

**CITY OF PENSACOLA
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 6, 2019 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Neil Richards, Chair, Bob Bennett, Vice Chair, Blase Butts, Katie Fox, Dr. Gloria Horning

Members Absent: Kyle Kopytchak, Steve Elliott, Michael Lynch, Calvin Avant

Others Present: See attached sign-in sheet

1. Call to Order/Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Chair Richards. A quorum was established.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes—May 2, 2019

Motion made by Member Bennett to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Butts and was unanimously carried.

3. Board Member Comments/Updates:
 - a) 12th Avenue Tree Replacement and No Parking Enforcement—Kyle Kopytchak
No update.
 - b) Perdido Pensacola Bay Estuary Program—Michael Lynch/Katie Fox
Member Fox reported the Technical Advisory Committee met on June 5. They Chose a new director, Jim Trilfilio from Okaloosa County. They will be getting organized next week and will be developing their CCMP document for the purpose of the organization.
 - c) Criteria for Tree Fund Grant Proposals
Member Butts inquired about the tree survey being done by Escambia County and if that would have any effect on this. Further discussion occurred on the clear cutting of lots on Summit and 12th Avenue and the process the city uses. Chair Richards suggested inviting the Building Inspection Administrator to the next meeting to review the process utilized in following the rules in the ordinance. The County's ordinance is pretty minimal. The County is in the process of rewriting their Ordinance.
 - d) DEP and EPA Assessments in Area—Steve Elliott
Member Butts reported he found something on Florida DEP where they have the incidents of sewer spills that have happened in Escambia County for the last month. There were only 2. One on April 20th and the other on May 29th that were reported. Member Horning also discussed the recent stormwater and sanitary sewer overflows that occurred on DeVilliers, Zarragossa, Government and Clubbs streets. In light of the new development proposed for this area, stormwater issues and infrastructure need to be addressed.

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The Board also discussed the proposed SCAPE designs that will be presented to the City on June 17 from Palafox to Bruch Beach and the proposed refinancing of bonds. Some of that money needs to be directed into the stormwater situation. Stormwater runoff is the number one polluter of the Bay.

e) Environmental Justice/Injustice—Calvin Avant

No update given.

f) Water Quality of Bay/Gulf—Blaise Butts, Katie Fox

Member Butts reported that as of May 31, the Florida SeaGrant reported no impairments to the beaches. No reported fish kills.

g) Sanders Beach and Bruce Beach Stormwater Drainage, Flooding/Toxin Issues in Tanyard—Gloria Horning

Comments covered under item d).

h) Environmental Impacts on Disenfranchised Communities—Gloria Horning

Member Horning addressed environmental impacts affecting the disenfranchised communities and the lack of interest. Need to reach out to these individuals. Member Fox suggested that Member Horning provide the Board with a structured starting point for consideration.

i) Renewable Energy Sources—Neil Richards, Robert Bennett

Member Bennett provided an update on the Solar Co-op. They are trying to get 25 or so homes to sign up for the co-op. The advantage of the co-op is they vet the people. You are dealing with someone who is a reputable third party and can help you through the process. Chair Richards also commented on the buying power of the co-op, to get the lowest, possible negotiated price. There is a bid process where the installation is taken care of by a reputable company. Member Horning brought up the use of wind turbines. Further discussion occurred regarding the use of wind and solar combined for renewable energy sources.

Member Bennett also reported on the Florida Power and Lights Program, Solar Together. It is moving through the PSC. They have a website www.fpl.com/solar-together that discusses their program.

j) Stormwater Management—Katie Fox

Member Fox indicated that she would like to meet with representatives of the City to find out what their priorities are and what type of projects they are focusing on in the upcoming year. Member Horning reminded the Board about the adopt a drain program and the availability of stencils. She also indicated that ten drains have been adopted in East Hill.

4. Discussion Items:

a) July Meeting—1st Thursday is July 4

Look at possibly moving the July meeting to July 11 or another day. Staff to look at possible dates.

b) Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Task Force Report

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Chair Richards brought up the Strategic Planning Session of the Mayor and City Council held on May 9. Member Bennett did attend for a portion of the meeting and watched the rest from home. He thought it was an excellent first step. You actually had people talking to one another. As soon as real issues hit the map, everyone ran for cover. He was disappointed in the priorities that were set. They are community safety; improved community infrastructure (lighting, sidewalks, etc); adopting "complete streets approach design to increase walkability for pedestrians; adopt neighborhood focused approach to city governance. These are the priorities of the City Council. Where is the environment. They did talk about the transition areas, where environment was number four in importance. The recommendations from the Climate Task Force, the Transition Team, the Environmental Advisory Board and others were blown away. At least the Mayor and Council were talking together, but the substance was minimal.

