



MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
REGULAR MEETING
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBER

Tuesday, May 14th, 2019
5:30PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

PRESENT: Raak, Bala, Hawran, Murphy, Abraham-Panni

ABSENT: Molle, Del Valle

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

-----Commissioner Molle Arrived 5:35-----

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 9th, 2019**

On motion by Hawran and second by Abraham-Panni, minutes passed by a unanimous vote; the minutes for the April 9, 2019 meeting were approved.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. DISCUSSION REGARDING PARTNERING WITH SUSTAINABLE SEASIDE FOR A "SUSTAINABLE HOME TOUR," SUSTAINABLE LIVING FAIR AND OTHER EVENTS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY. Murphy introduced the topic, posing the question of the Committee's role in updating codes to encourage rainwater, greywater and how these could link in with a Sustainable Living Fair. Outreach and engagement with the community is necessary. Abraham-Panni expressed support for demystifying the code. Bala: education is critical. Raak: expand beyond homes and include green businesses.

Public Comment: Cathy Rivera, event chair of Sustainable Living Fair. Home Tour vs Fair: Sustainable Seaside would want an EC member on their committee (1x a month on Wed) for planning of the Fair. Home tour would require new sites, as ones on past tours are no longer interested. Raak volunteered to be the liaison with Sustainable Seaside.

B. PRESENTATION BY REID NORRIS OF EVERYONE'S HARVEST

Presentation providing history of the organization, partnership with local health organizations, cal fresh card, market watch, fresh Rx outreach, goodwill garden in Marina.

All farmer's markets "shrink" in the winter. Return shoppers and EBT transactions are tracked and there is a customer loyalty card. Free booth space to local non-profits. EH wants to know what will make it feel more established in Seaside? Permanent signage?

EC members asked questions about local business involvement, market meals, other potentials and impacts.

Public Comment: Jane Klopp: You don't know what vendors will be there...

C. SUPPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REGARDING BEE CITY USA AND POLLINATOR SITES; OUTREACH TO FRIENDS OF SEASIDE PARKS ASSOCIATION, AND PROCLAMATION RE POLLINATOR WEEK.

SL Rocha provided information to the EC about the collaborations and connections being established through attendance and presentation at other commission meetings and community outreach. SL Rocha thanked EC Member Laura Murphy for her work in helping with the outreach and attendance at meetings. Provided heads up to EC that Pollinator Week will be celebrated in the city and the EC will participate in the event(s).

D. BEE CITY POLLINATOR SITE PROPOSAL AND FUTURE SITE SELECTION

Community member Dianne Nielson presented on the established native plantings, garden history (estab 1990), and her involvement with it over the past two years. She believes it would be an excellent location for a Bee City garden and could lead to publicity and further community improvements to the corner.

EC members asked about the goals for the site: adding more or just maintaining? Pedestrian accessibility, crosswalks? Safety issues with campers nearby and in the park? Neighborhood parks throughout the city draw more people because they are designated areas. Abraham-Panni offered information regarding the history of the site and the work of Mary Wilson, who tried to keep the garden actively supported. Suggested that maybe history of the community park would be a way of making more people aware of it.

E. FRIENDS OF SEASIDE LIBRARY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Mary Gene Vincent spoke on behalf of President, Linda. They want to collaborate with FOSPA and the EC to determine what plantings would be best and how to loop in the programming with Bee City objectives.

Murphy: this could be another pollinator site, tap into Return of the Natives. Central location next to city hall makes a good place to celebrate and showcase.

Public Comment: Jason Campbell – native pollinators also need bare patches of land for burrowing.

-----Molle excused self from meeting @ 6:50pm-----

F. EPP SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Update provided by EPP subcom regarding upcoming restaurant stakeholder meetings and discussion around details of meeting and how other EC members can contribute.

G. GRANT TRACKING UPDATE

Update provided by Jeremy Hawran, who also asked for project suggestions. Some grants are limited to 501cs, so a group like FOSPA could apply for something with EC support.

8. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

A. SHARING INFORMATION FROM THE CONFERENCE ON THE LIVING FUTURES PUT ON BY THE INTERNATIONAL LIVING FUTURE INSTITUTE.

Raak provided overview of the conference and that there is a bell-curve with social change: the sweet spot of change is with community group involvement.

9. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

A. CITY COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING COMMISSIONS

Upcoming vote to increase number of members on certain committees and codifying the EC.

B. RETURN OF THE NATIVES EVENT MAY 4TH, 2019

SL Rocha provided info on past event and encouraged other EC members to keep their eyes open for volunteer opportunities with groups that we also want to establish collaborations with in meeting common objectives.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.