WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
Agenda
City Hall Council Chamber
Tuesday, October 2, 2018 5:30 PM

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

Lora Klein, Vice-Chair
Jim Baumstark
Lynn Marcum

Mayor Jim Farley, Liaison

1. Call to Order –
2. Roll Call –
   Present –
   Absent –
3. Pledge of Allegiance –
4. Adoption of Agenda –
5. Approval of Minutes –
6. Presentations – Lisa Moore, SCR – Update on Dredging Project and Sand
7. Citizen Input – (three (3) minutes) –
8. Unfinished Business –
   a. Straws Initiative Update
   b. Recycling toilets rebates
9. New Business –
   a. Talk about pole anchors and incentives
   b. Motion to pay $ for the decal graphic design
   c. Refuge Day
10. Citizen Input – (three (3) minutes) –
11. Board Member Reports/Comments –
    Jim Baumstark-
    Mike Engiles-
    Lora Klein -
    Lynn Marcum-
    Rocky Rich, Jr. –
    Phillips Rosetti-Mercer-
12. City Council Liaison Comments – Mayor Farley –
13. Staff Comments –
14. Announcement of Next Meeting – November 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
15. Adjournment –
WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
City Hall Council Chamber
Tuesday, September 4, 2018 5:30 PM

Rocky Rich, Jr., Chair
Michael Engiles
Phillis Rosetti-Mercer
Joan Luebbe
Lora Klein, Vice-Chair
Jim Baumstark
Lynn Marcum
Mayor Jim Farley, Liaison

1. Call to Order – Chair Rich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call –
   Absent – Lynn Marcum and Mike Engiles.
   Joan Luebbe – resigned.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Rich led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Adoption of Agenda – Board member Baumstark moved to adopt the agenda; Board member Rosetti-Mercer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Approval of Minutes – Vice-chair Klein moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2018 Waterfronts Board meeting; seconded by Board member Baumstark. Motion carried 4-0.


7. Citizen Input – (three (3) minutes) –
   Robert Pitts, Crystal River- asked Board how we can save the 3rd Avenue ramp, including revitalizing, refurbishing and suggests that the City should make plans to open two ramps before we close one. Mr. Pitts also asked if the sand being vacuumed from bay could be made available to citizens and constituents to as fill. Mr. Pitts thanked city for adding sand to Hunter Springs Park beach area and the parking area. (The sand belongs to the dredgers).

   Board member Rosetti-Mercer clarified which ramp Mr. Pitts was speaking about and clarifying his desire for the City to open two boats ramps prior to closing the ramp at 3rd Avenue.

   Mr. Pitts informed of ramp removal as part of Riverwalk project.

   Board member Rosetti-Mercer stated that a lot of the sand was given to the City last year they gave a lot to city to use for sand bags.

   Discussed where sand is currently stored behind SunTrust Bank on a lot.

8. Unfinished Business –
   a. Straws Initiative Update -
      It was noted that Council members loved idea of this initiative; however didn’t love design of the initial design wanted the Board to make adjustments to the design. Some members of Council felt in the original design the straw looked like a cigarette.
Mayor Farley distributed samples of biodegradable straws.

It was discussed about getting the word out through the Rotary Club or Chamber of Commerce.

City Clerk Mia Fink offered to promote the initiative through Keep Citrus County Beautiful. The Board thought it was a great idea.

Mayor Farley suggested taking the red straw out of design as it blends in with the red no sign.

9. New Business –
   a. Introduction of co-liaison and Three Sisters Manager – Clerk Fink introduced the new staff co-liaison Beth Perez. Co-liaison Perez stated that she was looking forward to working with the Board in the future.
   Chair Rich offered the Board’s assistance with sediment issues related construction of the WaWa in that maybe Waterfronts Advisory Board could assist with letter writing.
   b. Recycling toilets rebates- The Board discussed grant program. It was suggested maybe rain sensors (for watering) moisture reading also could be investigated for the rebate program as well. It was suggested that the board take month to investigate while the research the grant cycle open until May.
   c. Reports from visits to dredge and planting sites- No one attended.
   d. Talk about pole anchors and incentives – The Board discussed a pole anchors incentive. Discussion was held regarding trying to do something and if it would we just do commercial or would it be available to individuals.
   There was discussion how beneficial would it be and the affordability is a factor of an initiative. It was suggested the possibility of working with another community group on the initiative. The consensus was that it would be best if more civilian were users.
   It was suggested to focus on tour operators also to contact other community groups to work with on the issue. The Board would also look into possible grant opportunities.
   The Board will look to work with state agencies or partner with another community groups. Co-liaison noted that Save Crystal River did a contest before scallop season on social media in which a power pole was given away to someone that responded to the social media post.
   e. Motion to pay $15 for the WAB logo update and redesign- Council approved funding for decals- Vice-chair Klein moved to approve the expenditure of $15.00 to pay for the Waterfronts Advisory Board logo graphic upgrade; Board member Baumstark seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
Board member Rosetti-Mercer asked if the Waterfronts Board members would be willing to do anything to raise money. Chair Rich stated that he would prefer the Board’s efforts focused elsewhere. Vice-Chair Klein stated that the issue needs to be more clearly defined.

