



City of Pensacola

Environmental Advisory Board

Agenda

Thursday, August 4, 2022, 2:00 PM

Hagler/Mason Conference Room

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [22-00427](#) APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2022.
Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board approve the meeting minutes from the July 7, 2022
Sponsors: Kristin Bennett
Attachments: [EAB Minutes 07.07.2022](#)

PRESENTATIONS

SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR COMMUNICATIONS

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- [21-00966](#) REVIEW OF SECTION 12-6-2 OF THE TREE AND LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 22-00427

Environmental Advisory Board

8/4/2022

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Kristin Bennett, Chairperson

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Advisory Board approve the meeting minutes from the July 7, 2022

SUMMARY:

On July 7, 2022, the EAB held a meeting, this item seeks approval of the minutes from that meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) EAB Minutes 07.07.2022



City of Pensacola

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes

Thursday, July 7, 2022, 2:00 PM

Hagler/Mason Conference Room,
2nd floor

Members Present: Kristin Bennett, Chair, Kelly Hagen, Vice Chair, Kyle Kopytchak, Blase Butts, Katie Fox, Jay Massey, Katie Dineen, Drew Dittmar, Neil Richards (arrived 2:29 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Sonja Gaines, Council Assistant, Mark Jackson, Sustainability Coordinator, Christian Wagley

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bennett.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. [22-00427](#) APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2022.

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board approve the meeting minutes from the June 2,

Sponsors: Kristin Bennett

Attachments: [EAB Minutes. June 2 2022](#)

Member Dineen moved for approval of the June 2, 2022 minutes, seconded by Member Hagen. The motion carried 8 – 0, with one member absent for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations.

SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR COMMUNICATIONS:

Sustainability Coordinator reported that the wastewater/stormwater dye test was conducted on three facilities City Hall, Chappie James Building and the Courthouse and they all came back with no leaks. The Climate Smart Florida Class will be starting on August 24 and he will forward a flyer to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

2. [22-00637](#) INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN (IPM) - REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: That the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) review, holistically, the city's current IPM and make recommendations regarding the development of an IPM suitable for use citywide, to include indoor applications. Further that any recommendations be sent to City Council within 60-days from the date of EAB's June Meeting.

Sponsors: Kristin Bennett

Attachments: [Referral to EAB- IPM Plan- Myers- Memo.docx \(001\)](#)
[City's IPM Plan](#)
[IPM Plan For Athletic Fields_KF](#)

Chair Bennett reviewed a document she prepared, based on the referral from the City Council, for recommendations from the Board on the IPM plan. She developed most of the proposed recommendations after reviewing the EPA web page on how IPM plans work. The Board reviewed the seven different proposed recommendations.

Member Fox suggested the IPM plan should have a tiered plan and have a more specific reference or guide, i.e. the EPA guide. IFAS also has a lot of information on development of IPM plans. She felt that it was important to include the use of various resources, i.e. EPA and IFAS in developing the plan.

Member Butts asked if the Board could review and comment on any plan before it is implemented.

Chair Bennett indicated that the Board could make that request in their recommendation back to City Council.

Further discussion occurred on the IPM plan and what should be included in the plan, whether to include a timeframe for review of the IPM plan, the use of city owned and operated property both indoor and outdoor. Integrated means that it applies to all. The type of documentation kept to include pesticide labels, Safety Data Sheet, (replaces Material Safety Data Sheet) consumer information sheets, spray logs, contractor's documentation. Also, possibly including a timeframe for spraying when buildings are less occupied, to allow for exposed areas to air out.

Chair Bennett reviewed proposed changes to the recommendations:

1. Implement the IPM Plan developed for Athletic Fields in the City. **Review annually to determine if updates are needed.**
2. Apply the IPM Plan developed for Athletic Fields in the City to all City owned and operated property.
3. Develop and implement an IPM plan for use in buildings that are owned and operated by the City. **Review annually to determine if updates are needed.**
4. **Include in the IPM, develop and utilize action thresholds (a decision tree) to determine the most appropriate, least invasive approach to pest control.**
5. **Use the various resources available online such as the Environmental Protection Agency or IFAS for guidance.**
6. Limit the use of liquid sprays, foggers, or volatile formulations to minimize human exposure.
7. Apply pesticides only when occupants are not present or in areas where they will not be exposed to the material applied.
8. Keep copies of pesticide labels, consumer information sheets, and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) in easily accessible locations.
9. Notify employees and the public of pending pesticide applications.
 - a. Notification can be accomplished by posting notices around the buildings **and on building doors**, sending notices to employees through email and/or text alerts, or posting them to the website or social media accounts, or publish in digital media and/or print, as appropriate, in advance of pesticide applications. Post notices in areas that will be or have been treated. Ensure notifications are ADA compliant.
 - b. Ensure there is someone available who is prepared to provide more specific information when questions arise.

Member Kopytchak moved to approve the recommendations as amended and read by Chairman Bennett. Member Hagen seconded the motion. The motion carried 9 – 0.