Member Horning agreed. She is going to put together a presentation as a national leader of a NGU a United Flooded States of America Campaign impacting sea level rise and climate change. There is an eight point document on what they would like to see and they now have 30 states working with the organization. She will have it ready to present to the Board at the next meeting. She will be presenting in Boulder, Colorado in July.

Chair Richards also reported his thoughts on the Strategic Planning Session. It is the Board's responsibility to see that the Mayor and each individual Council member and staff are thinking about the environment as each one of the priorities come up.

Member Butts thought with the amount of time and resources to review and develop the Climate Change Task Force report, shouldn't some of that report be part of the strategic plan. Member Horning pointed out that it was in the Environmental Advisory Board's mission statement.

Chair Richards tied the discussion into a meeting that Christian Wagley held on Tuesday, June 4 with the 350 Pensacola organization entitled Pensacola Climate Action: What's Next? The Climate is a political issue. The Board did their job and picked out the big four from the Climate Task Force that we want to see accomplished and made that recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. The Board needs to support the Youth Climate Action Coalition and 350 Pensacola. He suggested getting on their mailing list, go to their meetings and encourage them. Also, he reminded the Board members that they could attend any of the Council meetings and speak during the Boyd Forum on environmental items of importance.

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The official items that the Environmental Board brings to the Council need to be taken seriously by the City Council and the Mayor.

Member Bennett indicated that the effective way of getting your voice heard is every time there is a land use hearing challenge the environmental impact statement in detail, whether it is an office building or other development, challenge their environmental impact report.

c) "Microbial Source Tracking" Summary Paper—Blase Butts

Member Butts reported that he attended this talk because of the two main bayous in the City that have issues with water quality. Here was a way to find out where contaminants were coming from septic systems. Greater Atlanta has 455,000 septic systems and they wanted to find out their impact on the watershed of the area. The caveat was during dry weather conditions. What it came down to was that they contributed nitrates. They did not contribute ecoli, etc. It was from other sources be it livestock, pets, wildlife, or background from decaying plants, algae and soil. It wasn't from the humans.

The second half of the study will be done during wet conditions to see if there is any impact to the watershed during that time.

Do we know where the contaminants are coming from in Bayou Texar and Bayou Chico?

Member Fox indicated that it was part of the Carpenter Creek/Bayou Texar Watershed Management Plan to identify point sources. Wood was awarded that contract and they are negotiating with the County now. Bayou Chico was awarded to ACOM for the restoration by the County as well. That is a dredge clean-up contract. They will be focusing on legacy sediments and what to do with those.

Member Horning indicated that Save Bayou Chico group meets once a month.

5. New Business

a) Adopt a Roadside/wildflower Program

Chair Richards reported on his meeting with a DOT person to encourage wildflowers and support of pollinators in roadside habitat. There are primarily more areas in the County, the interstate and state roads rather than city streets. There are some areas in the City that would be adaptable to plant more native wildflowers and the mowing schedule would be after they have gone to seed, to mow them and leave the blooms there. They would be more sustainable.

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Also, the Board talked about adopt a stream and adopt a road side program as well as adopt a drain, where the citizens are more involved and informed on things they can do in their city to make it better.

Member Butts indicated that Keep Pensacola Beautiful is involved in that type program.

Escambia County and the City of Pensacola are already a member of the Florida Wildlife Foundation. Chair Richards would like the Board to consider identifying roadsides that could be left to native wildflowers and not mowed until they have gone to seed and educate the public that this outgrowth is part of the environment and nature.

- b) Member Fox introduced an item regarding the use of pesticides and herbicides on youth athletic fields while they are being actively used and wanted to start a dialogue to see if there was anything the Board could recommend to the City Council. She recently attended a youth soccer practice and there was an overwhelming smell of pesticide. She could not see any sign posted regarding the fields being treated. She did speak with Bill Kimbrell with Parks and Recreation and he indicated that they had applied fertilizer to that field in the morning and that there was a 2-hour window where no one should be on the fields. He will get back with her on the products used. Roger Scott Athletic Fields as well as the Community Maritime Park areas are sprayed with both pesticides and herbicides. Children and pregnant women are highly vulnerable to these chemicals.