f. One Less Straw Pledge -
The board discussed the initiative and determined that it should be a local thing. The Board would not want to get into handling the funds. The Board would be interested in a generic sense. The Board determined they would like to develop something like the program and make it their own, develop it and for future implementation.

10. Citizen Input – (three (3) minutes) –
*Robert Pitts, Crystal River*-* questioned whether the fuel tank property that was excavated – is that the same property offered to county to build restrooms. It was noted that it is not the site however it is close. Mr. Pitts also questioned as to where people parking in “Michigan Town” area of town are going. Pitts stated they’re going to 3SSR via the kayaks that are launched at Hunter Springs Park. Mr. Pitts also suggested opening Three Sisters Springs Refuge for launching kayaks. Mr. Pitts again suggested opening Three Sisters as a parking lot.

11. Board Member Reports/Comments –
Jim Baumstark- none.

Mike Engiles-Chairman Rich read Board member Engiles comments submitted by email. See attached.

Co-liaison Perez clarifies that USFWS taking on project to construct overlooks at Magnolia Spring and some on existing boardwalk and that the Friends of the Crystal River Wildlife Refuge will fund.

The Board decide to discuss potential of attending Refuge Day on October 13th at the October 2nd Waterfront’s Board meeting. To contact Jose Alonzo at USFWS.

Lora Klein – commented on kayaking in the Hunter Springs area and how beautifully the eel grass is growing except for a few anchor drag marks. It was noted that the water clarity improved.

Lynn Marcum- none.

Rocky Rich, Jr. – commented on last month’s meeting and expressed appreciation of Board confidence in election as chairman.

Phillis Rosetti-Mercer- reported on 2 water permits renewals. Monthly water update email noted that it was from May. Board member Rosetti-Mercer stated that Jackie Gorman made
up logo and that there was not a print ready file for it. Rosetti-Mercer complimented Jackie’s design. It was expressed for the need to follow up w Mr. Pitts questions related to the dredged sand and boat ramps. Mayor Farley input that council has not made a decision regarding the boat ramp relocation. It was requested that Waterfronts Advisory Board be made aware of where the ramp is and what is going on with

12. City Council Liaison Comments – Mayor Farley –
   On the topic of fund raising the Mayor stated the Board should avoid being a conduit for any moneys by encouraging party A giving money to party B instead of the Board collecting the money then donating it. Mayor Farley suggested that the Board not expand into all plastics rather start with something small then build momentum. Mayor Farley noted that he was out of area for august when the WaWa effort had begun again. The Board requested status of WaWa project. The Board invited Beau to next meeting.
   The Chair asked if Liaison Perez was the liaison for us to speak with other city staff.
   *Note: Board members can individually speak to staff as they wish.*
   Mayor Farley suggested Perez to liaise with USFWS and to stay involved with USFWS to keep open line of communication.

13. Staff Comments – None.

14. Announcement of Next Meeting –October 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment –Board member Rosetti-Mercer moved to adjourn; seconded by Board member Baumstark. Motion carried 4-0.

   Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

   Attest:

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   Rocky Rich, Chair

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   Lisa Morris, Deputy Clerk
Some updates:

META:
- scheduling annual training
- looking into commentating Jacques Cousteau’s Forgotten Mermaid and the birth of manatee conservation.

TDC:
- Approved Funding for bicycle trail connector study
- Grant Applications will be presented next meeting, 9/12

Friends of Refuge:
- funding and design for overlooks at 3S completed, arranging contractor
- evaluating responses for the design of education center on Kings Bay Drive
- Invited Guest Reception this month to kickoff celebration of 20 years for Friends of CRNWRC
- New Nature store and visitor center opening in Oct at old playhouse
- Anniversary Celebration and Grand Opening in Oct
- Birding Tour scheduled
- Refuge Day is 10/13

Thanks,

Mike
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# Purchase Requisition

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Committed to Being Plastic Straw Free

Refuse

Keeping Crystal River Clean.

CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER
HOME OF THE MANATEE

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