



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 24, 2017

5:00 PM

City Hall Community Wing

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Partelow called the meeting of August 24, 2017 for the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) to order @ 5:03PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Member Partelow, Vice Chair Jones, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Kapcar

C. MINUTES

1 [17-278](#) MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2017 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Member Seib made a motion which was seconded by Member Salkovitz to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Approved: 4 - Member Partelow, Vice Chair Jones, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Kapcar

D. OLD BUSINESS

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY - DON SCHRAGER

Mr. Don Schrager, Construction Site Supervisor for the City of Palm Coast, addressed the BEAC members and was available to address any questions the members may have.

Mr. Seib: I was wondering in the canals, is it a function of the flow, the temperature, or the many homes that drain into the canal (system)?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: Are you talking about the algae, in general?

ANS: Mr. Seib: Yes, the bloom.

ANS: Mr. Schrager: We end up with algae bloom a few times a year, based on the nutrients in the water as well as heat of the water.

Mr. Schrager also provided the BEAC members with the history of the Palm Coast canals and the system of treatments for these canals.

Mr. Butler: I know we used to get carp to eat the algae, do we still do that?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: Yes, every year we budget for an alternative treatment approach. We would prefer not to put chemicals in the water.

Chair Partelow: What is the cost of 2,400 (carp)?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: I believe this last round cost us about \$6.00 per fish. So we spend \$15,000 to \$18,000 a pop.

Mr. Butler: How big are they (carp) when they first go in (to the water)?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: Six to eight inches.

Chair Partelow: Do you do any dredging of the canals?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: We don't have any dredging program per se, but this year we started with our contractor, is a MacGyver type guy, who retrofitted a weed harvester to just scrap the sludge off the bottom, the sediment off the bottom. So he does basically the same thing but it doesn't meet the full definition of dredging because he actually scrapes down to the sandy bottom and everything else goes up this conveyor belt and falls off.

Mrs. Salkovitz: Do you buy your fish at the same location all the time?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: Actually, we have the same vendor (State Fishery) for the last three years.

Mrs. Salkovitz: They are dredging at Matanzas, up by Marineland, is that going to affect us down here by the Intracoastal and the waters of the Intracoastal?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: It shouldn't, I'm not familiar with the project, but usually something like that is localized.

Mrs. Salkovitz: But it won't change the water flowing into the Intracoastal or the waterways down here?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: Like I said I'm not familiar with the details of the project. But that far away you shouldn't see an impact.

Mr. Butler explained the use of the Turbidity Curtain and how that may prevent adverse

effects.

Chair Partelow: So what is your biggest problem with storm water in Palm Coast?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: Education. We spend a lot of time on swale, storm water issues educating the public.

Chair Partelow: What is the maintenance schedule or treatment schedule for the swales and ditches?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: The swales and ditches are maintained by Public Works. Public Works goes to each section of Palm Coast twice a year (visiting every area every 6 months).

Mr. Seib: Are the native vegetation treated? Since most residents aren't from here is that part of the education you are talking them?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: Yes. We do have what we call a wet ditches and swales, they are considered "wet" because they hold water more than 50% of the year.

Chair Partelow: So that the City allowed a construction of a project that is not very good, that is too low, that is what I'm saying?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: The City only became a City in 2000, so I would disagree that it was the City.

Mr. Schrager explained to the BEAC members the building cost involved of raising the level of the ground and specific sections of the City that were not developed as they were not cost effective to build due to wetlands.

Mr. Schrager addressed the process for lowering the water control structures (weirs) when a hurricane approaches the City via our newly remote control automated control system.

Mr. Seib: What is the rate of it (water) going out?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: The amount that it drops is very a function of how long the canal is, the surface area we have to drain off.

Mr. Schrager explained to the BEAC members how institutional knowledge effects the timing of the draining of the weirs.

Mr. Seib: Is that the one that is down one of the streets, that particular structure?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: We actually purchased a parcel for access, it is actually 107 Barrington Dr., the canal behind it.

Mrs. Salkovitz: Since the last hurricane was there anything the City has changed?

ANS: Mr. Schrager: After Matthew?

Mrs. Salkovitz: Yes.

ANS: Mr. Schrager: No, we surprisingly didn't have a big rain event. Our issue was trees, we had trees down everywhere.

The Agenda Item was Received and Filed.

E. NEW BUSINESS

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ART DISPLAY PROPOSAL- NANCY CROUCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PALM COAST ARTS FOUNDATION

Mrs. Nancy Crouch, Executive Director of the Palm Coast Arts Foundation, addressed the members of the advisory council on future plans for the Arts Center as well as art in public places, "turtles on parade". She also gave a PowerPoint presentation which is attached to these minutes.

Chair Partelow: What is the general price for a turtle?

ANS: Ms. Crouch: Well we are working on that right now, but I think it would upwards up to \$5,000.

Mrs. Salkovitz: And what would the artist charge for this?

ANS: Ms. Crouch: We are thinking \$400. or \$500. We would like the artist to be paid because they should be paid, even though their name will go on the plaque.

Mrs. Salkovitz: Are you going to be do this with Flagler Beach, as well?

ANS: Ms. Couch: I want to do it in the whole county.

Mrs. Salkovitz: Will this be a permanent project?

ANS: Ms. Couch: Yes.

Mrs. Salkovitz: My question, is what happens after a few years if it starts to look no so nice looking anymore?

ANS: Ms. Couch: That will be written into the artist agreement, plan for a little touch up in a few years. Also they will be using materials that will work with our environment.

A motion was made by Member Seib indicating that the BEAC is in support of this concept and we would like to see it go forward, which was seconded by Member Kapcar. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Approved: 4 - Member Partelow, Vice Chair Jones, Committee Member Salkovitz, and Committee Member Seib

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Kapcar

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chair Partelow opened the meeting to public comment @ 6:21PM. Seeing no one approach the podium the public comment portion of the meeting was closed @ 6:22PM.

F. DISCUSSION OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Partelow: Can you check on the removal of the signs on either side of Eastwood that is telling people about construction on the median that is been over for 6 weeks?

ANS: Mr. Butler: Is it just laying down? They probably forget about it. I'll make sure they get them removed.

Mr. Butler, explained that one of the guests observing the BEAC meeting is a boy scout who is fulfilling one of his scout requirements by observing a City meeting. He will be receiving his badge for attending this meeting.

Mr. Butler discussed a future agenda item might be the new City Arborist Program to require tree trimmer to be certified.

Mrs. Salkovitz: When does that (program) go into effect, Bill?

ANS: Mr. Butler: It already has. It was written into the land development code last year

(Landscape Code Revision November 2016).

Mrs. Salkovitz: Is there a listing that a person can find this information?

ANS: Mr. Butler: Yes, any provision our website (Palmcoastgov.com) and there is a query on the home page. Just type in business tax and that it will bring up the portal for business tax. You can then query by profession. It doesn't ensure that they are insured or their competency. But it does show they are registered with the City (they have a business tax license).

Mrs. Salkovitz: A landscaper needs a license?

ANS: Mr. Butler: Oh, sure. There are two categories, landscape services. They are your lawn mowers and bush trimmers. And they can trim trees if they are standing on the ground. But the moment they get off the ground, they have to have another certification called a tree surgeon. It is the category that you have to have the card (referring to the Tree Trimming City Program).

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary

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ATTACHMENTS