



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

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

Thursday, August 26, 2021

5:00 PM

City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Chair Seib called the August 26, 2021 Beautification Enviromental Advisory
Committee (BEAC) Meeting to order at 5pm*

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Present and responding to roll call were:

Chair Seib

Vice Chair Beier

Mr. Knapp

Mr. Partelow

Ms. Mackler

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2021 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pass

**Motion made to approve as presented 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

STAFF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING & GREEN BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Ms. Myers, Environmental Planner, gave a presentation on the vehicle charging stations proposal along with its relationship to the City's Green Building initiative and this presentation is attached to this record.

Chair Seib asked if there are fees for charging one's electric vehicle at the City Hall site. Ms. Myers stated that currently the City Hall charging station is free. Chair Seib asked about the proposal for electric charging stations at other City facilities. Ms. Myers explained that other locations were proposed and were not moved forward with by City Council.

Chair Seib inquired about a dual charging station and Ms. Myers explained that a dual charging station is one station with two charging plugs, one on each side.

Vice Chair Beier asked how long a vehicle would take to charge. Ms. Myers explained it depends on the "level" of service on the charging unit. The one located at City Hall is a level two - which would take a few hours to charge a vehicle.

Ms. Myers introduce Mr. Dillion Long, a student at Flagler Palm Coast High School (FPCH) who gave an oral presentation to the BEAC members which explained the various types of technology available in the electric vehicle charging arena.

Chair Seib asked Mr. Long who normally pays for the electricity used at a vehicle charging station installed at a condominium facility. Mr. Long stated that usually apartment owners charge a flat monthly fee to the resident who is using the charging station.

Vice Chair Beier questioned how these apartment properties would control people from parking in a vehicle charging spot overnight thereby preventing other residents from charging their vehicles. Ms. Myers stated that it would be the responsibility of the apartment complex to address these residential parking concerns.

Mr. Knapp asked how the vehicle charging stations are monitored here at City Hall. Ms. Myers stated that City Hall has a level 2 charger so it does take awhile to charge and currently we do have people leaving their car charging for several hours at City Hall's free charging station.

Chair Seib asked about free charging stations located within the City of Palm Coast and Ms. Myers responded that she is only aware of the free stations here at City Hall.

Chair Seib asked if there are standards for electric vehicle charging stations and Mr. Long stated there are standards for the charging stations that all electric vehicles share.

Discussion ensued about the possibilities associated with regulating the free charging station here at City Hall and giving away some service but after a specific amount of time either start charging or turn off the charger (as a way of regulating the use of the charger).

Ms. Mackler asked if the amount of money charged is based on the level of charging offered via electric charging stations. Mr. Long explained the billing for level 1 and 2 charging stations is usually billed per kilowatt hour. However, fast charging speeds (level 3) are difficult for local electric companies to offer therefore the rate charged is significantly higher.

Ms. Mackler asked what the role of the City is in the installation of electric vehicle chargers at apartment complexes. Ms. Myers stated that the City's program deals with installations at City parks. If an apartment complex wanted to install an electric vehicle charging station they would work with FP&L directly.

Mr. Partelow mentioned that the state of Delaware offers free charging to its residents to which Chair Seib asked Ms. Myers if this is something that she is asking the BEAC members to do with regard to incorporating incentives into the Green Building Incentive Program. Ms. Myers stated yes, she is looking to the BEAC members to come up with some incentives to encourage developments (commercial and residential) to add electric vehicle charging stations to their parking plan and that incentive(s) would be added to the Green Building Incentive Program. Ms. Myers clarified that she was looking to the BEAC members to edit the Green Building Incentive Program and address this issue along with other possible changes and then once compiled Ms. Myers would take the recommendations of the BEAC members "up the chain" to be reviewed and approved.

Mr. Long volunteered to help the committee with this project whenever he is available and needed.

Ms. Myers stated that she will send the information regarding the green incentive program to the BEAC members and she then challenged the committee to read the program and then look to scheduling a BEAC workshop to formalize the changes the BEAC members would recommend to the Green Incentive Program.

Chair Seib asked Mr. Long to explain his background and involvement in this program. The BEAC members asked if Mr. Long could act as an advisor to the BEAC on this issue and Ms. Schaefer, Recording Secretary, indicated that there is no reason that Mr. Long wouldn't be able to assist with the drafting of changes to the Green Building Incentives.

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OTHER ITEMS

ARTS COMMISSION & SCULPTURES

Chair Seib requested that this agenda item be heard out of order and this was addressed as agenda item #4.

Chair Seib discussed the "Eagle" sculpture which is now placed in the Community Development Department within City Hall. Chair Seib discussed a plan of adding a plaque to the sculpture, he shared a mockup of the plaque for the BEAC members to review. Discussion ensued about next steps including information from the artist about materials to be used and adherence of the plaque to the sculpture. Ms. Myers suggested this item be discussed with the Arts Commission and she will add to her next agenda with that group.

Received and Filed

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE

Chair Seib requested that this agenda item be heard out of order and this was addressed as agenda item #3.

Chair Seib handed out a paper which he read into the record and a copy of his handout is attached to this record. During Chair Seib presentation he urged City Staff to research the issues of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise and to tie-in more substantial enhancements, such as property tax credits, for implementing changes that will improve the current conditions affecting climate change and sea level rise issues. The BEAC members discussed next steps regarding Chair Seib's proposals including a schedule of presentation to the Planning and Land Development Regulation Board (PLDRB) at sometime in the future. Ms. Myers commented that based on previous discussions, earlier this evening, she was asking the BEAC members to work on revising the current City of Palm Coast Green Building Incentive Program. She suggested that Chair Seib's incentive options may be able to be tied into this "reworked" program. Ms. Myers also discussed the suggested steps to include a series of BEAC workshops to work out the details of the program and then finalize the presentation to the PLDRB members. Once this is done this item may be added to the PLDRB agenda for a public hearing sometime later this year. Chair Seib suggested including in the new incentives an electric vehicle charging station option for business and multi-family complex owners. Discussion of timing of the BEAC meetings ensued among the members. Ms. Mackler asked if the "new incentives" would apply to new construction only or existing buildings? Ms. Myers stated it would apply to both new and existing buildings.

Vice Chair Beier asked for clarification of the regular scheduled BEAC meetings for the rest of 2021. Ms. Myers provided the dates which are September 24th, October 28th, and December 2nd. Vice Chair Beier also wanted to ensure that Mr. Long receive credit from FPCH for his participation on the green incentive program and he asked Ms. Myers to work with FPCH to report Mr. Long's work on this project to Mr. Long's teachers. Ms. Myers agreed that she would reach out to Mr. Long's teachers and report his efforts on the City's Green Building Initiative Program.

Chair Seib opened the meeting to public comment at 6:09pm and seeing no one approach the podium he closed the meeting to public comment at 6:10pm.

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF ISSUES

Mr. Partelow discussed his experiences with the East Hampton Canal Dredging Program. Ms. Myers suggested that Mr. Partelow should follow up with Mr. Carmelo Morales, Stormwater Design & Construction Engineer, about any issues he is experiencing with the project. Discussion ensued on the overall effectiveness of the dredging program.

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 6:21PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by:
Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary
Jacqueline Gonzalez, Recording Secretary*

Pass

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