



**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*

Thursday, July 27, 2023

5:00 PM

City Hall - Community Wing

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A CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Vasilevsky called the July 27, 2023 Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) meeting to order @ 5pm.

B ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Present and responding to roll call were:

*Chair Vasilevsky
Vice Chair Saint
Mr. Silvers
Ms. Marciano*

Excused was:

Mr. Jones

C APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1 MEETING MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2023 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Pass

Motion made to approve as presented made by Committee Member Marciano and seconded by Vice Chair Saint

Approved - 4 - Chair Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Vice Chair Kevin Saint, Committee Member Zachary Marciano

D STAFF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

2 CITY OF PALM COAST URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN INITIATIVE

Due to Ms. Mini's illness this item will be discussed during the August 24, 2023 BEAC meeting.

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3 CONSERVATION RESPONSE FROM RICHARD PICATAGI

Mr. Richard Picatagi, Landscape Architect, provided written feedback on the various agencies that acquire conservation lands within the area, in response to this question which was asked at the June 22, 2023 BEAC meeting and Mr. Picatagi is away at training at the time of this meeting.

Ms. Irene Schaefer, Planning Administrative Coordinator/Recording Secretary, reviewed Mr. Picatagi's letter and discussion ensued of how a conservation land designation protects the land from future development. Discussion of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) and how to identify those lands on the map was provided. Discussion of land swaps ensued amongst the members.

Vice Chair Saint mentioned that it might be helpful to have Ms. Virginia Smith speak to the Committee members about land swaps. The members requested that this item be discussed at next month's BEAC meeting. Ms. Schaefer stated that she would send a link to the members from the Comprehensive Plan definitions. Chair Vasilevsky asked for Mr. Picatagi to compare the priorities for granting lands into conservation land for the County vs. the City.

Received and Filed

E OTHER ITEMS

Ms. Schaefer introduced Ms. Maeven Rogers, Chief Sustainability & Resiliency Officer, who introduced herself and her background. She also gave an update on the City sustainability & resiliency programs including an update on the Southern Recreation Center which should open during winter 2023. Also she gave an update on the City's LEED certification initiative. She gave a brief

update on the weekly newsletter, tree canopy study, grant energy efficiencies funding from Community Block Grants, and a composting initiative. Ms. Rogers tied her program initiatives into better paying jobs being recruited into Palm Coast based on her previous experiences in Orlando.

Vice Chair Saint asked about other certifications other than LEED. Ms. Rogers stated that they are looking into WELL (quality of life within the building). Chair Vasilevsky asked whether or not she is looking into the City receiving certification from Florida Green Building Coalition (FGSB), discussion ensued, and Ms. Rogers stated she would look into the FGSB program.

Ms. Rogers gave an update on the proposed community gardens to be located at the Southern Recreation Center (Lehigh Trailhead) including that some of the garden beds will be ADA accessible. Ms. Rogers also gave an update on the Electric Vehicle and Solar stations being added to the Southern Recreation Center project.

Vice Chair Saint asked about any research into studying the emissions associated with the Flagler County Airfield. Ms. Rogers said she would look into this issue but to date has not. Chair Vasilevsky asked about Ms. Rogers being a regular participant in the BEAC meetings as her projects overlap with those being researched by the BEAC members. Discussion of having Ms. Rogers being invited back to the October 26, 2023 BEAC meeting (after the 2024 budget is approved by City Council) to assist with the Green Building Incentive Program updates including focusing this program on residential properties. Ms. Rogers suggested the BEAC members bring their suggestions to this meeting.

Vice Chair Saint discussed the City's solicitation policy which will be reviewed by City Council at the September 12th City Council Workshop meeting. Ms. Rogers discussed the possibility of funding a solar cooperative to help simplify the process of adding solar for our Citizens.

Ms. Rogers asked the BEAC members to help name her "Environmental Action Committee Task Force" along with some workshop ideas involving the Palm Coast community.

Discussion of scheduling a workshop meeting in January 2024 and what the agenda might look like ensued.

Mr. Marciano inquired about the process for adding another on/off ramp from Route 95 by Old Kings Road. Ms. Schaefer will request an update from Mr. Michael Grunewald and Mr. Phong Nguyen on the process for requesting an on/off ramp to Route 95.

*Discussion ensued of the BEAC members roles.
Discussion ensued of the "Manatee Statue".*

Chair Vasilevsky opened the meeting to public comment at 7:05pm and seeing no one approach the podium she closed the meeting to public comment at 7:06pm.

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

This item was discussed under agenda item E - other items.

Received and Filed

F COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF ISSUES

Mr. Silvers stated he will not be present at the August 24, 2023 BEAC meeting due to his travel plans.

G ADJOURNMENT

Motion made that the meeting be adjourned by Vice Chair Saint and the motion was seconded by Mr. Silvers. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by:
Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary*

Pass

Motion made to approve made by Vice Chair Saint and seconded by Committee Member Silvers

Approved - 4 - Chair Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Ronald Silvers, Vice Chair Kevin Saint, Committee Member Zachary Marciano