Member Horning indicated that a good advocate would be City Council Member Sherri Myers. She is against all those pesticides and herbicides and is a walking encyclopedia.

Also discussed was mosquito spraying and Chair Richards asked that Member Fox include that in her investigations and report. Member Horning stated that Escambia County takes care of mosquito spraying in the City and the maps can be checked for areas where they will be spraying and also indicates where they won't be spraying because of bees or someone with a respiratory issue.

- c) Member Butts reported that the City of Orlando has banned the use of plastic straws, bags, cutlery and Styrofoam food containers at its city parks and venue as of October 1 and wanted to know if that was something the

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Board should be discussing. Member Fox indicated that she had invited several people to come to the meeting; however they were unable to. That is something that they wanted to voice their support for.

Member Butts volunteered to contact Orlando to find out the wording and how they did it, and how they are going to implement it.

6. Reports and Announcements

Member Horning indicated that she would make a presentation at the next meeting about the AGU and what they are doing. She will be going to the big meeting in Boulder in July.

Member Fox reported that the Air and Waste Management Association is having a conference at Gulf Power and she will be attending. On June 17 in the morning, SCAPE will be making a presentation to the City Council and County Commission and then again at 5:30 p.m. to the public. They will be presenting additional information on Bruce Beach and the #connector walk and bikeways portion of the proposed downtown water plan.

7. Public Comments—Open Forum

Ms. Kayla Hobgood from Earth Ethics spoke in favor of removing plastic straws in Pensacola.

Christian Wagley spoke on the Solar Co-op, the bacterial levels in Bayou Chico, and announced the next slow ride for June 14th at 6 p.m. at the downtown library.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

City of Pensacola Environmental Advisory Board Meeting
 Thursday, June 6, 2019
 Whibbs Conference Room, 1st Floor
 City Hall, 222 West Main Street
 2 P.M.

PLEASE SIGN IN

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Christian Nagley				

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City of Pensacola Strategic Planning Session

May 9, 2019

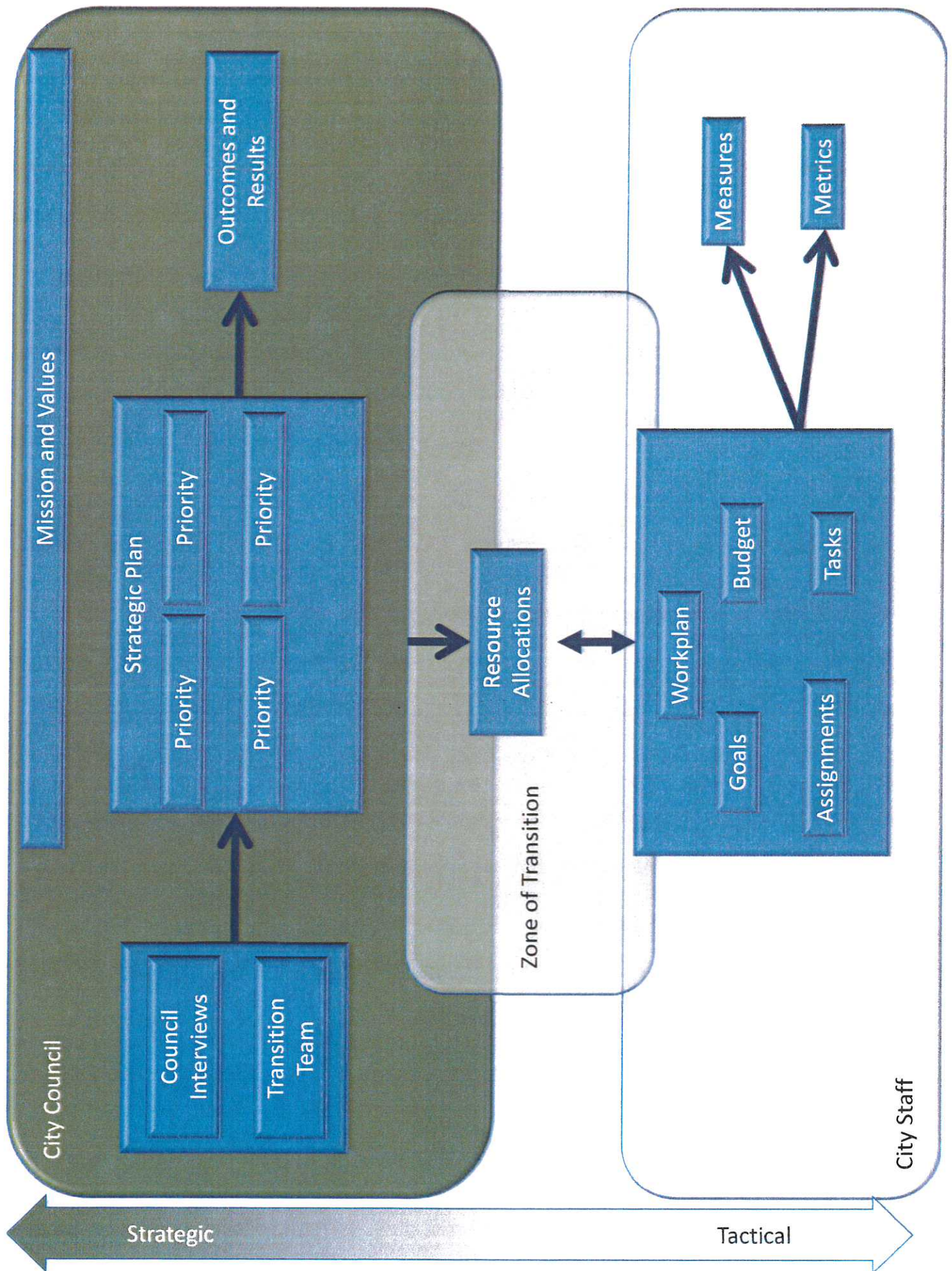
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WORKING VERSIONS RESULTING FROM THE SESSION





