PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday February 24, 2021

Zoom Meeting with Social Distance Modifications, 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
	1. Curtis Byrd called a regular meeting of the EAB to order at 7:03 PM.
2. ROLL CALL
	1. Curtis Byrd, Chair
	2. Kelli Hunsucker, Member
	3. Leslie Maloney, Member
	4. Jamie Guth, Member
	5. Rachel Fink, Intern, Florida Tech
	6. Karen Fenaughty, Alternate
	7. Carolyn, Guest
	8. Crsyal Cane, Guest
	9. Rosaly Byrd, Guest
	10. Christina Keshishian, Member
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
	1. Christina motioned to approve January 2021 minutes. Jamie second. All in favor.
4. PRESENTATION
	1. Blue Zone Project: Carolyn discussed the idea/project. Started in 2004, researchers were looking for areas where people had longer lives (e.g. areas in Greece and Costa Rica). In some of these areas, residents routinely lived to be over 100. They determined that it was genetics but also the environment. These communities had many things in common. They also found that residents spent most of their time within 20 miles from the house. So improving the community to benefit the residents is part of the plan of the Blue Zone Project for longevity of the residents. There are grant opportunities which could help the town to increase areas or infrastructure that promote walking and outside activities, park activities, community gardens, etc.
	2. Leslie put forth a motion to investigate further, Christina second. All in favor. Curtis will connect the town manager to get approval for Carolyn will look into this further, what it entails, etc. Her findings will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
	1. Internship Update - Rachel gave an update on her work since the last meeting. She has been working on a grant application for the 2021 Viva Florida Landscape Demonstration Garden. It would be in Bicentennial Park with the effort to plant natives and signage. Jamie suggested incorporating a “walk through” or a bench for people to enjoy the area. This could easily be added afterwards, but is included in the immediate application. Another idea is to add the QR code to the signage, so that the number of visitors can be monitored. Signs could also be put up that identify organisms which use the plants- like butterflies and bees. The EAB discussed removing some of the pups from the volunteer palms that are blocking native flowers from growing. Rachel will work with the town to finalize the budget and Tim from the Butterfly Garden to finalize the garden drawing. Leslie mentioned in the future maybe incorporating a swale to collect storm water off A1A. Another idea is to have an overall sign for the park with a hashtag to determine how many people visit the area.
	2. Hot Wash Sea Oat Planting – There were 14 plats of sea oats, with 96 plants per plat. Girl Scouts planted some, as did the former Mayor.
	3. Swale Signs – Jamie said she received an email from Katie who has photos of the signs in front of swales. They will be put on the website.
	4. Adopt an Area – Jamie looked at unique mapping tools to create a map to be posted on the Sustainability Action Page.
6. NEW BUSINESS
	1. Community Garden – Crystal mentioned there will be a sale of boxes, which people could purchase.
	2. Oyster Reef – Kelli shared an update from the Zoo about the oysters. There will be 150 linear feet of oyster reef installed and the Zoo is moving forward with the paperwork and permitting.
	3. The EAB discussed potential new grant ideas for Rachel to work on – rain barrels, upland buffer plants, French drains, trash to treasure, solar demonstrations.
	4. Founders Day – Leslie will organize a table. The EAB discussed what can be showcased about our work, etc.
	5. Loggerhead Park – An eagle scout wants to do his project at the park. Curtis will work with him and determine a project like – native plantings, signage, bike racks, etc.
	6. Facebook, Social Media, Website – Jamie mentioned there were two pages. A merging of the two may provide some location for people to visit. They would keep the one which has been around the longest. An Instagram page may also be created and linked to the Facebook page. Jamie will work with Rachel to get her caught up to speed on editing the website.
7. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING
	1. Unfinished Business
		1. Internship Update
			1. Rain Barrels
			2. Viva FL Grant
			3. Website
		2. Adopt an Area
		3. Founders Day Table
		4. Loggerhead Park – Eagle Scout Project
		5. Blue Zone Project
	2. Action Items
8. TOWN COMMISSION NOTES
	1. Please see above minutes.
9. ADJOURNENT
	1. Leslie motioned to adjourn. Kelli second. All in favor. Meeting ended at 8:49 PM.