



# City of Palm Coast Minutes Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee

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

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**Thursday, April 27, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall - Community Wing**

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

*Chair Saint called the April 27, 2023 meeting of the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) to order at 5pm.*

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

*Present and responding to roll call were:*

*Chair Saint*  
*Mr. Silvers*  
*Mr. Jones*  
*Mr. Marciano*

*Excused was:*  
*Chair Vasilevsky*

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

### **1 MEETING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2023 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Pass**

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

**Approved - 4 - Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Vice Chair Kevin Saint**

## **STAFF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS**

### **2 REQUEST TO RENAME THE PALM COAST COMMUNITY CENTER**

*Mr. James Hirst, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a brief history of this item and the role that Jon Netts performed in the Palm Coast community and within the larger Flagler community. Mr. Marciano asked if Mayor Netts was still alive and Mr. Hirst said unfortunately he has passed away. Mr. Hirst stated that the immediate family has also been consulted and they support the renaming of the Palm Coast Community Center in honor of Jon Netts. Mr. Silvers stated that with the changing the name the Palm Coast Community Center may lose its identity and may no longer be associated with the City of Palm Coast.*

*Chair Saint opened this item to public comment at 5:06pm.*

*Ms. Nancy Crouch, Palm Coast Arts Foundation, Chair of the Flagler County Arts and Culture Association addressed the BEAC members stating that Mayor Netts was the longest serving Mayor of Palm Coast and he died in office.*

*Chair Saint closed this item to public comment at 5:07pm.*

*Discussion ensued about renaming a room within the facility or a statue as opposed to changing the name of the facility. Chair Saint asked about adding Mr. Netts last name into the naming of the Palm Coast Community Center. Mr. Silvers restated his opinion about keeping the name the same. Mr. Marciano asked if part of the property could be renamed, i.e. basketball court. Mr. Hirst stated that Mr. Netts was involved in the renovations of the Palm Coast Community Center. When asked if any other facilities within the City were named for Mr. Netts, Mr. Hirst stated that there are no other facilities within the City names after Jon Netts. Mr. Hirst stated that the name is still being worked on but it is suggested to be Jon Netts Community Center.*

**Fail**

**Motion made to Recommend Approval by Committee Member Marciano and seconded by Committee Member Jones**

**Approved - 2 - Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Vice Chair Kevin Saint**

**Denied - 2 - Committee Member Bruce Jones, Committee Member Ronald Silvers**

**3 NEWEST TURTLE TRAIL ADDITION PROPOSAL**

*Mr. James Hirst, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a presentation to the BEAC members regarding the proposed design and location of this addition to the City's Turtle Trail.*

*Mr. Marciano asked the size of the turtle. Ms. Nancy Crouch stated that it would 5x5 similar to the one out in front of City Hall.*

*Chair Saint opened this item to public comment at 5:20pm.*

*Ms. Crouch addressed the BEAC members about the origin of the turtle concept by Morello Heating and Oil, which is based on the American Gothic painting.*

*Mr. Marciano asked if there is a future count for the turtle trail project. Ms. Crouch said there is not a planned limit, currently there are 18 in place. He further asked about the naming. Mr. Marciano asked what location and Ms. Crouch clarified by the lake close to the trees, away from the Burro with Bird on Shoulder. She also clarified that target date is August 15th for the unveiling.*

*Chair Saint closed this item to public comment at 5:31pm.*

**Pass**

**Motion made to Recommend Approval by Committee Member Silvers and seconded by Committee Member Marciano**

**Approved - 4 - Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Vice Chair Kevin Saint**

**4 RELOCATION OF MANATEE SCULPTURE ON CITY PROPERTY**

*Mr. Rick Picatagi, Landscape Architect, addressed the BEAC members about this history of this statue and he discussed the means that were used to determine the proposed location.*

*Mr. Marciano asked how tall is the statue and Mr. Picatagi stated about 7 - 8 ft. including the base. Discussion ensued about the proposed location and whether or not the Palm Coast Sign would be obstructed. Discussion of adding lighting to the Manatee sculpture and that the base would be at grade level.*

*Chair Saint opened this item to public comment 5:40pm.*

*Ms. Nancy Crouch stated that anything in the median is a distraction and that it may lead to accident at that location. She further stated that public art should be seen not just as one drives by it.*

*Chair Saint closed public comment for this item at 5:44pm.*

*Discussion ensued about the sculpture being a distraction while driving. Mr. Marciano also stated that with the growth of the City, Palm Coast Pkwy. may not be the center of the City, in the future.*

*Chair Saint re-open public comment for this item at 5:47pm.*

*Ms. Crouch suggested Town Center around the lake as a possible better location for the Manatee Sculpture.*

*Chair Saint closed this item to public comment at 5:48pm.*

*Mr. Picatagi clarified that this is a private donation and the person who is donating is requesting the location of the sculpture.*

*Discussion ensued about the proposed location as being not the most desirable.*

*Mr. Marciano recommended approval as presented and it was seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion failed with a vote of 1-3 (Chair Saint- Yes, Mr. Silvers, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Marciano- No).*

**Pass**

**Motion made to be approve as amended relocating the Manatee Sculpture to Central Park as this is the location of the City arts center made by Committee Member Marciano and seconded by Committee Member Jones**

**Approved - 3 - Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Committee Member Ronald Silvers  
Denied - 1 - Vice Chair Kevin Saint**

**OTHER ITEMS**

**5 DISCUSSION OF VICE CHAIR SAINT'S SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GREEN BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

*Chair Saint discussed his suggestions for changes to the Green Building Incentive Program which are attached to this record. A discussion ensued of what is currently part of program and those suggestions from Chair Saint.*

*Discussion ensued of benefits of using wells for irrigation vs. the effects of the high iron content in the well water.*

*Discussion of awarding a green building incentive plaque for residential properties and using social media to promote the voting, which would be done by the public. Suggestion on limiting the awards to 2 times a year instead of quarterly was made and discussed.*

*Chair Saint asked that the discussion of the remaining items on his list be continued to the May 25th BEAC meeting.*

*Chair Saint opened this item to public comment at 5:20pm and seeing no one approach the podium he closed it at 5:21pm.*

**RECEIVED AND FILED**

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF ISSUES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made that the meeting be adjourned by Mr. Silvers and the motion was seconded by Mr. Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted by:  
Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary*

**Pass**

**Motion made to approve made by Committee Member Silvers and seconded by Committee Member Jones**

**Approved - 5 - Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Chair Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Vice Chair Kevin Saint**