

Town of Melbourne Beach

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23, 2019 MASNY ROOM – 507 OCEAN AVENUE MINUTES

PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Environmental Advisory Board conducted a meeting on
Wednesday, January 23, 2019 in the Masny Room
located at 507 Ocean Avenue to address the items below.**

Board Members:

Chairman Curtis Byrd
Member Kelli Hunsucker
Member Marti Veatch
Member Christina Keshishian
Member Bruce Morgan
Alternate: Frank Thomas
Alternate: Greg Schaefer

Staff Members:

Town Manager Robert Daniels
Intern Katie Reed

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Curtis- Call to order @ 7:03pm

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Marti, Bruce, Christine, Katie, Bob and Libby Brown Brock (resident) in attendance

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Christine motioned, Marti second motion, minutes approved.

IV. No presentation this week (?)

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Update from Katie: EAB need to send her feedback. Katie received note from Curtis' daughter. Katie is send us draught Feb 15th for members to review. Will be 3 sections:
 - 1.) town assessment (Bob helping)
 - 2.) plan (where are we? Where we want to be?)
 - 3.) implementation (how do we get there?)

Section on "what are we doing"? (ex. Ban on once use plastics, 2 times year beach cleaning, sea oat planting in February, living docks, Kelly's summer work-shop, fertilizer ordinance, tree ordinance, helping homeowners that are still on septic, storm water permit, baffle boxes, compost used on west side of park, no fertilizer in river buffer, compost program, moving away from fertilizer)

February meeting will be to review Katie's draught!

- b. Composting program
 - i. Gemini: Bruce is gardener, 6th graders (Bruce is visiting a couple times a day. LOTS of veggies! Bruce is incorporating compost). Plans to eventually compost at Gemini. Compost lunches. Scott to compost for Gemini
 - ii. Green Earth Compost Program: article in Beachsider. 80+ folks participating! Scott getting 2 tanks month of gas for all his work
- c. Discussion on Comprehensive plan update – Tuesday November 13th: follow up April 24th at 6pm.

TOWN SURVEY! PLEASE TAKE AND SPREAD THE NEWS: town planner to prioritize most important 3 items. E.C. FL Planning Counsel – grant 1/2 study for comprehensive plan.
- d. Drainage on Sunset: drains clogged. Public works to remove non-natives, thinning out veg, move some veg to Riverside Circle Park. Will need help IDing plants. Bob will update next month.

- e. Grants: none at the moment. Libby & Scott talked but he wants to do himself. Bruce giving grant application to Rotary Club

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ocean Park Dune Vegetation: trimming good for dune veg, met with DEP, discussed what types of veg. LOTS OF NON-NATIVES! Getting permit to remove invasive & trimming 1/3. Will plant beneficial plants and shrubs. EAB gave blessing to do this work, most important thing is to get rid of invasive.
- b. Dog waste: Marti to get blurb on the issues of dog waste to town.
- c. Sea Oats February planting: MANY TRAYS TO PLANT! Turtle Conservancy donated trays. Meet at Loggerhead Park, send out reminder to all!
- d. April 24th meeting time changed to 6pm, it is to replace regular EAB meeting. This is the 2nd public meeting regarding an update on the town's comprehensive plan. Plan to attend meeting as EAB group.
- e. Stormwater and runoff options at Circle and Bicentennial Parks:
Circle: planting veg, sloping, detention area. Park is being used as a staging area. Town will grade on won eventually (contractor wanted \$10k to do the work). Bruce Black will donate some vegetation. Want to use native vegetation.
Bicentennial: water retention area, flooding on Atlantic-gutters & curbs. Bob to keep us updated. Can we use the fill dirt in other places?

Christine: Zoo/KBB: litter quitter program. PLEASE PROMOTE!

Bob: KBB-DEP signs near stormwater inlets to go into National Estuary

VII. Agenda for next meeting: Katie's GSA ONLY!

VIII. ADJOURNMENT