

CITY OF COCONUT CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Government Center 4800 West Copans Road Coconut Creek, FL 33063 Date: March 20, 2018

Time: 4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Mackey at 4:03 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: Public Works Operations Manager Mike Heimbach, Public Works Project Manager Lou Italico, Urban Forester Sharon Vollmer, Senior Planner Linda Whitman, Housing and Grants Specialist Dan Nelson, and Administrative Assistant Janice Ninesling.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Thorman/Coxon – To approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2018, meeting.

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

4. UPDATES (OLD BUSINESS)

GARDEN TOUR

Senior Planner Linda Whitman gave an update of the progress of the Garden Tour and explained that Media Specialist John Hartzell began production of the video. Ms. Whitman asked the Board to give suggestions for interview questions and how they would like to script the tour. Discussion ensued regarding the type of information to be included in the interview and the promotion of the tour.

5. NEW BUSINESS

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM.

Public Works Operations Manager Mike Heimbach introduced himself and Project Manager Lou Italico. He explained the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program, noting that it is a federally-funded program administered through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The grant requires the recipient city to use the

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grant to fund improvements to parks near lakes or bodies of water. He stated that they were currently preparing the grant application for Sabal Pines Park, which would award the City \$200,000 to be used for hardscapes and structures within the park. If awarded, the funds would be used to replace the roofing on one of the buildings, install a fence around a football field, install restrooms between the playing fields, and replace the lights on the playing fields.

Mr. Italico explained the types of lights that were currently being used and the improved lighting equipment that would be installed. Discussion ensued regarding the park facilities and possible park improvements and environmentally friendly additions.

Mr. Mackey asked about the upcoming hazardous waste collection events. Mr. Heimbach spoke about the events and discussed alternate locations for disposing of hazardous waste materials. Ms. Espinosa spoke about alternatives to the City's current recycling contract. Mr. Heimbach suggested organizing a tour of the recycling facility for the Board. Discussion ensued.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

The Board spoke about the different types of outdoor lighting options and the benefits of each type of light. Discussion ensued regarding the use of plant and insect control chemical sprays.

Ms. Vollmer asked the Board to give input on their participation at the Arbor Day Free Tree Giveaway event, and the members were assigned to various stations for the event. Ms. Vollmer reviewed the event details for the Board.

Mr. Mackey spoke about the coyote sightings in the South Creek neighborhood and suggested adding information on the website to advise residents that there are coyotes in the area and not to attack them or leave food out for them. Ms. Whitman said she would discuss posting the information on the website with the Department Director.

7. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was tentatively set for May 15, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Wallace May, MMC, City Clerk

Transcribed by: Janice Ninesling

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