



CITY OF OAK HILL

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

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
Special Meeting

January 7, 2014 6:00 PM

MINUTES

A. Opening: Call to Order. Roll Call: Present: Donia Dewees, Cynthia Livingston, Jane Andrews, Joseph Ludwig, Paul Davis.

B. The Board approved the 11/12/2013 Meeting Minutes & the 12/10/2013 Workshop Minutes, by roll call vote, each 5-0: Chair Donia Dewees, yes; Vice Chair Cynthia Livingston, yes; Jane Andrews, yes; Joe Ludwig, yes; Paul Davis, yes.

C. Presentation: UCF's Melinda Donnelly presented the IRL NEP grant proposal and plans for a Living Shoreline Project at Sunrise Park in partnership with UCF and Brevard Zoo.

1. In answer to questions, she stated that the plan could very well include removing Brazilian Peppers along that area of River Drive.
2. She thanked Jane Andrews for offering use of her Indian Harbor Estates canal-front property, (for example, as a research facility or for oyster gardens). She stated she did not foresee a need for it at this point.

D. Business

1. Waterfront Committee member Jane Andrews made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Cindy Livingston, to present the Living Shoreline Proposal to the City Commission. Roll call vote: Chair Donia Dewees, yes; Vice Chair Cynthia Livingston, yes; Jane Andrews, yes; Joe Ludwig, yes; Paul Davis, yes. The motion carried, 5-0. Chair Donia Dewees agreed to present this item at the City Commission's January 13 meeting.
2. Fishing Line Recycling Program update: Donia and Cindy confirmed that they would be emptying the fishing line receptacles and making the reports to Volusia County's Trey Hannah.
3. City Hall's administrative assistant Jeany Gonzalez announced that the cigarette butt disposal unit, which was vandalized, has now been replaced at the City Dock
4. Member Jane Andrews told about Oyster Gardening Workshops she would attend in Brevard this month.
5. Jane also reported on what she has learned about oysters at the Marine Discovery Center training. She hopes to collect used oyster shells from area restaurants for the oyster bag erosion control.

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6. The administrative assistant stated that she has a copy of the NEWS JOURNAL's five-part December series about the troubled Indian River Lagoon, if anyone missed reading it.
Jane stated that one priority for Oak Hill to help the lagoon should be for the city's waterfront properties to have mandatory sewer hook-up, to prevent further septic contamination. Cindy stated that she has heard that there is a statewide requirement in the works that will take care of this.
7. City Clerk Kohn Evans has confirmed that volunteer shoreline work at Sunrise Park would help fulfill her request that the WF Committee help with NPDES requirements.
8. Consensus was that there is no need at this time to meet with Paul Haydt, St. Johns River Water Management District, as planned, since the living shoreline project is underway and DEP has also offered help.
9. The WFC has received a response to its request for a DEP water quality assessment before the scheduled 2017 one.
 - a. The DEP has offered to help the City create a Nutrient Management Plan.
 - b. Member Jane Andrews agreed to contact DEP's Mary Paulic, as the letter suggests.
10. Concerns about the Coastal Restoration Project's track-hoe and dragline work: Mike Sullivan, of Cedar Creek Shellfish Farms, presented photos showing damage left behind by the Coastal Restoration Project's track-hoe work in the Mosquito Lagoon Aquatic Preserve. He handed out copies of SJRMD's permit with the DEP which requires stabilization within 72 hours and re-planting within 7 days. He concludes that they are in violation of this permit. A motion by Jane Andrews and seconded by Joe Ludwig for the Board to write the County Council about this issue was withdrawn, after deciding that a letter from the Mayor and Commission would be better. By consensus, the Waterfront Committee invited Mike Sullivan to make his presentation also to the City Commission, at the January 13 meeting, and he agreed to do so.

E. Comments & Concerns of Members

F Public Participation

G. Adjournment: 7:40 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.

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