was made by Committee Member Seib and seconded by Committee Member Kapcar that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 4 - Member Partelow, Committee Member Kapcar, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Jones

D. OLD BUSINESS

2 [17-103](#) **UPDATE ON CITY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS**

Mr. William Butler, Landscape Architect for the City of Palm Coast gave an update on the City's Beautification Projects.

E. NEW BUSINESS

3 [17-176](#) **HEROES PARK PROPOSAL FOR MEMORIAL - U.S.S. LIBERTY**

Mr. William Butler, Landscape Architect for the City of Palm Coast gave an update on Heroes Park Proposal for the memorial to the U.S.S. Liberty.

Mr. Ernest Gallo, 6 Clearview Ct. South, Palm Coast, former crew member on the U.S.S. Liberty addressed the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) members regarding the history of this ship.

Mr. Butler: Does the ship still exist?

ANS: Mr. Gallo: No, it was sold for scrap, I believe in 1970.

Mr. Seib: That monument is at Arlington (Cemetery)?

ANS: Mr. Gallo: Yes, we plan a major event on June 8th (our 50th anniversary) at noon.

Mr. Kapcar: Did the Israeli government ever explain why that happened (the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty)?

ANS: Mr. Gallo: They claimed it was an accident. They thought we were an Egyptian (ship).

Mr. Seib: So were you in the communication intercept area?

ANS: Mr. Gallo: Yes. I was a communication technician, I was a Navy spook.

Mr. Seib: So you were also monitoring the Israeli communications?

ANS: Mr. Gallo: No, we were not.

Mr. Seib: So, are you saying that it was a statement against (President) Johnson's encouraging them (Israel) to go to the peace table?

ANS: Mr. Gallo: I'm saying that they wanted to take the Golan Heights in that hadn't happened yet. And we would have been reporting on troop movements out of the Sinai to the Syrian border. And this came from a book from an Israel Mossad agent who said they were concerned that if we got that information and passed that to the British. The British would have gotten the word out to the Egyptian's that Israel is moving troops out of the Sinai and they could have counter attacked and taken back the Sinai. We will never know.

Mr. Ted Turowki, 46 Cold Spring Ct., addressed the BEAC members, in favor of this agenda item.

Mr. Kapcar: Isn't it true that the first fighter plane that attacked saw that we were flying an American flag and it reported it back to Israel and Israel said to continue the attack.

ANS: Mr. Gallo: Yes.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kapcar and seconded by Committee Member Salkovitz that the Committee accept what they see here and that the memorial be put in Heroes Park as written. The motion was adopted by the following vote

Approved: 4 - Member Partelow, Committee Member Kapcar, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Jones

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COMMUNICATION TOWERS

Committee Member Seib gave a presentation on Communications Towers and his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Kapcar: Have they ever tried an experiment to see if they could put anything up there where the birds would not be attracted to it?

ANS: Mr. Seib: Yeah, there are people working on it. As I was saying, there is new research that says that the flashing lights do not attract (the birds).

Mr. Kapcar: Would the cost be astronomical if they replaced them (the solid on lights) with flashing lights?

ANS: Mr. Seib: Well, I have that on my next point (referring to the presentation), thinking forward to the next bullet point. They have studied these and by changing to the flashing light, if you think about it the light is off 50% of the time. It is using 50% less energy. So the energy costs saved over time would pay for the procedure. And in addition they would save many birds.

Mr. Butler: Jeffrey, may I ask a question, is this retroactive or is this only for new towers?

ANS: Mr. Seib: That is a great question, because I was going to say next that these (requirements) are only for towers that are approved and licensed after these dates. So any towers that are before those dates they are grandfathered in. So only if they wish to make an endeavor to do that, there is no regulation that require them to do that (switch to flashing lights).

Action Plan: BEAC find who are the City personnel who are responsible to licensing the towers?

Recommend lighting scheme changes as well for City owned properties.

Mrs. Salkovitz: How tall is the new one on Colbert (Lane)?

ANS: Mr. Butler: It would be 150 feet because it was just built.

Mrs. Salkovitz: May I ask are there any towers under 150 feet?

ANS: Mr. Seib: Yes.

Mrs. Salkovitz: And are the birds affected by those towers under 150 feet?

ANS: Mr. Seib: They may be marginally, but the most destructive are the large flashing lights towers.

Action Plan: Mr. Seib to research whether or not there are any towers under 150 feet located within Palm Coast that have lights (whether flashing or solid).

Mrs. Salkovitz: How do you intend to encourage them (referring to encouraging tower operators to switch to flashing LED lighting)?

ANS: Chair Partelow: We have no power.

ANS: Mr. Seib: By speaking with them, well the LED lighting is actually cheaper. The switchover is the thing they save money.

Chair Partelow: Are we going to make a motion to this affect this month or next?

ANS: Mr. Seib: What would we want to make the motion that we would like to present to the (City staff) team that Bill had proposed that some of these items. Any tower that has lighting in the City limits should go to the flashing LED light situation, would that be a motion?

ANS: Mrs. Salkovitz: Yes, you attended a meeting this week.

ANS: Mr. Seib: They met this week and are meeting again.

A motion was made by Committee Member Seib and seconded by Committee Member Kapcar that the Committee recommended that any communication towers that are under the City jurisdiction shall have no solid on lights, only flashing and LED lights. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 4 - Member Partelow, Committee Member Kapcar, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Jones

5 [17-178](#) **ARTIFICIAL PONDS AND WETLANDS IN THE CITY**

This item will be continued to next meeting.

Mr. Butler: Is there anything that I need to prep on this item, can you give me an inkling of what you are talking about?

ANS: Mr. Seib: As I stated in my introduction, it is more the fresh water issue of the ponds and the drainage system. As well as the wetlands within the City. I can forward you my presentation.

The Agenda Item was continued.

6 [17-179](#) **CITY-OWNED PROPERTY**

This item was continued till next meeting.

Mr. Butler: Now on City owned property what is the issues there?

ANS: Mr. Seib: What I'm talking about there is the undeveloped property, spread throughout the City, that the City owns (property). My concern is the drainage system and we should have some input into this prior to these lots being developed.

Action Item: Bill Butler will provide a map of the City owned property for next meeting's discussion. This map to include the zoning of these properties.

The Agenda Item was continued.

7 [17-180](#) **LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR I-HOP AND STARBUCKS**

William Butler discussed this matter although he had difficulty displaying his presentation, which is attached to these minutes.

F. DISCUSSION OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

William Butler discuss the upcoming Arbor Day 2017 event scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2017 and provided BEAC members with a copy of the Arbor Day 2017 flyer

(which is attached to these minutes).

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21PM.

*Respectfully submitted:
Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary*

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ATTACHMENTS