



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

City Hall  
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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, August 24, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall - Community Wing**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Chair Saint called the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) August 24, 2023 meeting to order @ 5pm.*

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*Present and responding to roll call were:*

*Mary Vasilevsky arrived at 5:02pm.  
Chair Saint  
Kenneth Jones  
Zachary Marciano*

*Excused was:  
Ronald Silvers*

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

### 1 MEETING MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2023 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Pass**

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

**Approved - 3 - Chair Kevin Saint, Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Bruce Jones**

## STAFF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

### 2 ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS (ESL)/CONSERVATION

*Mike Lagasse, Public Lands and Natural Resources Manager, Flagler County, gave a presentation which is attached to this presentation.*

*Mr. Jones asked what the decision process is in purchasing the various parcels. Mr. Lagasse stated that it starts with the interest to sell to the County, review by the Citizen Land Acquisition Board and then the County Commission for approval. Mr. Lagasse stated that they look at the Florida wildlife corridor and fresh water and surface water areas that the county wanted to pursue. Then once identified his team will reach out to the land owners to see if they have interest in selling. Mr. Jones asked if the County has its own source of the corridors or is it from the State. Mr. Lagasse stated that they will use the datasets available but they will cross reference against their existing conservation lands to create larger swaths of wildlife habitat. Mr. Lagasse stated that they have just started to use conservation easements to maintain and conserve these conservation lands. Also to allow the land owners to continue a way of life, that is important to them. Mr. Jones commented on the size of some parcels. Discussion ensued of an island affecting incorporating trails.*

*Mr. Lagasse stated that they do work with conservation trusts. Mr. Lagasse stated that the referendum amount is an estimate, however, if a referendum were considered now, it would be relative. Discussion on bonding of the program to help fund it ensued.*

*Mary asked about challenges Mr. Lagasse has faced with this program. Mr. Lagasse gave a summary of his work history starting in 2011. Mr. Lagasse said: "Do what we can when we can – adapt".*

*Mr. Lagasse used an example for funding. Flexibility to respond- funding availability locally available. ELS spending at 10% fund, it is start up fund once depleted you find other sources of funding. Example of funding - timbering to help fund the property into the future, restrictive funding, depending on deed that was related to the property.*

*Mr. Lagasse stated that Lake Disston if we can make it happen it would be good for fresh water resources. He also stated that St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) has it on their listing.*

*Mr. Picatagi stated that there currently isn't City of Palm Coast funding for land acquisition.*

*Mr. Lagasse explained the County pursues land acquisitions countywide.*

*Chair Saint opened this item for public comment @ 5:48pm and seeing no one approach the podium he closed this item to public comment @ 5:49pm.*

#### **Received and Filed**

### **3 DISCUSSION - LAND EXCHANGES**

*Mr. Virginia Smith, Land Management Administration for the City of Palm Coast, addressed the BEAC members regarding land exchanges and their associated land exchange agreement.*

*Ms. Smith stated in response to a question regarding drop lots, that they are not used for land exchanges.*

*Chair Saint opened this item for public comment @5:56pm and seeing no one approach the podium he closed this item to public comment @5:57pm.*

#### **Received and Filed**

### **4 CITY OF PALM COAST URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN INITIATIVE**

*Ms. Carol Mini, Urban Forester, Matthew Siera and Tommy Widera, Urban Forestry Interns for the City of Palm Coast, addressed the BEAC members and Ms. Mini presented a PowerPoint which is attached to this record.*

*Funding: Independant consulting will bring in arborist to build an inventory of the trees. Mr. Jones asked about a patchwood inventory possibility. Ms. Mini stated yes, which we have started. "UFM" Plan is a 3rd party independent company who is going to look at the independent results.*

*Ms. Mini handed out a folder of reference material, which is included in this record.*

*Mr. Jones asked about the date source used for the presentation. He referenced NAP - US Forestry service. Ms. Diaz, GIS Analyst III, stated the source data was downloaded from the USGS-NA.USGS - aerial - resolution .60 meters.*

*Discussion ensued of the GIS map being made available on the City's website. Ms. Mini stated that it is her intent to get this added to the City's website to be included in the UFMP project.*

*Mr. Jones referenced citizen science programs that are available where people collect data and upload to various websites. He also referenced school based programs that may be available.*

*Chair Saint opened this item for public comment @6:53pm and seeing no one approach the podium he closed this item to public comment @6:54pm.*

**Received and Filed**

**OTHER ITEMS**

*No other items were discussed.*

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF ISSUES**

*No committee or staff issues were discussed.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made that the meeting be adjourned by Mr. Jones and the motion was seconded by Ms. Vasilevsky. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted by:  
Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary*

**Pass**

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

**Approved - 4 – Committee Member Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Zachary Marciano, Chair Kevin Saint, Committee Member Bruce Jones**