

PUBLIC NOTICE
Environmental Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Curtis Byrd called a regular meeting of the EAB to order at 7:03 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Curtis Byrd, Chair
- b. Jamie Guth, Member
- c. Leslie Maloney, Member
- d. Karen Fenaughty, Member
- e. Kelli Hunsucker, Member
- f. Crystal Cain, Alternate
- g. Wyatt Hoover, Mayor, Melbourne Beach
- h. David Clay, Resident Visitor/Collaborator

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Kelli made a motion to approve February, April and May Minutes. Leslie second. No discussion. All approved.

IV. PRESENTATION

- a. **Sunshine Jim Foundation** - David Clay shared that he submitted a letter to the Town presenting a special fund of \$5,000 be targeted specifically for Melbourne Beach EAB use of sustainable Town efforts, and it was approved. Flexible timeframe for use. No report required. Dave asks to be a collaborator for the projects. In October, plan to have a discussion with the Town to review what is accomplished, and consider a second \$5,000 be made available. Discussion continued with group to share ideas of how to use funds:
 - i. Curtis and Leslie mentioned MRC mangroves project at street ends, reviewing grants that weren't approved, and reviewing sustainability plan.
 - ii. Wyatt mentioned the Town is already committed to gardening/beautification efforts, so agrees with mangroves, street trees, compost, citizen engagement to sponsor upkeep street trees (Jamie mentioned potentially bridge with Adopt An Area)
 - iii. Leslie mentioned to incentivize keeping trees for new builders. Wyatt mentioned Robert Bitgood with Building Dept. is working to strengthen the tree ordinance and fee/fine structure.
 - iv. Dave suggests using funds to contract someone to complete a tree inventory survey (roadside) as a baseline.
 - v. Jamie mentioned pursuing solar research that Amanda began. And educational signage for oyster / clams installed at Ryckman. Wyatt said to

ask the commission for installation assistance, and also shared that ~\$120K was collected last year from Ryckman parking to potentially assist with one time projects like signage.

- vi. Curtis added Doug Adams will provide sawfish posters to be hung in pier kiosk.
- vii. Crystal recommended incentivizing upland buffers for waterfront homes as an example to encourage neighbors. Curtis suggested to keep projects community-wide vs private homes.
- viii. Discussion concluded with Curtis stating for us all to bring 5 ideas to the table for next meeting.
- ix. Wyatt encourages us to present ideas to the commission to move things forward.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Viva Florida Landscaping Grant at History Center:** Crystal said solarization is completed. CScout Volunteers confirmed for planting 1st weekend in October at 8:30am, but she'll need more. Wyatt mentioned the Hoover Middle School REACH program (Kristen Collins / Kathy McNutt) may have volunteers.
- b. **Social Media Content:** Jamie continues to implement Amanda's content ideas written/designed during her internship. Confirmed that the Swale Program is still active from public works. Add International Coastal Cleanup Melbourne Beach location event for September.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Rain Barrels:** Planning for Town demo area near bathrooms to include one traditional rain barrel with mural, and one with more of a nondescript blended design to target various audiences, with signage. Wyatt made a side note that Commission applied for Lagoon Tourism Agency Grant - to install lagoon ecosystem/barrier island/lagoon ocean upland themed murals at public areas around town (boat ramp / beach accesses) to educate visitors and residents. Awardees will be notified in July. Jamie to mock-up educational yard sign, Leslie to secure MRC barrel and research add'l style. Wyatt to contact Chris Maslow and Cody (muralists) to potentially paint the barrel.
- b. **Brevard Sustainability Working Group:** 4th Monday at noon. Purpose is to bring all the environmental/sustainability groups together to collaborate.

VII. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Sunshine Jim Foundation Ideas
- b. Invite Robert Bitgood to Present
- c. Viva Florida Landscaping Grant Update
- d. Rain Barrel Update

VIII. COMMISSION NOTES

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Curtis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kelli confirmed. Karen, second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.