Mission – Working Version

The Mission of the City of Pensacola

We desire the highest quality of life for all our citizens.

We do that by:

- Providing cost effective municipal services, including public safety, infrastructure, and public amenities and
- Working together with the community to create a healthy environment and growing economy



Values – Working Version

Transparency

- We exist to serve the people and the people should have visibility into what we're doing, and why.

Service Orientation

- We are in service of the people. As a result we strive to:
 - Provide a good service experience
 - Listen to citizens
 - Find ways for citizens to make a contribution to solutions.

Accountability

- We use the people's money and we should be able to demonstrate where it went and what we got for it.

Inclusivity

- We need to be mindful of all of our citizens' unique circumstances
- We strive to distribute resources equitably for the benefit of all our citizens

Focus on our Core Mission

- Our focus is to provide the elements of the core mission

Collaborate for Broader Impact

- We work together with intergovernmental and private partners on things that benefit the community but are not the core mission of City Government

Sustainability Mindset

- We need to think for the long term and ensure that we take actions that can be sustained and supported over time
 - Environmental stewardship
 - Affordable and decent housing
 - Historic Preservation
 - Cultivating the identities of our neighborhoods



Criteria for Prioritizing

Alignment with Core Mission

- Items that are more closely aligned to the core mission of the City should be prioritized.
- The more an item enables us to deliver services the higher its priority. Public Safety, Recreation, Infrastructure.
- Needs over wants.

Reach across the Community

- The extent to which we can provide a service consistently across the entire City the higher its priority.

Feasibility – resources and action plan

- Projects that are viable (achievable, clear action plan, clear expected outcomes) would be prioritized over others.
- Do we have the resources, especially financial, to actually implement the action?
- Measurable outcome – where we can see a demonstrable, measurable outcome we would prioritize those above others.

Partnership

- Where there are opportunities to partner the priority is higher – whether that's the private sector, the county or some other entity – if we have other people and funding sources working with us our likelihood of success goes up.



