



**City of Palm Coast  
Minutes  
Beautification and  
Environmental Advisory  
Committee**

City Hall  
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*Chairman Jeffery Seib  
Committee Member Edward Beier  
Committee Member Robert Knapp  
Committee Member Glenn Partelow  
Committee Member Robbyn Mackler*

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**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall**

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**A CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Chair Seib called the January 23, 2020 meeting of the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) to order at 5:00PM.*

**B ROLL CALL**

*Present and responding to roll call were:*

*Ms. Mackler  
Mr. Knapp  
Chair Seib  
Mr. Beier  
Mr. Partelow*

**C MINUTES**

**1 MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2019 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Pass**

**Motion made to approve as presented made by Committee Member Knapp and seconded by Committee Member Beier**

**Approved - 5 - Committee Member Edward Beier, Chairman Jeffery Seib, Committee Member Glenn Partelow, Committee Member Robert Knapp, Committee Member Robbyn Mackler**

**D OLD BUSINESS**

**2 ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR TO THE BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Chair Seib introduced Ms. Robbyn Mackler as the newest member of the BEAC and asked her to provide her background.*

*Mr. Partelow suggested that this item be delayed until next month, February 27, 2020.*

**Received and Filed**

**3 THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY UPDATE**

*Chair Seib gave a brief background on this agenda item, including his efforts to get an update from the Palm Coast Garden Club. Chair Seib introduced Mr. P.M. Reddy and he gave an update on his experience creating butterfly gardens. He also gave a handout of a sketch of a proposed butterfly garden, which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Reddy suggested the cost of the butterfly garden to be added to the rain garden located at City Hall would be approximately \$1090.00. Mr. Reddy also suggested the City look into creating a botanical garden. Chair Seib asked if the City would consider supporting the cost of the Monarch garden. Ms. Dawson indicated that if the BEAC members voted in support of the Monarch garden at the discussed location than Ms. Dawson would have to take the proposal to the Parks Team to discuss funding. Mr. Reddy mentioned that there is a Florida Wildflower Foundation that may grant up to \$3000.00 for this project. Mr. Partelow suggested that the BEAC reach out to Palm Coast Garden Club about supplying some the required plants for the garden. Ms. Dawson also addressed the need for community involvement in maintenance of the garden.*

**Pass**

**Motion made to approve as presented and submit the plan to the Parks Team for review and approval made by Committee Member Partelow and seconded by Committee Member Knapp**

**Approved - 5 - Committee Member Edward Beier, Chairman Jeffery Seib, Committee Member Glenn Partelow, Committee Member Robert Knapp, Committee Member Robbyn Mackler**

#### **4 DISCUSSION OF THE EAGLE IN FLIGHT DONATION**

*Chair Seib asked the BEAC members to consider locations for the Eagle in Flight donation (2nd floor City Hall or Firestation #25). Ms. Dawson mentioned that a final location for the artwork is being considered as Long Creek Nature Preserve within the nature center facility when it is completed in the future.*

#### **Pass**

**Motion made to approve as presented to temporarily house the Eagle in Flight sculpture in the 2nd floor hallway at City Hall, until the nature center is completed at Long Creek Nature Preserve, made by Committee Member Partelow and seconded by Committee Member Beier**

**Approved - 5 - Committee Member Edward Beier, Chairman Jeffery Seib, Committee Member Glenn Partelow, Committee Member Robert Knapp, Committee Member Robbyn Mackler**

### **E NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5 NUTRIENT POLLUTION OF FRESHWATER CANALS IN PALM COAST**

*Chair Seib introduced this agenda item and gave a PowerPoint presentation which is attached to these minutes.*

*Chair Seib asked if the airboats used in dislodging any algae growth are owned by the City. Ms. Denise Bevan, City Administrative Coordinator, answered that work is contracted out.*

*Chair Seib asked Ms. Bevan if the City had a program to clear natural ferns from the waters' edge. Ms. Bevan explained the process for maintaining the City's stormwater system, which include the fresh water and salt water canal systems, ditches (both major and minor) and swales system.*

*Chair Seib asked if there is a specific measurement used for the easement between a property and the waters' edge. Ms. Dawson did not know but said she would follow up with the City's Stormwater Division.*

*Discussion ensued between the BEAC members regarding recommending a regulation from the property line (a know element) to the waters' edge (an unknown element) to limit nutrient pollution of the waterways.*

*Ms. Bevan discussed the background retional behind the City's Stormwater's Division discussion of using dredging.*

*Ms. Bevan to follow up with the City's Stormwater Division and Public Works regarding the maintenance program currently in use by the City and will discuss at the next BEAC meeting on February 27th.*

*Chair Seib opened this item to public comment at 6:17PM.*

*Mr. Paul Pritchard, 10 Craft Court, addressed the BEAC members and is in favor of this agenda item and recommended that the BEAC expand their research to include salt water canals.*

*Chair Seib closed this item to public comment at 6:32PM.*

*Chair Seib agreed to expand this project to include review of the City's salt water canals.*

### **Received and Filed**

## **6 DISCUSSION OF VINNIE THE VAN GOGH TURTLE DONATION AND FUTURE GOLF PROPOSAL**

*Chair Seib requested that this item (agenda #6 be heard prior to agenda items #2-#5) since no objection was made this agenda item was heard out of order.*

*Ms. Nancy Crouch, Palm Coast Arts Association, was introduced by Chair Seib, and she gave a presentation which is attached to these minutes.*

*Mr. Beier questioned who pays for the turtles. Ms. Crouch explained that the sponsor pays for all turtle related expenses, which is \$5,000.00. Mr. Beier questioned is there a plan to maintain the turtles. Ms. Crouch explained they would only need a clear coat. Mr. Beier questioned how many turtles are planned and who determines the theme of the turtles. Ms. Crouch explained that the sponsor determines the theme and she hopes eventually there would be 50 turtles throughout the City of Palm Coast.*

*Mr. Knapp questioned the percentage that actually covers the expenses for the Turtles. Ms. Crouch indicated that 60% is for the actual expenses and the remainder (40%) goes to the Palm Coast Art Association fund raising goals.*

### **Pass**

**Motion made to approve as presented made by Committee Member Knapp and seconded by Committee Member Beier**

**Approved - 5 - Committee Member Edward Beier, Chairman Jeffery Seib, Committee Member Glenn Partelow, Committee Member Robert Knapp, Committee Member Robbyn Mackler**

## **F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

## **G DISCUSSION OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

*Chair Seib gave an update on his recent presentation to the Planning and Land Development Regulations Board (PLDRB) on rising sea levels and how he thought the PLDRB members received the presentation very well.*

*Mr. Partelow reminded the BEAC members that the PLDRB gave them some charges to come back to PLDRB with recommendations. Mr. Partelow, suggested that all new City buildings be launched with a solar component.*

*Ms. Bevan updated the BEAC members regarding the guidance given to the Planning Division from the City Council regarding the review of the Comprehensive Plan. She also gave some information on the County's PACE program which involves a credit on property taxes for installing solar power.*

*Discussion of recommendations to make to City staff involving the incentives in place for green building programs including education for the citizens about programs that are available. Chair Seib asked the members to come up with some ideas for the next BEAC meeting.*

## **H ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made that the meeting be adjourned by Mr. Knapp and the motion was seconded by Ms. Mackler. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47PM.*

*Respectfully Submitted by:  
Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary*