



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4:00pm, Thursday, October 14, 2021

1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

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MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Sandra Brotherton, Deb Faires, Doug Hatler, Jonathan Knoche, Molly Marino, Belvin Olasov, Linda Plunkett, Mary Pringle, and City Council Liaison Susan Smith

Absent: Grace Jurgela

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – none

3. Citizens' Comments -- none

4. Old Business -- none

6. New Business

A. Introduction of Committee members, City Council liaison and City staff

Administrator Fragoso thanked Council Member Smith for her leadership in the creation of this committee. Members introduced themselves, and Administrator Fragoso said a Chair and Co-Chair needs to be elected at the next meeting. Several Committee members indicated they did not want to be considered for leadership positions.

B. Review of Freedom of Information Act

Administrator Fragoso discussed the Freedom of Information Act and how it applies to Committee members. She said City email addresses will be provided to Committee members on which they are to conduct any City and Committee-related business. She also explained the parameters of Executive Session.

C. Tips for conducting effective meetings

Administrator Fragoso reviewed some tips for having effective meetings.

D. Review of purpose and goals of the Environmental Advisory Committee

Administrator Fragoso reviewed the goals and purpose of the Environmental Advisory Committee as set forth by the City Council:

Purpose: City Council formed the Environmental Advisory Committee to advise City Council on matters of environmental impact, protections, conservation, and sustainability by exploring innovations, best practices, and data around changes. The Environmental Advisory Committee may address matters as requested by City Council and its committees, and on its own accord take up issues and initiatives that fit within its mission, with regular reporting to the Council.

Goals: Protect the environment, endangered species, and natural resources; reduce litter and pollution; pursue energy conservation; develop environmental messaging and branding to promote best practices; support Isle of Palms as a strong environmental leader in South Carolina and model for other coastal communities; and develop and support partnerships with related community groups and stakeholders.

E. Open discussion of action items to meet goals of the Committee

Council Member Smith reviewed a list of environmental issues and concerns the Committee could use to create its first areas of action: energy use and how the City can reduce its carbon footprint while encouraging citizens to do the same; leadership on climate change and promoting change on state and local levels; litter, trash, and waste messaging; recycling; composting; protecting island ecosystems, nature and wildlife; migrating birds and sanctuaries; landscaping that promotes native plants and trees; artificial turf; water quality and air quality.

Committee members will consider the list and present 3-5 priorities to Administrator Fragoso who will compile them for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 4:00pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk