

# City of Palm Coast Minutes

Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee City Hall 160 Lake Avenue Palm Coast, FL 32164 www.palmcoastgov.com

Chair Mary Vasilevsky Vice Chair Kevin Saint Committee Member Ronald Silvers Committee Member Bruce Jones Committee Member Zachary Marciano

Thursday, December 7, 2023

5:00 PM

City Hall - Community Wing

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# A CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Vasilevsky called the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) December 7, 2023 meeting to order at 5:00pm.

# B ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Present and responding to roll call were:

Chair Vasilevsky Mr. Silvers Mr. Jones Mr. Marciano

Absent:

Vice Chair Saint

# C APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

# 1 MEETING MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2023 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **Pass**

Motion made to approve as presented made by Committee Member Silvers and seconded by Committee Member Jones

Approved - 4 - Chair Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Committee Member Zachary Marciano

#### D STAFF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

# 2 DISCUSSION OF NAMING OPTIONS FOR THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Ms. Maeven Rogers, Chief Sustainability Officer, joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams and lead the team in discussion of the naming options. Discussion occured of whatever name is chosen a related acronym should be created and used with the new group.

Mr. Jones asked if the City of Palm Coast has a Sister City program and if so if we could work with the sister city to see they have similar goals for public involvement.

Ms. Rogers stated that the conference she is at is the South East Sustainability Director's Network, they share information, for example someone in another community passing a policy that involves green building initiatives, through the network that data will be shared. Also Ms. Rogers stated that they have started to research European Union countries policies.

Ms. Rogers stated that this new committee will be letting the citizens direct the efforts of the City based on their interest - THRIVE and getting people engaged. Mr. Marciano gave the following acronym: Technological and Human Resiliency Initiative Vibrant Exchange, which sparked some discussion among the members.

Mr. Jones suggested using THRIVE but need something else such as Thriving in a Changing World! He also suggested Palm Coast CREATES.

Ms. Rogers asked the group to finalize a name for the next BEAC meeting on January 25, 2024.

Ms. Rogers suggested focusing on the 3 pillars, which Chair Vasilevsky read into the record.

Discussion of various events including clothing swaps ensued among the members.

Ms. Rogers discussed reworking the pillars based on the cycle diagram and removing any political reference.

Mr. Jones stated the workshops are important part of the cycle to keep the communication open.

The new group's naming suggestions would be sent to Irene Schaefer, up till January 18th for compilation and inclusion in the January 25, 2024 BEAC agenda.

Chair Vasilevsky opened this item to public comment at 5:58pm and seeing no one approach the podium, she closed this item to public comemnt at 5:59pm.

#### **Pass**

Motion made to continue made by Committee Member Marciano and seconded by Committee Member Silvers

Approved - 4 - Chair Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Committee Member Zachary Marciano

#### E OTHER ITEMS

#### F COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF ISSUES

Mr. Silvers asked for an update on the Southern Recreation Center. Mr. Picatagi stated that the project is under constructed near Fire Station 25 on Belle Terre Pkwy. It includes 6 pickleball courts, including sun shades over the courts and 1 electric charging station at the existing tennis center. Also, part of this project is an addition to the LehighTrailhead to include a community garden with American Disability Acts (ADA) access, dog parks, and a local restaurant. Mr. Rogers stated that the used pickleballs will be recycled into zip ties. Ms. Rogers provided a link to the project video which Ms. Schaefer will share with the members after this meeting.

Ms. Schaefer reviewed the BEAC schedule for the new year being the 4th Thursday of each month at 5pm starting in January (exception are the months of November and December).

### G ADJOURNMENT

Motion made that the meeting be adjourned by Mr. Silvers and the motion was seconded by Mr. Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary

## **Pass**

Motion made to approve made by Committee Member Marciano and seconded by Committee Member Jones

Approved - 4 - Chair Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Committee Member Zachary Marciano