

Environmental Committee Minutes for 5/23/2016
Meeting called to order at 6:05

Roll call

Audrey Voss
Dell deChant
Rose Mohr
Barbara Sullo
Cindy Cadle
Doreen Summers
Kacey Atkinson

Guests:

Gina Digregorio
Edwina Wexler
Steve Wexler

Approval of minutes – approved unanimously
Agenda approved unanimously

Liaison Officer

New applicant for our open alternate committee position – Gina Digregorio. Doreen presented some highlights of her resume.
As of the meeting the urban ag ordinance was not back from the State.

Business of Committee

Urban farm program

2 community gardens coming due for renewal in June. Illinois property and Montana property.
Audrey to send renewal notices.

Library seed lending – there have been some supporting events at tasty Tuesdays that promote the seed program.

Quarterly programs

Okra Occasion – Barbara will help organize food suppliers.
Doreen will check to be sure both rooms are available for July 25.
Cindy and Audrey will screen possible movies.

Grow Gathering – Audrey to organize Plant Swap and pot luck at the garden.

Pasco County food policy project

Next meeting June 8 @ 11AM BOCC chambers Little Rd

Recommended Trees

Committee unanimously voted to remove palms from the recommended list.
Motion to recommend copies of the invasive and recommended lists available at the library and the Development office. Approved unanimously.
Doreen will get lists printed.

Edited list in agenda to remove palms, correct spelling of Moringa and Avocado. Combine Jamaican and Cherry into one - "Jamaican Cherry".

The link in the Agenda for invasive list is wrong. Audrey will send correct link to Doreen.

Annual Report

Motion to recommend to the council that FDEP fertilizer guidelines be made a requirement for the city. Committee approved unanimously.

Kacey will provide list of environmental/sustainability groups active in the city for next meeting.

Urban Ag Ord.

Ordinance not back from State. Tentatively planned to be back for the June 22 council meeting. We will need to send out notifications for supporters as soon as we know. Planned speakers will be Don Cadle, Frank Starkey and Dell. Others encouraged to speak in support.