



City of Pensacola

Environmental Advisory Board

Agenda

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

March 7, 2024, 2:00 PM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

One or more members of City Council may be in attendance.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 24-277 SWEARING IN OF NEW / REAPPOINTED MEMBERS

Recommendation: That new / reappointed members be sworn in.

Sponsors:

Attachments: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. 24-268 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED JANUARY 4, 2024

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes dated January 4, 2024.

Sponsors:

Attachments: EAB Minutes.01.04.2024

PRESENTATIONS

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

File #: 24-268

Environmental Advisory Board

3/7/2024

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR:

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED JANUARY 4, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the meeting minutes dated January 4, 2024.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On January 4, 2024 the EAB held a meeting. This item seeks approval of the minutes from that meeting.

PRIOR ACTION:

January 4, 2024 -- EAB Meeting held

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1. EAB Minutes.01.04.2024

PRESENTATION: No



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Minutes

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January 4, 2024, 2:00 PM

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Members Present: Kristin Bennett, Chair, Kelly Hagen, Katie Fox, Blase Butts, Neil Richards

Members Absent: Katie Dineen, Vice Chair, Kyle Kopytchak, Jay Massey and one position vacant

Others Present: Don Kraher, Council Executive, Sonja Gaines, Council Assistant, Christian Wagley

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bennett.

ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. 23-1158 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED DECEMBER 7, 2023.

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board approve the minutes from the December 7, 2023 EAB meeting.

Sponsors: Chair - Kristin Bennett

Attachments: EAB Minutes 12.07.2023

Member Richards moved for approval of the December 7, 2023 minutes, seconded by Member Hagen. The motion carried 5 – 0, with 3 members absent and one position vacant.

PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no staff communications.

ACTION ITEMS:

2. 23-1159 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING MOVE TO QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board make a recommendation to City Council regarding a move to quarterly meetings.

Sponsors: Chair - Kristin Bennett

Attachments: None

Board members discussed having quarterly meetings, with comments made concerning reassessing the purpose of the board, importance of having participation from the new environmental person replacing the sustainability coordinator, having the enabling ordinance revised, possibility of having a workshop with the City Council on the board's role, benefit of presentations and dissemination of information by board members to others, and keeping the board meetings monthly,

Member Butts suggested that the Board temporarily meet quarterly until the LDC review is completed and EAB rules are established.

Council Executive suggested language for consideration, that City Council authorize the EAB to temporarily transition to quarterly meetings, with the ability to schedule special meetings as needed.

Board Member Hagen made a motion that City Council authorize the EAB to temporarily transition to quarterly meetings, with the ability to schedule special meetings as needed, seconded by Member Fox.

Christian Wagley stated that he would prefer the board to not go to quarterly meetings, that he saw tremendous value in the board coming together more frequently. He also thanked the board for their involvement in environmental issues.

Chair Bennett suggested that the Board consider going to every other month as a friendly amendment.

Board Member Hagen, as the maker of the motion accepted the suggestion as a friendly amendment. Board Member Fox accepted as the second. Vote was taken and carried 5 – 0, with three members absent and one position vacant.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no discussion items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Butts inquired as to whether any board member had suggested topics of interest for upcoming meetings.

Suggestions from board members included receiving updates from city staff on important City projects that are underway, receiving presentation from grants office on various environmental grants they are pursuing and working on, plans for stormwater projects, update on Sustainability Coordinator's previous work on solar projects, an update on the resiliency study, dark sky lighting, presentation from Ryan Kirby with the County on their resiliency and environmental issues, proposed dredging of Bayou Texar project, status of franchise agreement with FPL and effects on net metering and roof top solar, status of recycling in the City, update on Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Task Force recommendations.

Council Executive reminded board members to reach out to him if they have anything for the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christian Wagley mentioned the recently completed citizens satisfaction survey and that 40% of the items mentioned had some relation to items that affect the environment, including improving accessibility, walkability and bike ability in the city, transportation costs, improving stormwater, and energy efficient housing. He would help to fill vacant seats on the board.

Chair Bennett expressed her appreciation to board members for their personal and professional opinions during her time serving on the board and how much she enjoyed it.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.