



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4:30pm, Thursday, January 13, 2022

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, Grace Jurgela and City Council John Bogosian

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

MOTION: Dr. Plunkett made a motion to approve, and Ms. Brotherton seconded the motion.

Mr. Hatler requested the proper spelling of his last name.

VOTE: The amended minutes passed unanimously.

3. Citizens' Comments -- none

MOTION: Dr. Plunkett made a motion to reorder the agenda to have Dr. Weinberg's presentation ahead of Old Business. Mr. Knoche seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

A. Presentation by Dr. Stewart Weinberg regarding the City of Charleston's Climate Action Plan

Dr. Stewart Weinberg gave a presentation about the City of Charleston's Climate Action Plan. The plan is a 5-year strategic framework to reduce carbon pollution. The entire presentation is available online alongside the agenda for this meeting.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion of main priorities to pursue identified by the subcommittees

Ms. Pringle suggested that each group bring 1-2 priorities to the next meeting. The list will be compiled and group priorities will be voted on. Administrator Fragoso said that staff will guide the Committee as to which priorities would be handled on a staff level and which would need to

go through a standing committee or City Council for implementation. Each subcommittee will send their priorities to Ms. Pringle and Administrator Fragoso by February 1, and the list will be distributed to the group prior to the next meeting.

B. Review and consideration of Vision Statement

Ms. Pringle read the vision statement as crafted by Dr. Plunkett: “The Environmental Advisory Committee of the City of the Isle of Palms, South Carolina seeks to make the city a coastal leader in environmental best practices by focusing on four ecological issues: reduction and management of litter and waste, review and maintenance of water quality, protection of the city’s habitat and wildlife, advocacy and leadership in climate action to build a sustainable environment.”

MOTION: Ms. Brotherton made a motion to approve and adopt the statement as presented. Ms. Faïres seconded the motion.

Committee members discussed some wording changes to two of the issues: reduction and management of litter and waste, and maintenance of water quality.

VOTE: The amended vision statement was approved and adopted.

5. New Business – none

B. Discussion of establishing quarterly public education campaign

Ms. Pringle asked Committee members to submit a 2-3 sentence biography to Administrator Fragoso as part of an article about the Committee to be submitted to *The Island Eye*. Administrator Fragoso explained, “We want to establish a quarterly public education campaign, and we’ll start off with an introduction from you to all of the community. Then what our recommendation is that this committee help us draft or identify an educational topic that we can promote through the island, maybe the three or four big themes that you all have already identified.”

Along with the introduction to the Committee members, the first article will include education on litter and pollution.

7. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 4:00pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk