

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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Welcome

Roll Call (and acknowledgement of membership renewals) (see also first item under new business)

Vox Pop (3 minutes for members of the audience – on items not on the agenda)

Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2018

Approval of Agenda and request for additional items

Liaison Officer Report: Barret Doe, City Liaison

Note: Advice from City Liaison is requested on all items before the committee

Special Items:

Business of Committee – On-Going Projects and Events

Vox Pop (VP) for items in this section

Update on Committee Membership, and City Policies (Barret and Dell)

No action needed, unless desired by committee

Welcome new member(s)

Accept (with regret) resignation of two members

Barret will remind of renewals.

Green City initiative: Update and Note of submission status (Barret)

Update on inclusion of City Property in Community Garden Ordinance (from annual report/proposals over several years) (Barret)

* Request: To have the City designate locations for community gardens on public land.

* Clarify any language issues Lisa may have with documents.

Urban Agriculture Program (Barret, Jon & Dell)

Report on community gardens, new applications, renewals, related topics

Renewals: Jon and Barret

* Jon asked to share status of files and spread sheet

Brochure for City Urban Agriculture Program (Jon)

Library Seed Lending Program -

- Update on the program (Penelope)

Business of Committee – New Projects (and projects of limited duration, including annual events)

VP for items in this section

Okra Occasion – Debrief

Fruit Tree Peninsula (Penelope, and Barret)

* Managing and maintaining the planter

Annual Report – For Presentation to City Council September 4, 2018

Report and 7 proposals

Note: original PP needs slight revision to include the 7 proposals

Note: correct spelling on *Environmental* on first PP slide – spell check rest of document *

- City to *pursue* 100% renewable power by 2030 (Barbara)
- City to participate in 2018 National Drive Electric Week (September 8-16)
- Establish position of a PT Garden Facilitator (Dell – from LY report)
- Create an Arborist position (Dell – from LY report)
- City to revise building code to allow for small/tiny houses (150-300 sq feet) (Dell and Barret)

<https://www.countryliving.com/home-design/g1887/tiny-house/>

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/usf-grad-has-big-plans-for-her-tiny-home/2318633>

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/realestate/Tampa-micro-housing-advocates-find-big-demand-for-living-small-164777291>

- City to become a nontoxic community – with timetable target (Cindy)
- City to pursue process of re-introducing the endangered Atlantic Sturgeon (Gulf subspecies) in the Pithlachascotee River (in consultation with NOAA, UF) (Dell – they jump for bladder relief and communication)

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/fish/gulf-sturgeon.html>

<http://gcr1.usm.edu/public/fish/gulf.sturgeon.php>

<http://wec.ufl.edu/floridarivers/sturgeon%20meeting/2009%20Gulf%20Sturgeon%205Year%20Review.pdf>

* Jon to present draft PP document for review

Events

Quarterly Events (Information only)

- Note: All events supported and endorsed by Environmental Committee.

Calendar 2018-2019:

September 29, 2018 Sweet Potato Round-Up (tentative) (Host FarmNet) – **date will change**

December 22, 2018 (tentative) - Holiday Garden Festival at Grand Gardens, 4th annual (Host Grand Gardens/New Port Richey FarmNet)

January 18, 2019 Arbor Day, 30th annual (3rd Friday in January) (Host ENV COM)

March 23, 2019 The Florida Loquat Festival, 6th annual (Host Ecology Florida)

August 5, 2019 - Okra Occasion, 4th annual (5:00 – 8:00) (Host ENV COM)

Meeting Schedule for 2018

- Meetings will be on the second Monday of each month (Library Room 2), unless noted otherwise

Next Meeting

September 10, 6:00 p.m. – Library Room #2