



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

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

**Date: January 16, 2018
Time: 4:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Mackey at 4:07 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Chair Dan Mackey
Charles Coxon
Susi Glatt
Irene Espinosa
Delilah Harden (Alternate)

ABSENT:

Vice Chair Heidi Thorman

Also present: Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer and Administrative Assistant Janice Ninesling.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mackey asked to amend the minutes. He requested that a notation be added under New Business that he had asked Ms. Whitman to research the preserve land that is a part of Cypress Shores and present the information to the Board.

MOTION: Glatt/Harden – To approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2017, meeting, as amended.

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

4. UPDATES (OLD BUSINESS)

GARDEN TOUR

Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer informed the Board that Ms. Whitman had contacted a resident who agreed to participate in the first Garden Tour video, and the production of the tour should begin soon. The Board discussed the process and timing of production and asked to review the script before scheduling the tour interview. Ms. Vollmer explained the various media platforms that Media Production Specialist John Hartzell would use to transmit the video, and the Board asked to also have the Tour publicized in the *Coconut Creek Life* magazine and in the *Cocogram* e-newsletter. Discussion ensued.

NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION

Ms. Vollmer distributed copies of the "Greening in the Creek" flyer that would be included in the "New Resident Welcome Package." The Board asked to move the flyer's title to a more prominent location at the top of the flyer. Discussion ensued regarding the information included in the "New Resident Welcome Package."

5. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Vollmer gave an update on the preserve land adjoining and owned by Cypress Shores Apartments. She explained the history and classification of the property and the progress of the invasive species removal on the property. Discussion ensued.

HURRICANE IRMA/TREE UPDATE

Ms. Vollmer explained that the tree damage due to Hurricane Irma was not as extensive as past hurricanes, and there were fewer incidents of unnecessary tree removal. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Vollmer informed the Board that the City had started landscape audits of commercial properties to confirm that the trees on the property correspond with the approved site plan, and would then proceed with the residential homeowner associations and individual homeowner properties. She stated that the City would work with the property owners to ensure that the plantings were restored, using the best methods and tree species.

Ms. Vollmer and the Board agreed that information should be available to educate residents on pre and post hurricane procedures and discussed ways to inform residents of the procedures. Ms. Vollmer planned to prepare an article on this topic. Discussion ensued on preventing illegal tree removal.

Ms. Vollmer advised the Board of legislation that was recently introduced in both the Florida House and Senate, through House Bill 521 and Senate Bill 574, which proposed to prohibit local government from having local tree trimming and tree removal ordinances. Ms. Vollmer informed the Board that the City adopted a resolution opposing the adoption of these Bills and encouraged the Board to express their opposition as a resident of the City.

Ms. Vollmer advised the Board of upcoming events and encouraged participation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

There was no correspondence or reports.

7. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was tentatively set for March 20, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Transcribed by: Janice Ninesling

Leslie Wallace May, MMC, City Clerk

Date