

WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
City Hall Council Chamber
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 5:30 PM

Rocky Rich, Jr., Chair
Michael Engiles
Phillis Rosetti-Mercer

Lora Klein, Vice-Chair
Jim Baumstark
Lynn Marcum

1. Call to Order – Chair Rich called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. Roll Call –
Present – Phillis Rosetti-Mercer, Rocky Rich, Lynn Marcum, and Jim Baumstark.
Absent – Mike Engiles and Lora Klein.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Rich led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Adoption of Agenda – Board member Baumstark move to adopt the agenda; Board member Rosetti-Mercer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Approval of Minutes – Board member Rosetti-Mercer moved to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2018 Waterfronts Board meeting; Chair Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Presentations – Ms. Palmer of the USFWS was unable to provide an update on 3SS due to the federal government shutdown.
7. Citizen Input – *(three (3) minutes)* – None.
8. Unfinished Business –
 - a. Rebate program- Board member Rosetti-Mercer provide the Board with an update on the efforts to implement the toilet rebate and on contact with Chris Saliba of US Water. The communication with Mr. Saliba is ongoing. Board member Rosetti-Mercer suggested that the Board members look at what other counties and cities are doing, and each member bring back a list of what they see they like.
 - b. Exotic plants growing in the creek/ditch that borders Three Sisters Springs Trail and the property- The board discussed the process for removal and to determine the recommended course of action. Board member Rosetti-Mercer reported that the Public Works Director took care of it by sending someone out to the area. Board member Rosetti-Mercer questioned whether the weeds should be pulled by hand or not. Co-liaison Perez provided the board with information as to how the weirs

work and suggested the board members get water test kits to test the area prior to suggesting that public works pull the weeds by hand. Board suggested asking the USFWS volunteers to do a clean-up day with the Waterfronts Board to clean up the canals along Three Sisters. Co-liaison Perez provided the Board with information as the maintenance of the canals in that area. Chair Rich to follow up with SWFWMD.

9. New Business –

- a. Consideration and motion to request City Council set a new monthly meeting date for Waterfronts Advisory Board meetings to the first Monday of each month – The Board discussed moving the Board meetings to the 1st Monday of each month permanently for upcoming meetings. The Board discussed 3rd Monday of each month as well. Board member Marcum moved to change the Board meetings to the first Monday of each month; Board member Rosetti-Mercer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Citizen Input – *(three (3) minutes)* – Jack Dumas, relayed information that came up at a recent Planning Commission meeting regarding setbacks at waterfront properties. The current setback requirement is 25 feet from the water edge. Mr. Dumas requested that the Waterfronts Board bring ideas for things that could be allowed in the setbacks that would not affect the water. Mr. Dumas stated the Board members could provide input on January 17th Planning Commission workshop/meeting. Board members suggested that Mr. Dumas look at the Florida Outstanding Waterways information.

11. Board Member Reports/Comments –

Jim Baumstark – None.

Mike Engiles – None.

Lora Klein – None.

Lynn Marcum – (Audio of the beginning of Board member Marcum's comments are inaudible) Board member Marcum relayed information about protecting seahorses and their habitat. Board member Marcum would like to invite Makenna Lenoir to present to the Waterfronts Board. It was suggested the seahorse information should be added to the Scallop brochure.

Rocky Rich, Jr. – Chair Rich asked about county project. Mr. Dumas provided information to Chair Rich.

Phillis Rosetti-Mercer – Board member Rosetti-Mercer provided an update on SWFWMD permits issued in the last 2 months (about 3-5).

12. City Council Liaison Comments – Council member Brown was unable to attend the meeting however Council member Brown communicated to staff his support of Item 9a. Council member Brown also expressed his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.
13. Staff Comments – None.
14. Announcement of Next Meeting – February 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
15. Adjournment – Board member Marcum moved to adjourn; motion was seconded by Board member Baumstark. Motion carried 4-0.

Attest:


Lisa Morris, Deputy Clerk


Rocky Rich, Chair

