

**Advisory Committee Meeting
August 2022**

Attending: Margaret Johnson, Pamela Johnson, Chris Riegert, Scott Thornall, Matthew Kirkland, David Merkle, Carolina Candeleiria, Skip Cox, Sue Davidson, Lee Maxwell, Allen Dearry

Absent: Maureen Burns

Visitor: Elise Snavely

Meeting called to order at 8:45 by Chairperson

Agenda Approved. It was also agreed to end by 0930 due to several conflicts.

The Straw Initiative Presentation was canceled for the August Town Council Meeting due to the extreme length of the meeting. The presentation was added to the September Town Council Meeting. Lee Maxwell presented an abbreviated version to the EAC. He gave EAC members samples of biodegradable agave straws for trial. Questions to be considered to address: How does the EAC plan to implement? What type of follow-up will be done to see the effectiveness of the program? What are we asking of the Council? Request for a consensus for Council to pursue this initiative and return next month (October) for Council decision.

It was announced that Kerri was appointed to the Planning Board and that we now have a vacancy to be filled.

Elise (visitor) discussed the Oyster Bed Restoration Project at Veterans Park. Replacement signs are approximately \$150 - \$200. This project would also include replacement of oyster bags. Routine maintenance is performed at low tide replacing bags on the reef. Time spent is generally 15-30 minutes. Best maintenance is every other month, better would be once a quarter and ok maintenance would be twice a year. Training would be provided to one person. This can be taped and used for future training. Motion made and seconded for the topic to be placed on the EAC September Agenda.

Minutes were approved following a motion by Chris and seconded by Lee.

Announcements:

Discussion was held regarding a troubling letter many received from a Mr. Benjamin Ford. We should not respond individually as a member representing the EAC. Communication will go through Margaret, following the Council appointed chain of command.

In addition to Storm/Waste Water Management Director, Rick has been appointed as the town Forrester.

Matt presented members with the Planning Board's initial revision to UDO Chapter 32. Changes recommended start on Page 6. Discussion was held. This will go to Council in September. Lee made a motion to accept so this can move forward with the understanding that additional changes can be made in the future. Seconded by Pam. Motion passed.

Rick wishes to work with a subcommittee on the UDO starting by looking at other jurisdictions. David, Chris, Carolina expressed interest.

David opted to give the SmartYard report at the next meeting.

Carolina wants to present to Council a tree canopy via an intern program. This has gone once already. This would be better at budget time.

Sue gave a brief Recycling report. 400 more magnets have been placed in rental homes. The DOT signage coming on the island is continuing to be used. Publix Corporation has agreed to change its plastic message to enhance clarity.

Skip presented a written report. Adopt A Highway will be held September 9 at 0900. All slots are full. The Beach Preservation Society will hold its annual membership meeting on October 13 at 801 Event Center.

Community Education was discussed. Pam suggested scheduled dates, topics with speakers. Lee made a motion to approve seconded by Carolina. Motion Passed. Information will be brought back at the next meeting regarding where to be held, associated costs for a venue, what would be entailed, needs and costs of speakers. Would like to work with a subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 0928.