



City of Atlantic Beach

Agenda

Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Commission Chamber

City Hall, 800 Seminole Road

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.A. Approve minutes of the February 12, 2020 regular Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting. 3 - 5

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3. COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (5 MINS.)

4. REPORTS

- 4.A. Landscape practices update by Scott Williams.
4.B. Bat house discussion.
4.C. ESC 2020 Strategic Plan update.
4.D. Chapter 23 updates.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 6:00 PM
Commission Chamber

Present:

Bruce Andrews, Member, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Amy Palmer, Member, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Sarah Andrews Dark, Member, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Tony Pooley, Chair, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Dawn Scott, Secretary, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Mark Gabrynowicz, Member, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Daniele Giovannucci, Vice Chair, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Sarah Boren, Member, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)

Absent:

Linda Chipperfield, Member, Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)

Also Present:

Amanda Askew, Community Development Director
Jennifer Johnston, Operations Manager
Brian Broedell, Principal Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes of the January 8, 2020 regular Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting.

There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

3. COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (5 MINS.)

Gretchen Dieters Murray spoke to the Committee about cleaning invasive potato vines from Howell Park, and she will also be at the Outreach Subcommittee meeting next week. Amanda Askew said beetles will arrive in May.

4. REPORTS

There were no reports on this month's agenda.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There were no reports on this month's agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ESC 2020 Work Plan

The Committee discussed their 2020 Work Plan. The tree ordinance review will occur

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in a future tree workshop. Amanda Askew summarized each priority area from the Committee's dot exercise.

Brian Broedell explained the previous canopy inventory study. Bruce Andrews said it would be good idea to piggyback on City of Jacksonville's information. The Committee discussed counting heritage and legacy trees. Bruce Andrews said it is difficult to get items accomplished in city government, and Tony Pooley said this exercise prioritizes the work of the Committee.

Sarah Boren discussed the need to identify best practices in all areas. The Committee discussed protecting beach accesses and the dunes. Sarah Dark volunteered to take up the native vegetation priority item.

The Committee discussed Public Works maintenance and how that work dovetails into the Committee's priorities. Amy Palmer said the plant palette that the Committee has discussed is basically the same priority item. The Committee discussed how to create a plant palette and resources that are already available. Dawn Scott asked if Scott Williams could give a presentation on current Public Works landscaping practices. Bruce Andrews expressed his frustration with Public Works' use of herbicides and current maintenance practices. The items the Committee would like to know about include agrochemicals and maintenance, herbicides and pesticides, projects contracted out, and projects handled in house. Amanda Askew said she would coordinate the meeting.

The Committee discussed their public outreach priorities and working with other City boards and committees. Commissioner Kelly discussed an upcoming project to construct a multi-purpose path along Seminole Road. The path will be planned to save as many trees as possible.

Amanda Askew discussed the status of a Parks Master Plan and Complete Streets Program, and staff will be looking for input from the ESC.

Matt Schrader spoke to the Committee regarding the Parks Master Plan. He encouraged everyone to look at the 2012 Marsh Master Plan, and to allow a trail on the west marsh side of the City. Amanda Askew asked the Committee to help educate the community to help fight the backlash from these projects.

Commissioner Kelly said a bat house had been built by a Boy Scout group. Dawn Scott discussed an October Bat Week event, and she will follow up with staff on the status of the bat house. Tony Pooley said he would reach out to the North Florida Public Land Trust to see if there are areas identified for potential conservation areas in the City. The Committee discussed land conservation.

The Committee discussed historic homes and how to identify them in the community. They also discussed ways to enshrine their efforts in the future and using tree mitigation funds.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Tony Pooley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Attest:

Tony Pooley

Amanda Askew

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