



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

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE –
November 13, 2012
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A. Roll Call

Present: Donia Dewees, Cynthia Livingston, James "Buck" Carr
Absent: Joseph Ludwig

B. Approval of 10/16/2012 Waterfront Board Minutes

Vice Chair Cynthia Livingston moved, and Member Buck Carr seconded, to accept the October minutes. The motion passed, 3-0.

C. New Business

**1. The Florida Water & Land Legacy Campaign / petition:
requesting the City Commission's approval for a mailing expense fund**

Vice Chair Cynthia brought up the need for a small expense account for mailing expenses, such as the mailing of the petition paperwork, which is ongoing. She suggested \$50 for now. Buck Carr moved, and Chair Donia Dewees seconded, that the Waterfront Board ask the City Commission for this fund. The motion passed, 3-0.

**2. Forming a "Grants Task Force" to research available grants and
make the appropriate applications**

The Board by consensus agreed to ask the City Commission to appoint a Grants Task Force for Waterfront project funding, and all three Board members present (Buck Carr, Cynthia Livingston, and Donia Dewees) volunteered to serve on the Task Force if approved. Members agreed to start researching grant opportunities, to look for grant writing training, and to report back.

3. Pursuing grants for shoreline stabilization and a Boardwalk

The Board discussed the need for shoreline stabilization, deciding to make that a priority for the Grants Task Force.

4. Proposed Clam Hatchery partnership

Board member Buck Carr explained the alarming decline of oysters and clams in the lagoon. Mike Sullivan would like to partner with the City to start a hatchery, if a site could be found, and return new clam life to our waters. VC

Cynthia moved, and Chair Donia seconded, that Mike Sullivan write up his proposal, for the Waterfront Board to bring before the Commission. Board members agreed to look for a possible site for the proposed hatchery.

D. Old Business

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

Board member Buck Carr suggested inviting Ron Brockmeyer, Environmental Scientist of the St. Johns River Management, to speak to the Board about coastal restoration. The Board asked Buck to find out which month Mr. Brockmeyer would be available.

2. Finding new members for the Waterfront Board

Members agreed to continue looking for additional Oak Hill residents who might be willing to serve on this Waterfront Board.

3. Harmful spraying of Brazilian Peppers

Members discussed ways to raise awareness of damage done by using toxic spray to get rid of the unwanted Brazilian pepper instead of by pulling.

E. Comments & Concerns of Members

Chair Donia Dewees suggested looking into the use of concrete culvert structures as a method of easing the boat wake waves that disturb local clamming operations. Buck Carr stated that coquina in the culverts has the added benefit of providing a habitat for oysters. He has info about this concept and would send it by City Hall E-mail in the next few days.

F. Public Participation

City Commissioner Robert Livingston stated that a grant writing training is being organized for colleagues where he works and he offered to look into including the Oak Hill Grants Task Force as participants.

Commissioner Livingston also led a discussion about other seafood farming besides oysters and clams that our community might pursue.

G. Adjournment

Chairperson Donia Dewees adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.