

City of New Port Richey Environmental Committee
Minutes for January 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

1. **Vox Pop** - None.
2. **In attendance:** Present were Committee Chair Dell deChant, Secretary Jon Tietz, Rex Phelps, Barbara Sullo, and Penelope Anderson. Cindy Cadle, Lawrence Liev, City Liaison Barret Doe, and Vice Chair Rose Mohr were absent.
3. **Vox Pop.**
4. **Approval of the minutes from December.** Rex made a motion to approve the minutes and Barbara seconded. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Business of the Committee - Ongoing

5. **Vox Pop.** None.
6. **Liaison Officer Report.** Barret was not present to give a report.
7. **Vox Pop.** None.
8. **Discussion of Committee Membership.** Dell said that as of this meeting Cindy Cadle is resigning. The committee would like to thank Cindy for her years of service. Dell said a new member has been added but that he has not heard when to expect his attendance.
9. **Update on the Green City Initiative.** Barret was not present to give an update.
10. **Vox Pop.** None.
11. **Update on Inclusion of City Property in the Community Garden Ordinance.** No update.
12. **Vox Pop.** None.
13. **Update Received Community Garden Permits.** Jon said he has not received any new applications and that the permits are up to date.
14. **Vox Pop.** None.
15. **Brochure for the City's Urban Agriculture Program.** Jon showed the committee a rough draft of the brochure and the committee said to continue to show an updated draft at the next meeting.
16. **Vox Pop.** None.
17. **Seed Library Update.** Dell said that he has spoken to library staff and he believes that they are still short staffed. The committee will continue to look for updates.
18. **Vox Pop.** None.
19. **Arbor Day.** The event is this Friday at 11 am at Francis Avenue Park and this is the 30th anniversary of the event in New Port Richey. Dell said that the proclamation for the event will be read tomorrow night and he would like committee members to be present.
20. **Vox Pop.** None.
21. **Fruit Tree Peninsula.** Penelope said she has stopped by and that the trees are blooming and that it looks good. The grass has been cut.
22. **Adopt-A-Trail Program.** Jon said that he is waiting for the city to designate a map of locations to be serviced. Dell said that he had heard of some support from local groups.
23. **Additional Items.** Dell mentioned the work being performed around Orange Lake and

wanted to note that he believes the committee should have been notified and involved in the selections of landscaping and materials for the project.

24. Follow Up on Proposals. The committees discussed an issue from the previous meeting that Lawrence is investigating of how best to approach considering the non-toxic committee designation. Penelope said that she wanted to make the fruit peninsula a pesticides freedom zone. Jon suggested that focusing on the library. Dell asked for a motion to support mechanically maintenance only at the library and the fruit peninsula. Penelope made a motion and Barbara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Pursuit of Arborist on City Staff. Jon said that he is still pursuing this but it is a matter of time.

26. Vox Pope. None.

27. Review of Landscaping Ordinance. Jon had suggested a review of an existing Port Richey ordinance which is more specific to tree requirements of new construction and development. Dell suggested that it be revisited.

Additional Items Discussed.

28. Adjournment. Without objection the committee stands adjourned at 7:36 PM. The next meeting is February 11th, 2018 at 6 PM at the New Port Richey Public Library.