

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

City of New Port Richey

Meeting Agenda

New Port Richey – Public Library

Thursday – July 6, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.





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The Environmental Committee of the City of New Port Richey develops and endorses environmental events in the City, renders annual and special reports as members may deem advisable, and explores new environmental initiatives for the City. The ECCNPR was established in 1989 and recreated in 2011.

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Welcome

Roll Call: Dell deChant, Committee Chair; Rose Mohr, Vice-Chair; Linda Blake, Secretary; Amber Blais, member; Tia Rowe, member; Len Gravitz, member; Tom O'Neil, member; Rob Marlowe, 1st Alternate; Andrea Figart, City Liaison.

Guests:

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

Approval of Minutes June 1, 2023

Approval of Agenda and request for additional items

Liaison Officer Report: Andrea Figart, City Liaison

* **CC Agenda Reviewer Report** –Items on City Council agenda of relevance to Environmental Committee (Andrea)

* Report on change in staff in office of City Marketing Specialist (i.e., Daniella)

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

Business of Committee I – On-going Projects and Events

Vox Pop (VP) for items in this section

Update on Committee Membership, and City Policies – for all of us, especially new members (Andrea)

* Presentation on committee policy on review and recommendation of applicants (draft proposal from Tia)

** Committee action on proposed policy.

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

* Report on current status of re-commencing work on GC application

Update on inclusion of City Property in Urban Agriculture Ordinance

- * Report on status of project (Tom)
- * Next step and leadership on negotiation with City Administration and/or appropriate departments to commence project.

Urban Agriculture Program (Andrea, with our thanks) *

- * Update on status of the application being posted on City's website (in light of change in staff in office of City Marketing Specialist)

Library Seed Lending Program (Amber and Andrea) - Update if any.

Fruit Tree Peninsula (Linda) - Update, if any.

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Update, if any. (Andrea and/or Rob)

Business of Committee II - New Projects and Topics (and projects of limited duration, including annual events)

VP for items in this section

Update on 5538 Montana Ave Report. (Andrea, Dell)

- * Report on proposal to City Council and Chair's conversation with City Manager

Promotion of Sustainability Projects (Amber, Linda)

- * Linda's report on "Outdoor New Port Richey."
- * Amber's update (if any) on contact with Hudson HS Agriculture Program and integration of committee projects with the program – especially the Monarch City/Milkweed initiative.

Monarch City Event (Andrea and Dell) (committee member needed for leadership) *

- * Chair took executive action and canceled the event for July 8)
- * Volunteer needed to plan, develop/promote, manage for next year.

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Okra Occasion (Andrea and Dell) (committee member needed for leadership) *

August 26, 2023, 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. **The West Pasco Okra Occasion**, 8th annual
New Port Richey Public Library

- * Volunteer needed to plan, develop/promote, manage.

Seasonal Events

- * Discussion item – Tentative outline and calendar
- * Volunteer(s) needed to plan, develop/promote, manage events.
- * Coordination with other events needed – especially considering change in staff in office of City Marketing Specialist)

City Work Sessions on Projects of Relevance to Committee (--) (see also CC Agenda reviewer)

Events

Seasonal Events - Note: Events noted here are supported and endorsed by Environmental Committee.

- * Volunteer needed to plan, develop/promote, manage events.

Calendar 2023-2024

August 26, 2023 –Okra Occasion August 2023 – 8th annual (Presented by FarmNet & Env Com)
(NPR Library)

November 18, 2023 – Sweet Potato Round-Up (TBD)

January 6, 2024 - Collards Festival at Grand Gardens*, 9th annual (Presented by NPR FarmNet, Host Grand Gardens)
(Grand Gardens)

January 19, 2024 -Arbor Day, 34th annual (3rd Friday in January) (Host ENV COM) (TBD)

March 4-9, 2024 – Florida Loquat Festival 10th annual (March 9, 2024) (Host Ecology Florida, City of New Port Richey –
and others) (TBD – Sims’ Park?)

Earth Day (April 22, 2024) – 34th annual (1st 1992) - (City event, April 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Library (Tia &
Dell) (Host: Host New Port Richey ENV COM & Library)

Monarch City Day (May 4, 2024) (Host: Host New Port Richey ENV COM & Library)

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Meeting Schedule for 2023 "The environmental committee shall meet once every ninety (90) days unless it
determines to meet more frequently." * Committee has determined it is best to meet monthly.

Next Meeting: Thursday August 3, 6:00 p.m. – Library