WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
City Hall Council Chamber
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 5:30 PM

Joan Luebbe, Chair
Michael Engiles
Phillis Rosetti-Mercer
Ray Oates

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

Mayor Jim Farley, Liaison

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Luebbe at 5:31 p.m.
2. Roll Call –
   Absent – None.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Luebbe led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Adoption of Agenda – Board member Baumstark moved to adopt the agenda; Board member Marcum seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
5. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes from the December 5, 2017 Waterfronts Advisory Board meeting – Board member Rosetti-Mercer moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 Waterfronts Advisory Board meeting; Vice-chair Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Presentations – Mary Kassabaum of Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Ms. Kassabaum presented information to the Waterfronts Board on her role at SWFWMD. Jo Sonerholm asked Ms. Kassabaum about the fenced area within Hunter Springs. Run. Ms. Sonerholm made a statement related to muck left behind once cages were removed.
7. Citizen Input – (three (3) minutes) – Robert Pitts of Crystal River made a statement related to boat ramp access decreasing as the population is increasing and temporary kayak launch closure. Mr. Pitts suggested several locations around town to place a boat ramp. Mr. Pitts suggested places such as on the Three Sisters Property near Magnolia Springs, property located along Three Sisters Trail, and property located at the end of NE 2nd Avenue and NE 2nd Street around the corner from Hunter Springs Park. Mr. Pitts stated access points for the citizens are important.
8. Unfinished Business –
   a. Bylaws – Board member Engiles moved to approve the bylaws as amended by the board; Vice-chair Rich seconded the motion. The Board members discussed the bylaws. Board member Rosetti-Mercer noted displeasure of the term “staff liaison” instead of a specific department head being assigned or listed. Motioned carried 7-0. Unanimous.
   b. Liaison Assignments – The Board discussed liaison assignments.
9. New Business –
   a. Response from question - The Board discussed the feedback to the question.
   b. Questions to ask – The board did not discuss this item.
c. 3SS - Staff liaison updated the Board on Three Sisters Springs management negotiations. Neither the USFWS Plan nor the City Plan is currently ready.

d. Items for next agenda -
   i. Report on what Dave would like to do with answers to question
   ii. Update Combine water jurisdiction on the water
   iii. Update on mooring fields
   iv. Scallop brochure distribution
   v. Boater Brochure annual review
   vi. Channel marking signs/boater direction signs

10. Citizen Input – (three (3) minutes) – None.

11. Jim Baumstark- None.

Mike Engiles - Board member Engiles stated that the Board’s purpose was to advise council on pending things, whatever it may be. Board member Engiles stated that in November there was a motion regarding Ordinance 17-O-11 which relates to Business Tax Receipts specifically the portion related to demarcation of vehicle and vessels. Board members Engiles inquired whether the Waterfronts Board was specifically notified about the portion related to demarcation before it was sent to council for vote.

Chair Luebbe stated that the follow of information tends to be one-way, the Board to Council. Chair Luebbe stated that Council does not generally ask the advice of the Board.

Board member Rosetti-Mercer stated that an ordinance probably went through Planning Commission. Board member Rosetti-Mercer stated that the Council needed to ask the Board more.

*The only ordinances that are sent to Planning Commission are ones that are specifically planning and zoning related. The Planning Commission is a statutory board. Not all ordinances go before the Planning Commission prior to being presented to Council.

Board members indicated the desire for council to ask their recommendation on ordinances and policies before the ordinances or policies were sent to Planning Commission.

*Per the Waterfronts Board Bylaws the Board is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council related to water issues not all ordinances and policies per Article II - Purpose.

Joan Luebbe- Chair Luebbe reported on the Friends volunteer appreciation luncheon to be held at the old Fish and Wildlife office on Kings Bay Drive between 11-2 on April 6th.

Lynn Marcum- Board member Marcum made a statement about culverts on/near her property. Board member Marcum stated that Department of Transportation and the City have been working with her for several months. Board member Marcum stated that there is now a new spring in front of the culverts. Board member Marcum stated concerns about alligators being in the culverts or manatees getting stuck in the culverts. Board member Marcum stated that she was considering having the work done and paying for it out of her own pocket.

Chair Luebbe asked if it was lawful for Board member Marcum to have the work done.

Board member Marcum stated that it was her property. Board member wanted to know if there were other culverts like the ones on her property.

Chair Luebbe asked if Board member Marcum had reached out to any of the Council members or the City Manager.
Chair Luebbe also inquired what Board member Marcum would like the Board to do.
Board member Marcum stated that there was nothing she would like the Board to do.

*Work in the water would require a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and DEP.*

**Ray Oates**- Board member Oates reported on efforts to get lyngbya classified as a recovered solid waste.

**Rocky Rich, Jr.** – None.

**Phillis Rosetti-Mercer**- Reported on 5 renewal permits for water withdrawals. Board member Rosetti-Mercer stated that nothing was out of line.

12. City Council Liaison Comments –Mayor Farley – Mayor Farley asked the Board if they would like water related ordinances to come through the Board for comment and recommendation prior to being sent to Planning Commission.

Chair Luebbe stated policies as well.

Mayor Farley also stated he would see if Council would consider paying for covering the culvert.

13. Staff Comments – Staff liaison Morris thanked the board for a great meeting and great discussion.

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

15. Adjournment – Vice-chair Rich moved to adjourn the meeting; Board member Marcum seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Attest:

[Signature]
Joan Luebbe, Chair

Lisa Morris, Deputy Clerk