Prioritized List of Transition Team Categories

- Crime and Safety (6)
- Neighborhoods (5)
- Economic Development (5)
- Environment (2)

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Strategic Items Surfaced by the Council

- Maintain a safe community (7)
- Improved neighborhood infrastructure (Lighting, flooding, speeding, sidewalks) (7)
- Adopt complete streets (4)
- Adopt neighborhood focused approach or structure (3)

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City of Pensacola – Strategic Plan

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Mission

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Prioritization Criteria

- Alignment with Core Mission
- Reach across the Community
- Feasibility
- Partnership Possibilities

Priority Areas

Crime and Safety

- Maintain a safe community
- Other Transition Team items as appropriate

Neighborhoods

- Improved neighborhood infrastructure (Lighting, flooding, speeding, sidewalks)
- Adopt complete streets
- Adopt neighborhood focused approach or structure
- Other Transition Team items as appropriate

Economic Development

- Increase affordable housing inventory
- Take advantage of our history to help the city grow and become a better place
- Targeted development zones – West Cervantes, 9th Ave
- Other Transition Team items as appropriate

Environment

- Completion of strategic water quality projects
- Strategic Exotic / Invasive species eradication projects
- Other Transition Team items as appropriate

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New Business Item 5(b)*

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 6, 2019

To: Environmental Advisory Board

From: Katie Fox, Member

Subject: Use of Pesticides and Herbicides on City Youth Athletic Fields, Parks, and School Grounds

One item of discussion I'd like to add to the agenda is the City's use of pesticides and herbicides on youth athletic fields, parks, and school grounds. I attended a youth soccer practice in April where there was an overwhelming smell of pesticide application but no warning sign that I could find noting that fields had been treated. I've reached out to the City's Parks and Recreation department to gain more information on their treatment schedule for public areas, particularly those frequented by children, in addition to the chemicals being applied and am awaiting a response. Children are particularly vulnerable to pesticides. I'd like to propose we discuss this topic to ensure safe environments for the City's youth when they're utilizing these facilities.

I'm including a few website links below that I'd like to pass along to the group so that we can have a discussion on the topic.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/pesticides-soccer-playing-fields-parents-concerns_n_1961284

<https://www.foxnews.com/health/pesticides-on-playing-fields>

<https://www.landscapemanagement.net/are-sweeping-pesticide-bans-justified-for-youth-sports-fields/>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5813803/>

Trustees Plan May 2019 Release of Annual Reports, and June Public Meeting

Posted on April 16, 2019 | Trustee Council

Read this story in Vietnamese.

(<https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2019/04/c-c-y-v-i-n-l-n-k-ho-ch-c-ng-b-b-o-c-o-c-d-n-ph-c-h-i-v-o-th-ng-5-2019-v-h-p-c-ng-ch-ng-th-ng>) (Bảng tiếng việt)



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(<http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/co-trustees>) are committed to providing annual reports to the public to show our restoration progress, as well as how we're utilizing Natural Resource Damage Assessment settlement funds. We also hold annual meetings to provide the public additional opportunities to engage with the Trustees and hear about our progress.

Our **anticipated release** for the annual reports is the end of May 2019. Following the release of the reports, the Trustee Council will hold our **fourth annual public meeting** on June 6, 2019, and our **second outreach and education workshop** on June 5—both in Pensacola, Florida.

2018 Annual Reports

Annually, since the 2016 settlement with BP, we have released reports on restoration activities and financial summaries, including information about fund allocations and expenditures for each Trustee Implementation Group. Due to the recent lapse in federal appropriations, work on our 2018 reports has been delayed. We expect to release the reports at the end of May 2019. The Gulf Spill Restoration website will be updated, and an email will be sent out to subscribers when the 2018 reports are available. The **2017 annual financial report**

(<https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2018/04/gulf-spill-restoration-two-years-after-settlement>) can be found in our update from last year.

Trustee Council Annual Public Meeting, June 6

During this meeting, we will present updates on the progress made by the Trustee Council and each of the seven Trustee Implementation Groups. This meeting will also serve as the annual public meeting for the **Region-wide Trustee Implementation Group** (<http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/regionwide>).

DATE: June 6, 2019

LOCATION:

Pensacola City Hall

Hagler/Mason Room (open house) and City Council Chambers (presentation)

222 W Main St.

Pensacola, Florida, 32502

TIME:

- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Open House for discussion and questions. We will continue the open house after the public meeting ends.
- 6:30 p.m.: Public Meeting presentation and public comment.

We encourage your attendance at the open house where staff will be available for discussions and questions, and we look forward to seeing you at the public meeting. If you are unable to attend the public meeting, we will update the **Gulf Spill Restoration website** (<http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/>) with the presentation and transcript and will send a follow-up email with this information when it is available. **Last year's annual public meeting information was made available** (<https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2018/07/information-available-trustees-july-18-workshop-and-july-19-annual-public-meeting>) shortly after the July 2018 meeting.