

Minutes of the TREE BOARD/BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING of TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015, held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Meeting Room at City Hall, 2200 State Road A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida, 32080.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ann Palmquist called the meeting to order at 7 00 p m

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present Chairman Ann Palmquist, Vice-Chairman Linda Avery, Tanya Frantzen, LeaAnn Lombardi, Mary Beth Hutchinson, Craig Thomson, City Manager Max Royle, Public Works Director Joe Howell, Assistant Public Works Director Ken Gatchell, Event Coordinator Hala Laquidara Recording Secretary April Haskins.

Absent Joan Muller, Jeanette Smith

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TREE BOARD/BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

Chairman Palmquist **MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TREE BOARD/BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015.** The motion was seconded by Ms Avery and passed 6-0 by unanimous voice-vote

V. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2015

Ms. Lombardi nominated Vice Chairman Avery for Chairman. Ms. Avery declined the nomination. Ms Hutchinson made a motion that the Board keep the same officers for 2015. Ms. Palmquist seconded this motion Mr. Royle declared that by acclamation the officers would remain the same

VI. TREE BOARD MATTERS

A. Discussion of Preparation of Arbor Day 2015

Event Coordinator Hala Laquidara gave the Board an update on the plans for Arbor Day 2015 This year there will be twelve exhibitors with interactive displays set up in City Hall parking lot.

Ms Laquidara discussed with the Board the details of the food and prizes that will be awarded for the poster and poetry contests She also requested that the Chairman run the activities in the Commission Room so that she would be free to oversee the small meeting room and parking lot

Vice Chairman Avery stated that she and Ms. Laquidara discussed inviting the exhibitors from this year to return next year for Arbor Day 2016. She also stated that it would be helpful if the City had a set date for Arbor Day each year.

Vice Chairman Avery **MADE A MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE THIRD FRIDAY OF APRIL EACH YEAR AS ARBOR DAY.** MS LOMBARI SECONDED THE MOTION. Chairman Palmquist requested a roll call vote.

Ms. Frantzen: YES
Ms. Hutchinson: YES
Mr. Thomson: YES
Ms. Palmquist: YES
Ms. Avery: YES
Ms. Lombari: YES

The Motion passed 6-0

B. Update by Public Works Director on Implementation of the Urban Forestry Grant

Mr. Howell updated the Board on the trees that the City has ordered with the Urban Forestry grant.

C. Other Tree Board Matters

Mr. Thomson began a discussion with the Board regarding the Tree Ordinance.

Mr. Thomson **MADE A MOTION TO INVITE MR. GARY LARSON, THE BUILDING OFFICIAL TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO DISCUSS INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE TREE ORDINANCE.** The motion was seconded by Ms. Lombari.

Chairman Palmquist called for a roll call vote.

Ms. Hutchinson: YES
Ms. Lombari: YES
Mr. Thomson: YES
Ms. Frantzen: YES
Ms. Avery: YES

THE MOTION PASSED 6-0

VII. BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Mr. Thomson requested that there be a change in the agenda and that item Discussion of Projects for Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

Projects cannot be decided at this time until the FY 2016 budget has been approved by the Commission

Mr. Thomson requested that Mr. Gatchell provide a presentation at the next regular scheduled meeting pertaining to the Avenue of Palms. The Board discussed planting twenty more palm trees at various locations to be determined after Mr. Gatchell's presentation.

Mr. Thomson MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD PURCHASE AND PLANT TWENTY ADDITIONAL PALM TREES ON THE AVENUE OF PALMS.

Ms. Lombardi MADE A MOTION TO AMEND MR. THOMSON'S MOTION TO USE ANY EXCESS FUNDS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE BIKE PATH PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PURCHASE AND PLANTING OF ADDITIONAL PALMS.

Chairman Palmquist called for a roll call vote on the Amendment to the Motion

**Ms. Lombardi: YES
Mr. Thomson: YES
Ms. Palmquist: YES
Ms. Avery: YES
Ms. Hutchinson: YES**

THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Chairman Palmquist called for a roll call vote on the Motion as Amended

**Ms. Lombardi: YES
Mr. Thomson: YES
Ms. Palmquist: YES
Ms. Avery: YES
Ms. Hutchinson: YES**

THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

B. Discussion of Presentation of Beautification Awards for 2015

This item was not discussed.

C. Update Report on Placement of Educational Signs Along Bike Paths

This item was not discussed.

D. Discussion of Developing Nature Walk in Ocean Hammock Park

This item was not discussed

E. Discussion of Projects for Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

This item was moved up on the agenda.

F. Other Beautification Matters

There were no other Beautification Matters.

VIII. SCHEDULING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The Tree Board/Beautification Advisory Committee agreed to hold a special meeting to finalize Arbor Day plans on Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

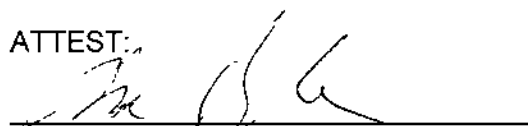
The Tree Board/Beautification Advisory Committee agreed to hold its next regular on May 5, 2015, at 7 00 p.m at City Hall

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p m


Chairman

ATTEST:


City Manager