



**MINUTES
TREE BOARD/BEAUTIFICATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016
7:00 PM.**

City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lombardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman LeaAnn Lombardi, Vice Chairman Tanya Frantzen; Craig Thomson; Mary Beth Hutchinson; Jeanette Smith and Ann Palmquist

Also Present: Max Royle, City Manager; Ken Gatchell; Assistant Public Works Director; and April Haskins, Secretary.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2016 MEETING

MR. THOMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10th, 2016. Ms. Frantzen seconded. The Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

V. TREE BOARD MATTERS

A. Condition of Marriott Tree

Mr. Chuck Lippi addressed the Tree Board regarding the steps that were taken to try and save the Oak Tree located at the Marriott property before and during construction of the hotel.

B. Arbor Day: Selection of Winning Posters and Other Matters

The Board reviewed all of the posters that were submitted for Arbor Day 2016. The following were chosen as winners

First Place: Cosette Bryndal
Second Place: Max Gibbs
Third Place: Giavanna Flaherty

The Board read the report sent to them by the City's Events Coordinator. Ms. Hala Laquidara and finalized all of the details for the Arbor Day event.

C. Update on Applying for Urban Forestry Grant

Joe Howell provided a report to the Board regarding the Urban Forestry Grant

The Board is requesting that Public Works Director apply for the Urban Forestry Grant. If the grant is awarded the Board would like to purchase hardwood trees to replenish the tree canopy due to all of the building that has been taking place in the City.

D. Other Tree Board Matters

Rebecca Romaine from 28 Ocean Pines Drive and Jodie Kotrady Hatton from 27 Sea Oaks Drive addressed the Board regarding some concerns they have with development of the Ocean Ridge Subdivision. The residents of Sea Oaks have noticed that there is some type of construction beginning, however they have not been informed as to what exactly is taking place at the moment

Mr. Gatchell and Mr. Royle informed them that the only thing the contractors are doing at the time of this meeting is cutting in the roads for the subdivision.

Mr. Thompson recommended to the women that they address their concerns with the Building Department and the City Commission. He also asked that they please report back to the Board any information they obtain.

Ms. Romaine and Ms. Hatton wanted to publically thank Mr. Royle for taking their calls and assisting them with their questions.

E. Mr. Thomson gave a report regarding the D Street Plazas

He informed the Committee that he has located several areas on D Street that would be suitable to plant trees that will not be affected by the power lines

Mr. Thomson also discussed with the Board ordering trees with the additional money left from this year's budgeted amount for tree planting projects. The Board discussed the sizes, pricing and availability with Mr. Gatchell.

CHAIRMAN LOMBARI MADE A MOTION TO ORDER 10 6" CALIBER OAK TREES FOR THE D STREET PARKETTES. Ms. Palmquist seconded. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

F. Request from Ms. Palmquist regarding Café 11

Ms. Palmquist requested that she be able to speak with the owners of Café 11 and invite them to return to the next meeting to discuss coming up with an alternate beautification plan with the Board regarding the beautifying of the City owned plaza. Previously the Board denied a beautification plan because it included invasive species

MR. THOMSON MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW MS. PALMQUIST PERMISSION TO CONTACT THE OWNERS OF CAFÉ 11 TO SEE IF THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN BEAUTIFYING THE PLAZA. Ms. Lombardi seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

VI. BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Review of Responsibilities of the Beautification Advisory Committee/Tree Board

After reviewing background information that Mr. Royle had provide regarding the Committee's responsibilities, the members had questions. Specifically, the role they play in approving or denying beautification plans for new construction businesses. The Committee had previously denied a beautification plan for the Marriott Hotel, and the plan was implemented anyway. As a result the Committee would like clarification from the City Commission as to their role.

MR. THOMSON MADE A MOTION TO ASK THE CITY COMMISSION TO VERIFY WHETHER THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE OR THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO APPROVE OR DENY LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR NEW COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES. Chairman Lombardi seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Royle informed the Beautification Committee does not have the authority to deny any plans as they are an advisory board only.

MR. THOMSON AMENDED HIS MOTION AS FOLLOWS: THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO BE GRANTED THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR DENY LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR NEW COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES. Chairman Lombardi seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Update Report by Mr. Gatchell on Beautification of Additional Plazas

This item was not discussed.

C. Report by Ms. Palmquist on Replanting Plan for City-Owned Property

This item was not discussed

D. Consideration of Developing a Five-Year Beautification Plan for A1A Beach Boulevard

This item was not discussed

E. Review of City-Owned Properties

This item was not discussed

F Other Beautification Committee Matters

This item was not discussed

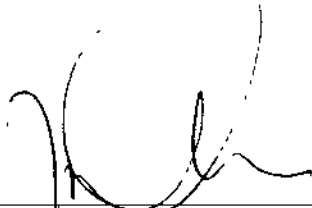
VII. SCHEDULING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Arbor Day will be held on April 15, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 12th, 2016.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



LeaAnn Lombardi- Chairman

ATTEST: 

City Manager