



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

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

**Date: July 16, 2019
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2019-0716**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Deputy City Clerk Marianne Bowers at 4:04 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL

Doreen Chamberlain
Irene Espinosa
Susi Glatt
Dan Mackey
Daniel Gallagher, Alternate

Absent: Jack Vesey

Also present: Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer, Environmental Engineering Specialist Theodore Risberg, Senior Planner Linda Whitman, and Deputy City Clerk Marianne Bowers.

3. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Self-introductions were made by the Board Members and City Staff.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered by Deputy City Clerk Bowers.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Deputy City Clerk Bowers opened the nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Mackey nominated Irene Espinosa to serve as Chair, seconded by Ms. Glatt. With no other nominations on the floor, Ms. Espinosa was seated as Board Chair.

Chair Espinosa opened the nominations for Board Vice Chair. Ms. Glatt nominated Dan Mackey to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by Chair Espinosa. With no other nominations on the floor, Mr. Mackey was seated as Vice Chair.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING(S). (2019-0319)

MOTION: Glatt/-Mackey – To approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2019, meeting.

Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

7. UPDATES (OLD BUSINESS)

VIRTUAL GARDEN TOUR

Vice Chair Mackey provided a brief overview of the Virtual Garden Tour video series, and noted that his garden was the most recent video completed in the series.

Senior Planner Linda Whitman advised that the topic for the next video would be the benefits of trees. Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer noted that the Virtual Garden Tour video series was available on CreekTV and YouTube. She mentioned that the topic of trees would educate homeowners and that the City would receive points for the Tree City USA recertification process and eligibility for the Tree City USA Growth Award. Ms. Vollmer spoke about the environmental, social, and economic benefits of trees that could be discussed in the video. Discussion ensued with regard to the content for the video. Ms. Whitman asked the Board Members to email her individually the topics they wanted highlighted in the video about the importance of trees. Chair Espinosa asked the Board to email comments to Ms. Whitman by July 26, 2019.

Discussion ensued with regard to Live Oak Trees and their root system.

ARBOR DAY FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

Ms. Vollmer gave a brief summary of the Arbor Day Event, and stated that there were more presentations, vendors, and education stations this year. She noted that the trees distributed were in three gallon and seven gallon containers, and advised that containers of the same size would be distributed for the Arbor Day Event in 2020. Ms. Vollmer stated that the event was very successful and photos could be viewed on the City's website. She noted that the event was also featured in the July issue of *Coconut Creek Lifestyle Magazine*.

Ms. Vollmer stated that the City entered into a contract to grow trees for the Arbor Day Event in 2020, and briefly discussed ideas for the event, noting that next year would be the 20th anniversary of the event. Discussion ensued with regard to the benefits of the Board Members volunteering at the event.

FIELD TRIP TO THE WHEELABRATOR SOUTH BROWARD WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY.

Ms. Whitman advised the Board that they could not have a meeting at the Wheelabrator South Broward Waste-to-Energy facility as a group due to Sunshine Law requirements. Discussion ensued. Ms. Whitman commented that any interested Board Members could visit the facility individually by contacting Public Works Program Manager Mike Heimbach.

8. NEW BUSINESS

CITY ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

Environmental Engineering Specialist Theodore Risberg spoke about his job responsibilities to review compliance issues with the Monarch Hill landfill. He advised that Broward County currently has regulatory authority over the landfill. He responded to a comment from the Board, explaining that construction on the northeast section of the landfill property at Wiles Road and Powerline Road was complete and that expansion on the west section of the property would require the relocation of the waste-to-energy facility and the administrative buildings. Discussion ensued with regard to the elevation of the landfill. Mr. Risberg discussed the elements of waste degradations and weather variations that affect the elevation of the landfill.

9. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

Chair Espinosa asked that Mr. Heimbach meet with the Board to discuss recycling. She stated that there was concern from the residents about recycling and ways to handle items that were removed from the City's recycling program. Discussion ensued with regard to changes in the recycling program. Ms. Whitman stated that she would ask Mr. Heimbach to attend the meeting in September.

Vice Chair Mackey advised that he would like to discuss issues regarding wild animals at the next meeting in September.

Chair Espinosa asked for an update on the utility box art wraps, and Ms. Whitman advised that the first utility wrap was installed at Windmill Park. She briefly explained the process to complete and install the art wraps, and noted there were approximately (12) twelve to be completed. She further noted that Broward County would do an inspection before each art wrap is installed.

Discussion ensued with regard to art displayed throughout the City. Ms. Whitman advised that the next opportunity for the Board to review art would be for the Art Walk located along US 441/State Road 7, north of the Residence Inn Hotel to NW 61 Street. She noted that a call to artists would be issued for three (3) pieces of art that would be installed along the Art Walk.

NEW STATE LAW ON TREES

Ms. Whitman advised the Board that staff participated in a recent webinar to discuss the new state law regarding tree trimming and removal. She further commented that staff was still reviewing the language and how to implement the changes. Ms. Vollmer advised that Governor Ron DeSantis signed the bill into law effective July 1, 2019. She provided a brief explanation of the bill, stating that local governments were prohibited from requiring a homeowner on a residential lot to obtain a permit, approval, or charge fees to prune, trim, or remove trees. Discussion ensued. Ms. Whitman advised that staff would continue to advise the community about the benefits of trees.

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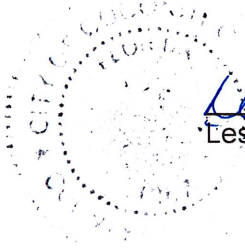
10. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was tentatively set for September 17, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Transcribed by: Daphne Haynie



Leslie Wallace May
Leslie Wallace May, MMC, City Clerk

9/18/19
Date