WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
City Hall Council Chamber
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 5:30 PM

Joan Luebbe, Chair
Michael Engiles
Phillis Rosetti-Mercer
Lora Klein

Rocky Rich, Jr., Vice-Chair
Jim Baumstark
Lynn Marcum

Mayor Jim Farley, Liaison

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call –
   Absent – Lynn Marcum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairperson Luebbe led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Adoption of Agenda – Board member Baumstark moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Board member Engiles. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes from the May 1, 2018 Waterfronts Advisory Board meeting – Board member Engiles moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Waterfronts Advisory Board meeting; seconded by Vice Chair Rich. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Presentations – None.

7. Citizen Input – (three (3) minutes) – Robert Pitts of Crystal River stated to the Waterfront Board; “today is the manatees, as far as I am is concerned, and a lot of people, pretty much can come and go as they please, but one of the great beauties of this area is the fresh water. Please always consider this beautiful fresh water that we have going out into the gulf every day. That is what attracts all us and many people throughout history, to this location. Thank you very much”.

8. Unfinished Business –
   a. Board members suggested Projects 2020-2021 to present to SWFWMD i.e. living shorelines and storm water treatment areas – Suggested projects included: living shoreline along Riverwalk, alleviating flooding on Paradise point (manage the flow from Bass creek to the canal by Paradise Point Rd.), potential stormwater/wetland treatment
areas along the roadways, and getting more people such as Seven Rivers Golf Community off septic tank. The Board members are to submit ideas to Staff Liaison Morris for compellation to be brought back to the board. Board member Baumstark suggested that Waterfronts Board get involved and contact people about initiate conversations with entities about beautifying Shatz Island. Chairperson Luebbe reminded the Board of that the Board’s purpose in that the board is to make recommendations to City Council.

Board member Rosetti-Mercer will write up a document to bring back to the board to review and approval to forward to the City Manager.

b. Recommendation document to City Council to pursue a MOU with Citrus County – Motion to submit the document to City manager was made by Vice-Chair Rich; seconded by Board member Rosetti-Mercer. Motion carried 6-0.

9. New Business –
   a. Propose that Crystal River enact a ban on plastic straws in restaurants – Board member Engiles presented information related to a proposed ban on plastic straws to the Board. The Board discussed a photo that was submitted from an area restaurant that has already shifted to using non-plastic straws. The Board discussed a variety options to promote paper straws. The board discuss ways to encourage restaurants to reduce usage of plastic straws. Mayor Farley stated that there is a movement for restaurants to on their own to reduction of utilization of plastic straws.

10. Citizen Input – (three (3) minutes) – Robert Pitts shared the idea with the board related to suggesting that the City open Shatz Island for the 4th of July fireworks so that people could drive in a view the fireworks. Board members and staff clarified that the City does not own Shatz Island and has no control over access. Furthermore, access to the island is in a residential neighborhood which as little to no parking available.

11. Board Member Reports/Comments –
   Jim Baumstark- None
   Mike Engiles- None.
   Lora Klein - None.
   Joan Luebbe- None.
   Lynn Marcum- None.
   Rocky Rich, Jr. – Vice Chair Rich discussed the presentation of the Riverwalk document to the CRA board.
   Phillis Rosetti-Mercer- made a statement about the logo.
12. City Council Liaison Comments – Mayor Farley – Mayor Farley supported the idea of doing proclamation to encouraging usage of paper straws. Mayor Farley suggested the Board develop fact sheet to hand out to businesses.

13. Staff Comments – Staff Liaison Morris thanked the board for their consideration at the previous meeting.

14. Announcement of Next Meeting – July 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment – Vice Chair Rich moved to adjourn; seconded by Board member Engiles. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Attest:

Lisa Morris, Deputy Clerk
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