



CITY OF OAK HILL

234 South U.S. Highway 1
Oak Hill, Florida 32759

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

July 9, 2013 6:00 PM

MINUTES

A. Call to Order & Roll Call: *Members present:* Donia Dewees, Cynthia Livingston, James W. (Buck) Carr, Debi Malphurs. *Members absent:* Joseph Ludwig, Jane Andrews, Paul Davis.

B. Approval of the 5/14/2013 Minutes:

Vice Chair Cindy Livingston moved, and Member Buck Carr seconded, to approve the minutes for the WF Board meeting May 14, 2013. Roll Call Vote: Chair Donia Dewees, yes; Vice Chair Cindy Livingston, yes; Member Buck Carr, yes; Member Debi Malphurs, yes. Motion carried, 4-0.

C. Old Business

1. a. Update on the monofilament fishing line recycling bins: Member Buck Carr reported that he helped Volusia County's Trey Hannah install monofilament recycling stations at the Bird Tower, at Sunrise Park, and at the Oak Hill Pier. He has filed our first report, showing that about a half grocery bag full of line was collected.

b. Vice Chair Cindy Livingston reported that she set up an information booth for Waterfront matters at the Oak Hill Riverfest held at Mary Dewees Park on May 18, featuring manatee protection, our new monofilament recycling program, and various hand-outs. The Florida Water & Land Legacy petition was available for signatures. She thanked everyone who helped with the booth and said that Riverfest was well attended. Member Debi Malphurs commented that she would like to see Oak Hill have a festival in the fall, because that is the season for featuring seafood and Oak Hill's mullet.
2. Grants to pursue: The Board discussed which of the Waterfront problems we should address for funding assistance. Member Buck Carr stated he would like the City to have sonde equipment for monitoring the lagoon waters, and is considering purchasing a \$2500 YSI water sampling unit himself. He believes that Oak Hill's waters are not suffering from run-off. His concern is that local aquaculture businesses such as Mike Sullivan's have been destroyed by the bloom caused by disturbances to nutrient supply. He attributes this disturbance to silt and clogging left by the Coastal Restoration Project, and feels that although the Project had good intentions, much harm was done.

Member Debi Malphurs stated that there is slime grass in the estuary but was aware that grass studies are already being done, as well as brown tide studies. She went on to suggest that

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whatever grant we pursue, she has learned that it takes loud and persistent voices to get the support needed. She knows a Tampa professor to consult about grants and will report back.

Members mentioned the idea of making a break in the dike in order to have another waterway opening between Ponce Inlet and Sebastian Inlet.

3. City Clean-Up – tabled until further information

4. Spring Waterfronts Florida Meeting – May 30-31 San Carlos Island & City of Ft Myers
Vice Chair Cindy Livingston reported on the program she attended on the City's behalf. She provided info about TIFs and an online toolkit for working waterfronts. She referred us to www.CHNEP.org. At the event, networking and partnering was stressed for best chance at accomplishments.

D. New Business

1. The poor health of the Indian River Lagoon – ways the City of Oak Hill might help:
Members discussed the studies on brown tide and the grasses and on oyster restoration.
2. August Meeting Date Change – by consensus the Board agreed to meet the 3rd Tuesday instead of the 2nd Tuesday, for the month of August.

E. Comments & Concerns of Members – no additional discussion

F. Public Participation

1. Louis Morehead, Scottsmoor, spoke of his concerns about the Future Land Use of Oak Hill waterfront property that he owns.
2. Henry Ratajczak, of EMC Divers, offered his company's services for any dredging, dragline and shoreline restorations the City might need. He was asked to send a quote and a proposal to the City Commission.

G. Adjournment: Chair Donia adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.