

**City of New Port Richey Environmental Committee  
Minutes for October 26, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm.

1. **Vox Pop** - None.
2. **In attendance:** Present were Committee Chair Dell deChant, Barbara Sullo, alternate Amber Blais, Audrey Voss, alternate Cindy Cadle, Secretary Jon Tietz, City Liaison Doreen Summers, and Vice Chair Rose Mohr. Kira Atkinson and Kacey Atkinson were absent. No guests were present.
3. **Vox Pop.** None.
4. **Approval of the minutes from September.** The minutes were approved unanimously with revisions which were updated and sent to the City Clerk.

**Business of the Committee - Ongoing**

5. **Vox Pop.** None.
6. **Urban Farming.** Audrey Voss said that the grand opening of the "Grand Gardens" will be on November 7th from 2 - 4pm at 5733 Grand Boulevard. Dell asked about the Committee's material support of the event. Dell said that some water would be needed on site, and Dell also asked Cindy Cadle about acquiring ladybugs for a release at the event. Cindy said that she spoke with two vendors and found that she can order either 9,000 or 18,000 ladybugs. Dell said that she should order 18,000. Audrey said that she will provide cups and Barbara said that she will bring water and milkweed seedlings. Dell would like Committee members to be at the site by 1:30 PM.
7. **Vox Pop.**
8. **Library Seed Lending Program** - No new information to be reported. Dell said that the Seed Saver rack at Rose's Bistro off Main Street will be restocked for 2015 some time in November.
9. **Lexicon of Sustainability.** Amber Blais said that she would work with library staff to determine if the
10. **City Liaison Report.** Doreen said that the City has started the application for Tree City USA. The submission date has been moved up to November, but staff still expects to have it completed by the date. Doreen said that Jon Tietz, Rose Mohr, and Cindy Cadle would all be (or already have) coming up for renewal of their appointments to the Committee. All three members elected to ask that their appointments be renewed.
11. **Discussion of Fall Quarterly Program.** The quarter's event will be the Grand Opening of the Grand Gardens. The next event will be Arbor Day, and in the Spring there will be the Loquat Festival.
12. **Vox Pop.**
13. **Pasco County Food Policy Council.** Dell said that discussion of policies are continuing and is progressing well.
14. **Vox Pop.**
15. **Arbor Day.** Dell suggested turning over the planning of the Arbor Day festivities to the Parks and Recreation Department. The celebration is scheduled for January 15, 2016.

**Additional Items Discussed.**

16. **Discussion of Committee Proposal Presentation.** Jon said that he has made progress on the presentation but has not finished it to the point of a rough draft. The presentation is scheduled for December 15, 2015. The Committee went over various points which will be reviewed at the next meeting in rough draft format.
17. **Milkweed Festival.**
18. **Adjournment.** Without objection the committee stands adjourned at 7:08 PM. The next meeting is November 23rd at 6:00 PM at the New Port Richey Public Library.