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**THE ROCKLEDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT (TREE) BOARD**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, September 13, 2018 ♦ 6:00 p.m.**

Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida, 32955

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT:** Amy Tidd, Crystal Pope, David Straughn, Janet Monaco, Marti Rich, and Pam Shoemaker

**ABSENT:** Kendall Doran (excused), Carole McCormick (excused), Liz Lark-Riley (excused) and Susan Davis (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ashley Golding

**GUESTS:** Mary Larson, Cami Leech Florio, and Kristie Henry-Roling of Hospice of St. Francis.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Shoemaker.

Chairman Shoemaker announced that, due to guests being present, agenda item 5B would be heard at this time.

Chairman Shoemaker welcomed the guests and opened the floor. Mary Larson, Cami Leech Florio, and Kristie Henry-Roling of Hospice of St. Francis introduced themselves.

Ms. Florio addressed the Board with an introduction to the Hospice program and grief services provided by Hospice. Ms. Florio then explained to the board the proposed project “Lights of Love,” a memorial tree for remembering the passing of a loved one with each light honoring a loved one. Ms. Florio requested suggestions for the location of the tree. Mary Larson explained that there are requirements for the location, such as power, parking and, if possible, restrooms. Ms. Larson proposed that a service be held to introduce the tree to the community once it is ready to be lit.

David Straughn suggested Dr. Robert A. Anderson Stormwater Park, and Amy Tidd suggested Morris Park. Marti Rich recommended selecting a tree at the Rockledge Community Resource Center because the location provides for all of the requirements and is in a convenient and popular location just off of Barton Boulevard. Chairman Shoemaker recommended placing a banner or plaque below or around the tree for identification.

There was consensus that the proposed “Lights of Love” tree will be tentatively placed at the Community Resource Center, 123 Barton Boulevard. Staff member Golding will further research using that location, and will contact Hospice of St. Francis to make any additional arrangements.

At 6:22 p.m., the guests from Hospice of St. Francis exited the meeting.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion made by Crystal Pope, seconded by Marti Rich, to approve the corrected minutes of the regular meeting on August 9, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 3. REPORTS

A. Chair – Chairman Shoemaker thanked the guests from Hospice of St. Francis for their presentation.

### B. Beautification

Marti Rich expressed concern that residents of Rockledge are not abiding by the Tree City standard of four trees per property. Mrs. Rich suggested advertising the four-tree standard, as well as the permit requirement for removing a tree. Chairman Shoemaker suggested writing a press release or announcing the information using social media. Janet Monaco and Chairman Shoemaker suggested creating a welcome packet with general permit and ordinance information for new residents and business owners.

### C. Standing Committees

#### 1. Neighborhood / Membership

Chairman Shoemaker stated the Board has no vacancies.

#### 2. Clubs and Organizations

Chairman Shoemaker instructed the board to visit the Rockledge Gardens website for information on local events.

The following Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB) events were discussed:

- KBB and Florida Today Winter Clean-up Series - December 15, 2018, January 5 and January 19, 2019 - times and location TBD.

#### 3. Business and Public Properties - NONE

## 4. OLD BUSINESS –

### A. Projects

Vice Chairman Crystal Pope stated that she has been in contact with Brevard Natural History about the farm equipment project at the Thompson House.

Chairman Shoemaker indicated that she and Mrs. Golding have been working on the Old. St. Mary's Church planting project and have visited Rockledge Gardens to seek out plants. Mrs. Golding presented photos of the current plants at the church along with photos of the suggested plants for the project. Mrs. Tidd recommend that the selected plants should be 10 percent native to Florida. The Board discussed the plants and agreed with Mrs. Tidd's suggestion. Chairman Shoemaker stated that the fiscal year will end on September 30, so plants need to be purchased before that date.

**Marti Rich moved to allow staff member Golding, as well as any interested Board member, to select the plants for the Old St. Mary's Planting Project with the selection being at least 10 percent native to Florida; seconded by Crystal Pope. The motion passed unanimously.**

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### A. 2018 Town Ornament

Marti Rich suggested completing the local school sequence and selecting Hans Christian Andersen Elementary. Chairman Shoemaker suggested Larry L. Schultz Park due to his passing this year. While the Board agreed with Chairman Shoemaker, a motion was presented in favor of Hans Christian Andersen Elementary for the 2018 Town Ornament.

**Crystal Pope moved to continue the school sequence and to select Hans Christian Andersen Elementary for the 2018 Town Ornament; seconded by Amy Tidd. The motion passed unanimously.**

### B. Hospice of St. Francis Christmas Remembrance Tree

This item was heard at the beginning of the meeting after the call to order.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

Staff member Ashley Golding noted that the Adopt-A-Road program is available to Rockledge businesses and organizations and suggested recruiting Rockledge businesses and organizations to adopt a City roadway. Staff member Golding informed the Board that the City could not sponsor the T.R.E.E. Board's adoption of a City road and suggested having a local business sponsor the road for the Board. Janet Monaco, owner of Pet Pros, announced that she was interested in sponsoring the T.R.E.E. Board's road adoption.

Ashley Golding announced the following upcoming City events:

- Rockledge Public Safety Department's National Night Out - October 2, 2018, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at The Church of Latter Day Saints, 1801 South Fiske Boulevard.
- 2018 Hot Rockin' Nights Car Show - October 20, 2018, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., along Barton Boulevard.

## 7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on October 11, 2018.

Submitted by:

Ashley Golding, Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY

Pam Shoemaker, Chairman