



City of Pensacola

Environmental Advisory Board

Agenda

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

July 11, 2024, 2:00 PM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

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

The meeting can be watched via live stream at cityofpensacola.com/video.

CALL TO ORDER

1. 24-657 SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Recommendation: That the new members of the EAB be sworn in by the City Clerk's Office.

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: None

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. 24-656 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED MAY 2, 2024

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, EAB meeting.

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: EAB Minutes. May 2, 2024 (1)

PRESENTATIONS

3. 24-658 PRESENTATION - SUN FARMER'S GROUP

Recommendation: That the EAB receive a presentation from a representative of the Sun Farmer's Group

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

4. 24-660 STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation: That the EAB receive information as presented by Staff.

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: None

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum

File #: 24-657

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7/11/2024

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

SUBJECT:

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the new members of the EAB be sworn in by the City Clerk's Office.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On June 13, 2024, two (2) new members were appointed to the Environmental Advisory Board:

Mark Gottschalk
Jordan Poole

This item seeks to swear in the two (2) new EAB Members.

PRIOR ACTION:

June 13, 2024 -- City Council appointed two (2) new members to the EAB.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive
Katherine Kuhn, Environmental Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION: No



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ACTION ITEM

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SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED MAY 2, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, EAB meeting.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On May 2, 2024, the EAB held a meeting. This item seeks the approval of the meeting minutes from that meeting.

PRIOR ACTION:

May 2, 2024 -- EAB held their meeting.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive
Katherine Kuhn, Environmental Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

1. EAB Minutes. May 2, 2024 (1)

PRESENTATION: No



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MINUTES

May 2, 2024, 2:00 PM

Hager-Mason, 2nd Floor

Members Present: Katie Dineen, Vice Chair, Kelly Hagen, Katie Fox, Blase Butts, Jay Massey, Neil Richards, Rachel Mahone

Members Absent: None, two positions vacant.

Others Present: Don Kraher, Council Executive, Sonja Gaines, Council Assistant, David Forte, Assistant City Administrator, Katherine Kuhn, Environmental Coordinator, Christian Wagley

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dineen.

1. 24-379 SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED EAB MEMBERS

Recommendation: That the new members of the EAB be Sworn in.

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: None

The Oath of Office was administered by Assistant City Clerk Robyn Tice to Vice Chair Dineen.

ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established.

2. 24-380 SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Recommendation: That the EAB nominate and select existing board members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year (2024-2025). Members will be nominated from the floor with a motion and second. The Board will then vote. A nominee will need to accept the nomination and receive a majority approval based on the existing membership.

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: None

Motion made by Member Hagan, seconded by Member Butts to nominate Katie

Dineen as Chair. No other nominations were made for Chair. Council Executive indicated that the Board could approve by acclamation, with a motion and second. **Motion made by Member Butts, seconded by Member Richards to approve the appointment of Katie Dineen as chair by acclamation.**

Motion made by Chair Dineen to nominate Neil Richards as Vice Chair, seconded by Member Hagen. No other nominations were made for Vice Chair. **Motion made by Member Massey, seconded by Member Fox to approve Member Richards as Vice Chair by acclamation.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3. 24-377 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING DATED MARCH 7, 2024.

Recommendation: That the EAB approve the minutes from the March 7, 2024 meeting.

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: EAB Minutes 03.07.2024

Motion made by Member Massey, seconded by Member Butts to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024, meeting. The motion carried 7 – 0, with two positions vacant.

Council Executive suggested moving item #5 ahead of Item #4. Without objection, the order of the agenda was changed.

5. 24-381 INTRODUCTION OF KATHERINE KUHN,
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR.

Recommendation: Introduction of Katherine Kuhn, Environmental Coordinator.

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: None

Council Executive introduced Katherine Kuhn, Environmental Coordinator to the Board.

Ms. Kuhn relayed her background and her work experience to the Board and answered questions from the Board members. She is becoming familiar with the various city programs and projects underway and is looking forward to working through the process. She is looking forward to exploring grant opportunities that may be available.

Board members introduced themselves and shared their interests and background.

Also, the Board discussed the frequency of meetings and whether to go back to monthly

meetings or to stay at meeting every other month. Council Executive suggested that the Board continue to meet every other month, to enable Environmental Coordinator to become familiar with her role and the various city projects that she will be involved with, since she was hired as an Environmental Coordinator rather than Sustainability Coordinator. There is a nuance difference between the two positions.

PRESENTATIONS:

4. 24-389 CITY OF PENSACOLA RESILIENT COASTLINES PROGRAM -- VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE PART I & II

Recommendation: That the EAB view the City of Pensacola Resilient Coastlines Program -- Vulnerability Assessment Presentations Part I & II video presentations.

