

**AD HOC GREEN COMMITTEE
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 30, 2015**

Pursuant to public notice, Chairman Jeff Chestine convened a regular meeting of the AD HOC Green Committee on Tuesday, July 30, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Committee Members present were Jeff Chestine, John Fergus, Eugene Mathews, Josh Pause and David Vigilotti. Staff Members present were City Manager Courtney Barker and Recording Secretary Julie Finch. Interns Present were Megan Comunale, Zachary Fleis, and Max Hoffman. Board Member Scott Waymire was not present.

Chairman Jeff Chestine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(TIME: 7:01 P.M.) PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

(TIME: 7:02 P.M.) PRESENTATION BY Attorney Beadle on Sunshine Laws

Attorney Beadle spoke about Sunshine laws and how they apply to Board member communication. Specifically those board members cannot speak to each other about topics on agenda items unless they are at the meeting. He also spoke about how every City meeting, all recording at the meetings, and all communications about meeting topics become public record and that any resident can request to have copies of all mentioned correspondence. He noted that text messages and emails are included in this realm.

Public Comments-None

(TIME: 7:16 P.M.) DISCUSSION OF SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN DRAFT

The Green Committee needs to decide what they want to present to council about moving forward in the future, looking at becoming a non-profit. Questions were raised about funding by Josh Pause and he has a possible interested party, he would like to research and present as an agenda item next meeting. Vice Chair member Fergus urged the committee to look at finding grants and looking for community involvement. The board had consensus to create a permanent committee as a City Board. City Manager Barker recommended that the committee find an intern from F.I.T. with a budget of \$10,000 to complete a Sustainability Assessment. Noting that this initiative will take time to create and everyone should expect 4-6 months for planning. John Fergus would like to look into adding roof top solar to the charging stations for EV cars. Josh Pause says that FPL pays back and users can benefit even more from using it. City Manager Barker recommended looking into making Pelican Beach Park as a model for solar usage in the public and push for legislative use. Member David Vigliotti volunteers to head the sustainable lawn initiatives. City Manager recommends breaking the lawn projects into smaller groups so that more ideas can be collected and dispersed. The committee discusses several events to possibly participate in, they decide that they might need more time to find funding and create material to be a vendor at future events. Member Pause would like to start a Facebook page and possibly creating a QR code. City Manager agrees that the committee needs to create specific branding and would like to make that an agenda item for the next meeting. Storm water topic is discussed and the committee would like to get more information to the residents as to how the City is taking action. There is discussion about measurements of run off by the city and Brevard County and what kind of regulations are in place now.

The Xeriscape topic is brought up and Member Josh Pause would like to create a model to educate residents about converting their lawns. City Manager Barker urges to assign short term initiatives to specific members so that action can be taken. The board expresses that they would like to get out into the public soon and could possibly piggyback other organizations to represent the cause. The Surfrider Foundation is elected to be a good possible partner. City Manager Barker says that committee needs to assign someone to be a marketing representative and event coordinator to

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participate in such events. The topic of community garden is discussed; member David Vigliotti offers an explanation of what this would entail and how to sustain the garden by soliciting volunteers. Also there was talk of a community nursery. The reusable bag initiative was discussed and ideas about partnering with Surfrider Foundation and Publix.

Public Comments

Dale Abrahams had concerns about how the distribution of reusable bags would impact local retailers that sell them.

Ron Jurgutis wanted to ask that popular "older" recycling initiatives come back into light. He mentioned recycling of plastic bags and also beach erosion and suggested a sea oat garden.

Mark Abraham gave some feedback on inviting all kinds of groups in the community to participate in gardening projects. He added that the board offer more options for the healthy lawns initiative to residents, as well as more direction on how to maintain them. He presented a contact to the board to look at solar power initiatives and concludes with the thought that solar may not be a better option in the future.

Dylan Hansen discussed the topic of creating a community garden and where it might be located.

(TIME: 8:17 P.M.) AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Board needs to decide on information to present to City Council regarding how they can move forward in becoming a permanent committee.

Committee Member Josh Pause wants to finalize a name for branding purposes and create Facebook representation and possibly a QR code. Also present on ideas for being funded by a solar company he has contacted.

(TIME: 8:31 P.M.) DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING DATES

ACTION: Board decided that future meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, the next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. **AGREEMENT BY CONSENSUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

(TIME: 8:39 P.M.) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: JULY 14, 2015, REGULAR MEETING

ACTION: Committee Member Fergus **Moved, Second** by Committee Member Mathews to approve the minutes as presented. **VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

(TIME: 8:41 P.M.) ADJOURNMENT

Committee by **CONSENSUS** to adjourn the meeting



Julie Finch

Recording Secretary