

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

Chairman Jeffery Seib Vice Chairman Edward Beier Committee Member Robert Knapp Committee Member Glenn Partelow Committee Member Robbyn Mackler City Hall 160 Lake Avenue Palm Coast, FL 32164 www.palmcoastgov.com

Thursday, May 27, 2021 5:00 PM	City Hall
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## CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Seib called the May 27, 2021 Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) meeting to order @ 5:00PM.

## **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Present and responding to roll call were: Chair Seib Mr. Partelow Vice Chair Beier Mr. Knapp Ms. Mackler

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

1 MEETING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2021 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Pass

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

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

#### STAFF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

# 2 MONARCH CITY USA-UPDATE

Jordan Myers, Environmental Planner, introduced the item and shared a drawing completed by Karen Creech, Landscape Architect, which depicted the location of the turtle sculpture known as "Nadia" located at City Hall. The drawing depicted the existing crepe mrytles and ground cover as well as the existing irrigation system at this location. Ms. Myers introduced Ms. Carol Mini, Urban Forester, who spoke to the BEAC members about her experiences with cultivating butterfly gardens in the City of Palm Coast with the Children Helping in Resource Protection (C.H.I.R.P.) program. She recommended against placing a butterfly garden at City Hall due to the lack of full sun and she went on to recommend the location at Linear Park be considered for expansion of the existing butterfly garden located there. Ms. Mini also suggested integrating the butterfly garden proposal with the school systems as an education tool. Ms. Mini was asked to help in establishing a program with the schools and she will follow up with her school contacts and come back next month (June 24th BEAC meeting) to provide an update on the schools response to the suggested program.

#### **Received and Filed**

## 3 ART IN TOWN CENTER-UPDATE

Mr. Harry Messersmith, Sculpturer from Deland, demonstrated a model for a donated sculpture called "The Skater" which is proposed to be placed in the garden bed in front of the restroom area at Central Park. Mr. Messersmith was requesting design approval before he proceeds with the construction of the structure. Concerns by committee of the sharp angles and the potential of children climbing on the structure were discussed. Ms.Myers showed the members on the screen the location proposed for "The Skater" in the garden bed and demonstrated that it would not be easily accessed from the walkway. A suggestion was discussed about adding signage regarding no clumbing and bronze plate describing the art work in more detail. Ms. Mackler question the maintenance needs of the structure. Mr. Messersmith suggested green color be added to the sculpture and that a light powder is coated onto the aluminmum to help protect the statue from weather/nature. Mr. Messersmith stated that the statue may require a light waxing to prevent water spots and a discussion amongst the members pursued regarding who would do the waxing/maintenance of the piece. Ms. Meyers stated that would be discussed with The Parks' Team and questions regarding installation and maintenance would be decided at that level. Ms. Mackler mentioned that the sculpture at the Flagler County library is in need of attention. Mr. Messersmith stated that he knows the artist and that he would discuss the need to look into updating the sculpture with him. Ms. Myers ask the BEAC members if there were any objections to Mr. Messersmith

proceeding to The Parks' Team and there was no objections for the committee members.

#### **Received and Filed**

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

# 4 CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE-REFRESHER

Chair Seib gave a presentation which is attached to this record. Chair Seib also discussed a new Resiliency Law (SB-1954) that Governor DeSantis signed recently that would provide matching funds to coastal communities in Florida to improve their resiliency. Chair Seib encouraged the City to get involved in this new program (SB-1954). Conversation ensued about the City's dredging program. Ms. Myers to find the mintues from two years ago regarding Mr. Donald Schrager's presentation regarding the City's canal's maintnance and ownership.

*Mr.* Partelow voiced concerns regarding the City of Palm Coast freshwater canal dredging project and its removal of trees, clearing and sodding of property, and the delay in disposal of these trees. Questions are how many trees will be left, when the debris will be removed, and when will the sodding happen? Concerns of environmental distress on city property by stripping land. Suggestion maybe have Stormwater staff present to this committee to discuss the dredging program? Ms. Meyers to look into someone comming to discuss at a future BEAC meeting. Ms. Meyers to email information regarding the dredging program to the committee members to clarify the project.

*Mr.* Knapp asked to get copies of Florida SB 2514 and SB 1954 and Ms. Schaefer agreed to email the link to the members of the committee. Ms. Mackler asked who would ask for grant monies and Chair Seib stated that the City would need to apply for any grant funds.

## **Received and Filed**

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF ISSUES

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion made that the meeting be adjourned by Mr. Knapp and the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Beier. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary

Pass

Motion made to approve made by Committee Member Knapp and seconded by Vice Chairman Beier

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