



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

City Hall  
160 Lake Avenue  
Palm Coast, FL 32164  
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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, June 22, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall - Community Wing**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Chair Saint called the June 22, 2023 meeting of the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee to order @ 5pm.*

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*Present and responding to roll call were:*

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

*Excused:  
Chair Vasilevsky*

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

### 1 MEETING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 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 - Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Chair Kevin Saint, Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Bruce Jones**

### 2 MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 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 Ronald Silvers, Chair Kevin Saint, Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Bruce Jones**

## STAFF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

### 3 RELOCATION OF MANATEE SCULPTURE ON CITY PROPERTY

*This item was pulled from the agenda by the owner of the sculpture, Mr. Paul Katz.*

## OTHER ITEMS

### 4 DISCUSSION OF VICE CHAIR SAINT'S SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GREEN BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

*Chair Saint gave a summary of his suggestions. Mr. Jones suggested looking into grants available to the City for landscape beautification; he referenced programs that he was familiar with where nurseries gave discounts to residential property owners to purchase plants, etc. to beautify their homes and to keep water on their land and control sedimentation. Mr. Jones further explained that the City, used in his reference, obtained grants to fund the program with the participating nurseries. Mr. Jones discussed his experience with the clone lilacs program and that the health of the plants were tracked, it did encourage civic involvement. Mr. Marciano asked about the grant program, and Mr. Jones explained that it was a joint venture with corporate businesses throughout the state of Michigan and Wisconsin. Mr. Jones asked if the City has any coordinated effort with developers regarding landscaping requirements. Chair Saint asked Mr. Picatagi if he was aware of the plants that the City uses along the stormwater pond system and Mr. Picatagi wasn't aware of the plant specimens used. Chair Saint discussed a Flagler Palm Coast High School (FPC)*

*sustainable garden grant that they received from the state. Mr. Jones discussed looking into a community garden within Palm Coast. Rick stated that an issue with a community garden would be irrigation in terms of on going watering and who would pay for the water. Mr. Jones asked Chair Saint what his idea of the priority on the list under discussion would be. Chair Saint stated due to the lack of the funds (\$10,000.) he would prioritize public recognition with social media post. Mr. Marciano discussed transportation including bike paths, scooters, etc. He also mentioned bus routes. Rick stated that the issue with public transportation is that there isn't a concentration of centers in the urban core (Town Center) it is too early in development, therefore there isn't a concentration of people in one area making public transportation feasible. Mr. Silvers suggested recognition awards for existing homes which conserve energy/water. Chair Smith will refresh the list for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Picatagi suggested the committee should set some recommendations and rules for discussion at the next meeting.*

*Chair Saint opened this item to public comment at 5:32pm and seeing no one approach the podium he closed this item to public comment at 5:33pm.*

**Received and Filed**

## **5 DISCUSSION OF PALM COAST NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNAGE**

*Mr. Picatagi addressed Mr. Marchiano's request to look into updating the neighborhood signs. Rick stated that there are not funds in the budget for this specific sign project, so when a capital project involving infrastructure is launched in a specific neighborhood and funding is available, which usually comes through grants, the signs will be reviewed and updated in the individual neighborhoods.*

*Chair Saint opened this item to public comment at 5:35pm and seeing no one approach the podium he closed this item to public comment at 5:36pm.*

**Received and Filed**

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF ISSUES**

*Mr. Jones asked if the City has conservation easements with private land owners or private organizations that the City owns. Mr. Picatagi stated that most of the conservation easements are associated with the wetlands. When a developer buys a parcel that contains a high concentration of wetlands they benefit in terms of credits if they put those wetlands into a conservation easement which will protect those lands from future development. Mr. Picatagi stated that he would research if there are groups that are trying to create conservation easements outside of development community within Palm Coast.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made that the meeting be adjourned by Mr. Silvers and the motion was seconded by Mr. Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.*

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

**Pass**

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

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