



**CITY OF COCONUT CREEK  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**Government Center  
4800 West Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063**

**Date: September 25, 2018  
Time: 4:00 p.m.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Delilah Harden at 4:05 p.m.

**2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL**

Chair Delilah Harden  
Vice Chair Irene Espinosa  
Michel Chamberlain, Alternate  
Susi Glatt (4:11 p.m.)

Absent: Dan Mackey

Also present: Senior Planner Linda Whitman, Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer,  
Deputy City Clerk Marianne Bowers, and Agenda Specialist Daphne Haynie.

**3. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

Deputy City Clerk Bowers introduced Agenda Specialist Daphne Haynie, and advised that Ms. Haynie would serve as the Board liaison from the City Clerk Department. She also advised that Board Member Charlie Coxon had submitted his resignation letter, and that a new member would be appointed at the November 8, 2018, City Commission Meeting to fill the vacancy.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

18-141 MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING(S). (2018-0717)

**MOTION:** Espinosa/Chamberlain – To approve the Minutes of the July 17, 2018, meeting.

Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 3-0 vote, with Ms. Glatt not present at the time of the vote.

**5. UPDATES (OLD BUSINESS)**

**VIRTUAL GARDEN TOUR**

Senior Planner Linda Whitman presented a draft video of the second Virtual Garden Tour for review by the Board. After watching the video, discussion ensued with regard to

the Pollinator Garden, and there was consensus for a sentence to be added introducing the Beehive in Heidi Thorman's garden.

Discussion ensued regarding identification of plants and flowers in the video so that viewers are familiar the plant and tree species. Chair Harden suggested providing a listing of plants and trees along with a website link for more information. Ms. Whitman commented that for this episode the plant information could be provided before the Mission Statement in the video. She suggested that for future videos, a reference to the Green Living webpage and a link to YouTube referencing plant information for each episode can be completed by staff. Ms. Whitman advised that staff would work to finalize the second video for publication and spoke about the length of the videos.

Discussion ensued with regard to the next featured virtual garden tour video and ideas for future videos. Ms. Whitman reminded the Board that there was discussion about Board Member Mackey's garden being the next video. She also mentioned future video themes such as point of view shots of greenways and trails, potted plants, and container gardens.

Ms. Whitman noted two commercial properties that could also be options for featured videos, Gupta Medical Center and Chick-Fil-A, if approved by the City Commission. She noted the various plants installed along with maintenance and upkeep could be discussed in the videos. Ms. Whitman also commented that there could be solicitation for residents to participate in the virtual garden tour program.

Discussion ensued with regard to various topics for the virtual garden tour videos, including the types of gardens, sizes of gardens for different types of dwellings along with how-to videos.

Discussion ensued with regard to the next video to be published. There was consensus to work with Mr. Mackey featuring his garden for the next video, followed by Gupta Medical Center. Chair Harden requested to include information regarding resident participation. Ms. Whitman advised that the videos could be published quarterly.

Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer announced that she was in the process of applying for recertification for the Tree City USA program and noted that there may be an opportunity to apply for the Tree City USA Growth Award based upon the virtual garden tour series, including a tree component as a topic.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **CLIMATE RESILIENCY**

Ms. Whitman distributed information on the South East Florida Regional Climate Change Compact and advised that the Compact included four different counties: Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe, and Miami Dade. She commented that it was formed in 2009 to consolidate the efforts relative to climate change and resiliency in South Florida. She noted that the City adopted a resolution in February 2013 supporting the efforts of the Compact. Ms. Whitman announced that she would be attending the Summit in late October and would provide an update at the next meeting in November. She also commented that Vice Mayor Welch was a member of the Climate Change Task Force

through the Broward League of Cities and also provides updates to staff periodically. Ms. Whitman noted she would update the Board with information provided by Broward County as it was received and encouraged the Board to visit the Compact website for public activities and updates.

Discussion ensued with regard to fracking and waste management.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

Ms. Whitman discussed the City's public art requirements, explaining that there was an Ordinance that requires new Development in the City to either install art or donate to the Public Art Fund based upon square footage of the development.

She distributed a draft copy of the Art Master Plan, which discusses art themes throughout the City and explained that the Environmental Advisory Board was chosen to make recommendations to the City Commission on public art because the art would be environmentally-influenced. She spoke briefly about areas throughout the City and discussed the various themes and concepts for art in each area. She mentioned the Northern section theme of nature because of the preserves, the Main Street area's theme would be kinetic, science, and tech inspired and the concept for the Coconut Creek Parkway corridor would be based on the history of the City and an educational component.

Ms. Whitman asked the Board to review the draft copy of the Art Master Plan for discussion at the next meeting. She commented that the Sustainable Development Department facilitate the public art review process and bring the projects before the Board for recommendation.

Discussion ensued regarding grass clippings and leaves blown into storm drains. Ms. Whitman noted that she would advise the Engineering Department to add verbiage to the website regarding this issue.

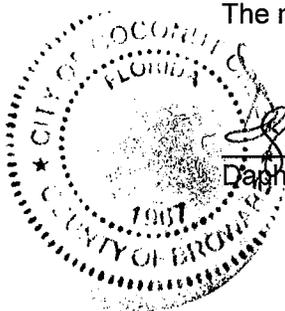
Vice Chair Espinosa attended the grand re-opening event for Windmill Park and enjoyed the piece of art installed at park. She spoke about several bus stops in the City that do not provide canopies for shade. Ms. Whitman advised that she would find out more information.

## 8. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was tentatively set for November 13, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



  
Daphne Haynie, Agenda Specialist

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Date