



CITY OF OAK HILL
234 South U.S. Highway 1
Oak Hill, Florida 32759
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
May 14, 2013 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Vice Chair Cynthia Livingston called the meeting to order.

A. Roll Call

Members Present: Vice Chair Cynthia Livingston, Members James W. (Buck) Carr, Paul Davis

Members Absent: Chair Donia Dewees, Members Joe Ludwig, Debi Malphurs, & Jane Andrews
(Jane Andrews participating on speaker phone)

B. Approval of the 4/16/2013 Minutes

Member Buck Carr made a motion, with a second by Member Paul Davis, to approve the April 16 minutes. The motion passed, 3 – 0.

C. Old Business

1. Member Carr is arranging to meet with Trey Hannah this Thursday, May 16, to install the monofilament fishing line recycling bins.
2. Grants to Pursue: Vice Chair Livingston pointed out some grant opportunities listed in a recent email. Member Jane Andrews brought up one requiring 40% matching funds. Member Carr stated that after reading about the alarming decline of the Indian River Lagoon in articles such as the one in FLORIDA TODAY that Member Joe Ludwig shared with us, he feels that installing an EPA water monitor would be a good purpose for grant funding. However, he anticipates difficulty in obtaining grant money because most grants require matching funds and because there are other groups competing for any funds available.
3. Spring Waterfronts Florida Meeting May 30-31 at San Carlos Island & the City of Fort Myers: Member Paul Davis reported that at Monday night's City Commission meeting, the City Planner and the Commissioners voiced their hope that someone from Oak Hill would attend the meeting. The state's criteria for becoming a Working Waterfront has changed and Oak Hill may now qualify. The attendee could find out more about this and about partnering. Therefore, Vice Chair Cindy Livingston stated that she would plan to attend and present her request for funds at the June 20 Special Meeting of the Commission.
4. The members reviewed last meeting's presentation by Henry Ratajczak of EMC Divers Inc., and decided to not yet present the idea to the Commission.

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5. Publicizing the availability of clam farming opportunities in Oak Hill - Unfortunately the telephone connection with Member J. Andrews was lost by this time, but she has clarified that she had not meant this to be an agenda item for this meeting.
6. How to promote recycling in Oak Hill (not discussed; on agenda by mistake)
7. City Clean-Up in June – waiting for further information.

E. New Business

1. Can the City get sidewalks on River Road? (D. Malphurs) – tabled

F. Comments & Concerns of Members

1. Vice Chair Livingston offered to represent the Waterfront Board at Saturday's annual Riverfest at Mary Dewees Park, and would contact Riverfest Coordinator Gary Bittle. Members discussed ideas for an information table: a flyer listing the activities and goals of the Board and a sample of the Monofilament Recycling Bin.
2. Member Buck Carr updated the Board about his project of growing mangroves from seedlings.
3. Member Paul Davis confirmed that Indian Harbor Estates is using the signs to watch out for manatees.

G. Public Participation - none

H. Adjournment – Vice Chair Livingston adjourned the meeting at 6:50 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.

Note: For any public participation: In accordance with City Resolution 2006-17, a three (3) minute time limitation per speaker will be imposed. A speaker may address the Commission for a maximum of three (3) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, and for a maximum of three (3) minutes during any specific Agenda topic.