



ALACHUA COUNTY Environmental Protection Advisory Committee

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David Moritz, Chair
Scott Knight, Vice-Chair

September 3, 2019 EPAC meeting

Member Attendees: David Moritz, Bruce Blackwell, Scott Knight, Elaine Young, Peter van Blokland (PJ), Jennifer Carr, George Hochmuth, Bettina Moser

Public: Mark Hostetler

Staff: Stephen Hofstetter, Steve Kabat, Christine Berish

1. Call to Order-Determination of Quorum at 6:02pm
2. Review and adoption of Agenda. Motion by PJ and seconded by Bettina Moser. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review and adoption of Aug 6, 2019 Minutes. Motion by Elaine Young and seconded by Bruce Blackwell. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Review BOCC assignments
5. Review Tree protection code standards (Steve Kabat, County Arborist & Stephen Hofstetter) – Steve K. and Steve H. presented a current draft code and cover letter. The members requested a few minor edits. Mark Hostetler provided some additional input. Scott Knight made a motion to recommend sending the cover letter and proposed code changes with the minor edits as suggested to the BOCC. Seconded by PJ. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Other BOCC assignment updates – Stephen H. let the members know that staff was still gathering information on the MFL data.
7. Community Conversation discussion. The members agreed to have a ‘Springs and Rivers’ Community Conversation for February or March. Scott agreed to chair a subcommittee to plan the event and contact potential panel members. Food waste was discussed as a second community conversation topic for later in the spring or early summer.
8. Plastic Straw Ban discussion (David) – Scott made a motion to send a letter to the BOCC recommending that the BOCC ban the use of disposable straws. Seconded by Bruce. Motion

passed unanimously. Scott asked for staff to check on the legal ability to have a fee or change on disposable bags.

9. EPAC members briefing points –David briefly mentioned about the current status of the Santa Fe River Bill of Rights and Jennifer mentioned that she is feeding a Styrofoam to super worms and would bring them to the next meeting to show members.
10. EPD staff briefing points (Steve H.) - none
11. Topics for September 1st meeting – draft annual report due and Steve H. would send an email out to gather interest in new officers.
12. Public comments - none
13. Motion to Adjourn at 8:03