

**Town of Sunset Beach
Environmental Resource Committee (ERC) Meeting
November 20, 2019**

Minutes

Members Present: Pete Larkin, Tim Kenney, Don Eggert and John Farrell

Members Absent: Sarah Ramsey

Staff Present: Todd Rademacher, Planning Director (second half of the meeting) and John Michaux, Stormwater Manager

Council Members Present: Charlie Nern, Rich Cerrato (first half of the meeting)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Public Comments

None

Approval of ERC Meeting Minutes of 10/21/2019

During discussion of minutes, it was determined that topics for the next ERC meeting agenda should be submitted to Todd or Pete no later than the Wednesday before the meeting date, as the agenda is set the next day.

In addition, it was established that a maximum of two members of the ERC should attend the planning board meeting per open meeting rules.

Emails generated by ERC members should be sent to Todd and Pete so as not to violate open meeting rules.

After a motion by Tim Kenney that was seconded by Don Eggert the minutes from 10/21/2019 were approved by a vote of 4-0 with the one addition noting that Council Member Charlie Nern was present.

Meeting Discussion

ERC will ask Town Council to amend the ERC Rules and Responsibilities to reword the ERC involvement with the technical review process to: *unless requested by the Planning Board on a case by case basis.*

Climate change mitigation program was discussed in an attempt to establish a strategy to fulfill the intentions of the town council. After discussion by the committee members the following items were identified for current action:

- The ERC to become familiar with the NC Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan once it has become finalized.
- The ERC to review the 2017 Sunset Beach Land Use Plan
- The ERC to attend in the citizen community meeting to help establish ERC initiative priorities.
- The ERC will maintain communications with Town Stormwater Manager, John Michaux

- John Farrell will seek ERC contacts from parallel environmental groups in other coastal towns to identify resources and best practices to aid the committee in its mission.

John Michaux addressed the committee and reviewed various strategies to reduce stormwater runoff and expand his ability to educate the residents regarding this issue.

Public Comments on ERC

None

Agenda Items for 12/18/2019

The ERC will explore Sunset Beach becoming a Tree City USA Program member

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31AM by motion of Don Eggert, seconded by John Farrell. Motion passed 4-0.

Pete Larkin, Chairman

Submitted by:

Tim Kenney, Recording Secretary