With regard to suggested changes to the Athletic Field IPM plan proposed by Member Fox, she indicated that she provided the comments and whether they were considered for implementation, she didn't know. It might be beneficial when they develop an IPM plan to consider in a table format which department is responsible for which facilities.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. [21-00966](#) REVIEW OF SECTION 12-6-1 TO 12-6-3 OF THE TREE AND LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

Member Hagen made a suggestion to decide what the Board would be reviewing next month, take the month to do homework on that section, reach out to people and get some ideas and then come to the meeting prepared to discuss that item.

The next section for review would be Sec. 12-6-2. Applicability. This section deals with zoning districts, public institutional uses and churches, exemptions, heritage trees, etc.

Chair Bennett indicated she had some concerns with the exemptions, specifically as it pertains to healthcare related uses and why they are exempt. This section also deals with heritage trees.

Christian Wagley commented that when the last tree ordinance was updated ten years ago, it was done for Sacred Heart because they had a large area of land that had a lot of large trees and they had plans for expansion. It is a strange exemption that was very specific to Pensacola.

Chair Bennett stated they were not exempt from everything. There is still a mitigation fee.

Member Hagen suggested reaching out to other individuals to get different perspectives and opinions on this section. She suggested just sticking with review of Section 12-6-2 for next meeting. The next two sections both deal with landscaping issues, so she suggested inviting a landscape architect or engineers that could join in the conversation and contribute. She will reach out to the Council Executive to see if he can get a member of staff to help guide the conversation with regards to zoning.

Member Richards mentioned a couple of areas with regard to pruning and butchering trees that will need to be addressed and made stronger especially in the right of way and the possibility of underground utilities. Need to see what can be put in the ordinance to help with limiting the free for all with power line pruning.

Member Fox suggested possibly of having the City arborist somehow engaged in the process, review the plan and where the City has some type of oversight capability.

Member Kopytchak commented on the coordinated efforts between the City and Gulf Power several years ago with regard to the tree tunnel on 12th Avenue and in Seville Square. The power company has to submit a tree cutting plan to the Public Service Commission and the plan gives you a certain diameter that you cut around power lines. That type of cooperation needs to be built with Florida Power and Light and he volunteered to take on that initiative to meet with the arborist and FPL arborist to make them aware of these areas. FPL's plan needs to be provided to the City Council. Hopefully a relationship will be developed with FPL that they will agree to manage certain areas and be picky about certain areas to preserve them.

Sustainability Coordinator indicated that the City's arborist has been in contact with the FPL arborist. He is asking that the appropriate person from Planning and Zoning attend the next meeting.

Chair Bennett reminded the members that in their review of Section 12.6.2, if they have specific questions pertaining to that section to email them to the Council Executive so that he can forward to the appropriate staff person so they can be prepared to provide answers.

Member Hagen inquired about her previously submitted revisions. The Council Executive had sent them out to everyone on May 6 and Council Assistant will send them out again.

Member Butts stated that FPL's website does include a section on tree and power lines.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chair Bennett reported on the city notice about conducting a city wide urban forest inventory on trees on City right of way and property.

Sustainability Coordinator indicated they are also planning to do a tree canopy assessment as well, to look at loss and gains from the previous canopy assessment.

Also, Chair Bennett reported on the City monitoring Bayfront Parkway bicycle/pedestrian traffic along Bayfront Parkway through an FDOT program.

Sustainability Coordinator indicated that it pertained to areas near the round-about and the bridge overpass.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christian Wagley stated that he was glad the Board was going to look at the exemptions contained in the tree ordinance especially for health care facilities and downtown areas. He suggested possible landscaping in pots/containers in the downtown area.

Bike Pensacola is doing a candidates forum for Mayor candidates on Saturday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Downtown Library. Also on that same day at 4 p.m., he will be leading a walking tour of downtown. It's called a "Hot City - Cool City" walking tour looking at ways to be climate smart. On Monday, August 2 at 7 p.m., he is coordinating an on-line session reviewing the City's budget through zoom and facebook on the Healthy Gulf website.

Kelly Hagen reported that the neighborhood associations are hosting two Mayor candidate forums--Wednesday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Sanders Beach Community Center and on Friday, July 29, at 6:30 p.m. another event at the Vickrey Center. Both events are open to the public, with questions submitted by the neighborhood associations.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.



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Memorandum

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8/4/2022

DISCUSSION ITEM

SPONSOR: Kristin Bennett, Chair

SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF SECTION 12-6-2 OF THE TREE AND LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

SUMMARY:

A comprehensive review of the Tree and Landscape Ordinance was referred to the EAB. The EAB is in the process of conducting that review.

This item allows for suggested modifications to the currently existing language to be considered by the Board as a whole.

PRIOR ACTION:

July 15, 2021 - City Council referred to EAB a comprehensive review of the Tree and Landscape Ordinance

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) (if any, will be distributed)

PRESENTATION: No