Sponsors: VICE CHAIR - KATIE DINEEN

Attachments: *Pensacola City Council 011224 (1) - Vulnerability
Assessment Update Part i
Pensacola City Council 030424 FINAL*

Council Executive explained that the person who made the presentations to City Council was brought in from outside and the staff person wasn't available to attend the meeting. Even though the Council Executive had previously sent the presentations to the Board he felt it would be good for the Board to see the presentations and would be beneficial to the Board to see where the City is on the vulnerability assessments. The videos of the power point presentations given to the City Council on January 12, 2024 and March 4, 2024 were shown to the board. (Copies of the power point presentations are attached to agenda packet.)

Member Massey indicated that he saw the presentations at the community events and they were very impressive.

Member Butts asked if the City would be required to build break walls like New Orleans. He inquired as to whether any other cities in Florida had to go to that extent other than Miami?

Council Executive indicated that the City is working on it. They have several projects identified and are just waiting for the funding.

Chair Dineen expressed interest in the plan and finding out more information and any recommendations for the City.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Executive indicated that there were two vacancies on the Board. One for an

environmental professional and the other, an at-large position. If anyone is interested, they need to file an application online and reach out to have a City Council Member nominate them. Nominations are due by May 6th in order to be on the City Council agenda for May 23rd.

ACTION ITEMS:

There were no action items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no discussion items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Hagen inquired about the new arborist and if he will be attending the meetings. She is specifically interested in the tree planting grant the city received and how the funds will be utilized in planting trees.

Council Executive indicated the new arborist is Chris Crawford and he would reach out to him to see about introducing him to the Board. One of the tasks the arborist is working on is taking the tree canopy study/assessment data and reviewing the hot spot areas the grant would cover. There are other places other than the west side that would be eligible for tree planting. They are looking at the East Pensacola Heights and CNAPP citizen involvement plans to develop more citizen participation with the tree planting.

Also, there was discussion on the individual Council districts one time allocation of tree planting trust fund dollars for tree planting. Each Council District was given \$10,000 except District 2, which received \$30,000. The District 2 funds were utilized in the Marketplace Greenway at 12th Avenue and Summit. Different Council Members have different amounts remaining in their allocation.

Member Richards announced that on June 8th, the Master Gardeners will be having an exhibition at the County Extension Office on Stefani Road.

Member Mahone mentioned the Home-Grown National Park program to see if anyone was aware of it and if there would be any interest in it.

Member Butts indicated that Ocean Hour would be including Bruce Beach in their clean-ups. During Earth Day, Ocean Hour had 136 volunteers pick up 1273 pounds from six sites in the City.

Chair Dineen reported on the recently held Earth Day event and if anyone has any feedback on the event to let her know. The organizing committee will be meeting to review what worked and what didn't and to receive ideas for future events. They are looking for more volunteers and she felt like the EAB could be involved.

Member Richards suggested having City departments with environmental issues participate in Earth Day activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christian Wagley suggested review of the recommendations made by the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Task Force Report and the Mayor's Transition report on the environment, commented on the importance of the built environment, the city's review of the Land Development Code looking to future of people vs getting around in cars, transitioning away from the use of fossil fuels, and reviewing where the city stands in meeting the 30% renewable energy by 2030. The next slow ride will be on Friday, May 10.

Member Richards inquired about a new program from the state for assistance with installing roof top solar for low-income families and whether Christian was familiar with that new program. Hopefully, he'll be able to provide more information on the program at the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



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PRESENTATION

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SUBJECT:

PRESENTATION - SUN FARMER'S GROUP

RECOMMENDATION:

That the EAB receive a presentation from a representative of the Sun Farmer's Group

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

From the Sun Farmer's Website:

We are Sun Farmer's Group. A team of disrupters, dreamers, and innovators on a mission to bring sustainable energy solutions to as many agricultural and commercial partners as possible.

We are the Children of farmers. Of builders. Of patriots. Deeply passionate about our past. Steadfast in protecting our future. Always challenging the status quo to make each day better than the last. To empower this generation and the next. To never settle.

We do this through American-harvested energy. By making it accessible and attainable to all, we turn the burden of a bill into the promise of protecting profits through the next great manufacturing innovation. And in doing so, we put power back into the hands of those who provide for us. Cultivating independence, alongside each partner that joins us on our path. Each sunrise bringing us closer towards freedom. One farm. One family. One harvest at a time.

The presentation will center around solar possibilities. This presentation was requested and set up by Chair Katie Dineen.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: No

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION: No