



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

City of New Port Richey

The Environmental Committee of the City of New Port Richey develops and endorses environmental events in the City, renders annual and special reports as members may deem advisable, and explores new environmental initiatives for the City. The ECCNPR was established in 1989 and recreated in 2011.

Summary of Meeting New Port Richey City Hall Monday – May 10, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

ANY PERSON DESIRING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ANY MEETING OR HEARING, WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE TRANSCRIBED VERBATIM MINUTES; THEREFORE, THE APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH A PRIVATE REPORTER (OR PRIVATE REPORTING FIRM) AND BEAR THE RESULTING EXPENSE. (F.S.286.0105)

Attending: Dell deChant, Committee Chair; Rose Mohr, Vice-Chair; Patty Jackson, Member; Amber Blais, member; Barrett Doe, City Liaison;

Absent: Linda Blake, Secretary; Lexi Lombardi, Member
Other attendee: John Kane

Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2021 and Special Meeting April 26, 2021

Business of Committee I – On-going Projects and Events

Update on Committee Membership, and City Policies (Barret and Dell)
- awaiting application of Lauren Haymann, note of open seats

Green City initiative: Update and Note of submission status (Barret) – no progress since last meeting

Update on inclusion of City Property in Community Garden Ordinance (from annual report/proposals over several years) (Barret) – moving forward

Urban Agriculture Program (Dell) no new applications, need for committee member to take leadership on management of applications

Library Seed Lending Program - Update on the program (Patty) nothing to report

Fruit Tree Peninsula (Linda) – Dell notes presence of fire blight in the city

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Notes on participation/attendance at TBRPC events.

Business of Committee II - New Projects (and projects of limited duration, including annual events)

Approval of Report to City on Mulch Project

Monarch Butterfly City Recognition Event

- Dell reports Community residents have formed a committee to plan the event

* This will remain on agenda until recognition event occurs.

Promotion of Sustainability Projects (Linda, Lexi, and Dell) – Dell notes Jacob Fried is doing a good job of promoting sustainability projects in the city.

Annual Report (presented to CC on March 16). * Discussion of follow up and next steps.

Proposals:

- 1) Promote City's Environmental Programs & Initiatives
- 2) Establish Staff Position of "Agriculture Director"
- 3) Promote Food Waste Reduction
- 4) Commit to 100% Renewable Power by 2030
- 5) Commit to Becoming a Nontoxic Community
- 6) Glass recycling initiative
- 7) Bike Trail

City Work Sessions on Projects of Relevance to Committee Request for volunteer to serve as Agenda Reviewer (see also CC Agenda reviewer)

Events

Seasonal Events (Information only) - Note: All events supported and endorsed by Environmental Committee.

- Chair has not received formal notification that seasonal events in the city are no longer suspended. It appears, however, that events are being scheduled and occurring.

Calendar 2021-2022 (all items listed subject to reschedule or cancellation)

August 16, 2021 - Okra Occasion, 6th annual (5:00 – 8:00) (Host ENV COM)

October 10, 2021 – Sweet Potato Round-Up, 5th annual (11:00-1:00) (Host Friendship Farms and FarmNet)

January 8, 2022 - Collards Festival at Grand Gardens*, 6th annual (Host Grand Gardens/New Port Richey FarmNet)

January 21, 2022 -Arbor Day, 33rd annual (3rd Friday in January) (Host ENV COM)

March 19-26, 2022 The Florida Loquat Festival, 8th annual (Host Ecology Florida)

Meeting Schedule for 2021 "The environmental committee shall meet once every ninety (90) days unless it determines to meet more frequently." * Committee has determined it is best to meet monthly - 2nd Monday, at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 14, 6:00 p.m. – City Council auditorium