



CITY OF OAK HILL
234 South U.S. Highway #1
Oak Hill, Florida 32759

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE – MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012
5:00 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Donia Dewees at 5:12 pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Donia Dewees, Cynthia Livingston, James (Buck) Carr

Absent: Joseph Ludwig

II. Approval of 06/12/2012 Minutes

Member Cynthia Livingston made a motion, seconded by member Buck Carr, to approve the minutes of the 06/12/2012 meeting. Motion passed, 3-0.

III. Organization of Board

1. Re-establish day and time for regular meeting

Member Cynthia Livingston made a motion, seconded by member Buck Carr, to establish **the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm**, as the regular monthly meeting date and time for the Oak Hill Waterfront Board. Motion passed, 3-0.

2. Nominations for Vice Chairman, and Voting

Member Buck Carr nominated Cynthia Livingston for the position of Vice Chair on the Waterfront Board. Chair Donia Dewees seconded the nomination. Cynthia accepted the nomination and was elected as Vice Chair, 2-0.

3. Terms of service: two 3-year terms, three 2-year terms:

Member Cynthia Livingston made a motion, seconded by member Buck Carr, to establish the following assignments of seats and terms of membership. Motion passed, 3-0.

Established Term

Seat #1. TWO YEAR TERM June 2012 – June 2014
Seat #2. THREE YEAR TERM June 2012 – June 2015
Seat #3. TWO YEAR TERM June 2012 – June 2014
Seat #4. THREE YEAR TERM June 2012 – June 2015
Seat #5. TWO YEAR TERM June 2012 – June 2014

Currently Serving

Donia Dewees
Cynthia Livingston (re-started 9/12)
James W. (Buck) Carr
VACANT
Joseph Ludwig

IV. New Business

1. The Florida Water & Land Legacy Campaign

Member Cynthia Livingston provided the Board with information about a petition for which she is seeking signatures introducing the Florida Water & Land Legacy Campaign. The petition is to take before the State Legislature a proposed Amendment to save funding for

Land Preservation – funding which otherwise will be severely reduced in 2014. There are public meetings scheduled to explain this petition drive and Amendment, including one in Ormond Beach on 10/17/2012, which Cynthia plans to attend.

2. Riverside clean-up activities

By consensus the Waterfront Board wants to play a major role in finding participants for and carrying out a Shoreline Clean-Up, planned by the City of Oak Hill for the spring of 2013.

Members also discussed local problems with the Brazilian pepper, a nuisance plant. Toxic sprays are convenient but should not be used to eradicate them.

3. Inviting a speaker from St. Johns Water Management District to a future meeting

Member Buck Carr shared his concerns about the over-dredging of mosquito ditches near New Smyrna Beach, and the piling of the dredged material onto wetlands. This could result in mangrove destruction in the northern part of our lagoon. He suspects that the real purpose behind the dredging is to prepare for building construction there, as has already happened in the areas of the Keys and Fort Pierce. He would like the EPA and the St. Johns River Management to address this issue. Chair Donia Dewees stated she will contact an attorney she knows who is knowledgeable about ecological matters such as this.

V. Old Business

1. The extension of the No Wake Zone beyond the current clam leases.

The Board has yet to find a way to get the No Wake Zone extended. In the meantime, Member Cynthia Livingston suggests exploring grants for aquaculture farming, as has been done in other coastal communities.

2. Identifying possible properties along River Road for future City purchase.

Julie Wood, who is currently working with the City to obtain grant funding for City projects, named some properties for possible future consideration.

VI. Public Participation

Julie Wood shared her hopes for Oak Hill to once again be an active working waterfront community, since the City does have Florida Waterfronts Community Partnership designation. She referred to a 2008 Vision Plan created by the coastal community of Carrabelle, for our Waterfront Committee to consider using as a model for setting objectives and strategies.

VII. Adjournment

Board Chair Donia Dewees adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 116.041(3)(A), if an individual decides to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that individual will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made.