Environmental Resource Committee (ERC) Meeting
Sunset Beach Town Hall Conference Room
Wed., March 18, 2020
10:00 am

AGENDA

1) Call to Order. Quorum determination. Meeting declared open.

2) Amendment / Approval of Draft Agenda. Motion to approve.

3) ERC Member Housekeeping Discussions (on items not covered below). Introduction of two new ERC Members – **Harold Golding, Gregg Acri**

4) Consideration ERC Mtg. Minutes of 2/19/2020. Motion to approve.

5) Public comments (on agenda items... 3-minute max.). No deliberation.

6) Mtg. discussion items for ERC Committee Members.

   a) ERC Field Trip to Jacksonville, NC Recycling Facility, 3/25, 10:00 AM, location at 417 Meadowview Rd. – **T. Rademacher**

   b) Update ERC on progress, "Demonstration Rain Garden".
      i) Discuss ***"Rain Garden Manual"*** and 3/24 visit from NC Cooperative Extension (Maunal was attached to Todd's 2/28 ***Weekly Update*** email) – **J. Michaux**
      ii) Next steps towards moving forward with project – **P. Larkin**

   c) Update ERC on Sunset Vision "Beach Walkers for Beach Litter" program – **P. Larkin**

   d) Presentation of "photos" showing alternate roadway mat'ls. being used by Town DPW on unpaved roads – **J. Michaux**

   e) Move forward to have ERC invite a 'guest speaker' to do an ***educational*** public forum presentation on environmental topic.
      i) Discuss possible topics and speakers – **all ERC Members**
      ii) Need ERC Member to follow-up to make initial contact with selected topic / speaker (need ERC volunteer) and start planning – **all ERC Members**

   f) Single-Use Plastics "educational brochure", initial steps – **P. Larkin**

g) Update ERC on Planning Board Mtg. 3/19, re: UDO amendments "Tree Protection – Plant Species" – **T Rademacher**

h) Update ERC on Town Council Mtgs. of 3/2 + 3/17 – **J. Farrell / P. Larkin**

i) TREE CITY USA Program application status – **T. Rademacher / P. Larkin**
   i) Authoring of "Arbor Day Proclamation".
   ii) Approval and adoption by Town Council (Mayor).
   iii) Discuss plans for small "observance" (could involve a tree planting) on Fri. 4/24/2020.

j) Update on NC Coastal Adaption and Resiliency Program (March 1st. rollout) - **J. Farrell**

7) Agenda items for 4/15/2020 mtg. (and future ERC meetings).

8) Public comments on ERC potential future topics (3-minute). No deliberation.

9) Motion to Adjourn.

Town of Sunset Beach
Environmental Resource Committee (ERC) Meeting
February 19, 2020

Minutes

Members Present: Pete Larkin, Tim Kenney, and Don Eggert
Members Absent: John Farrell
Staff Present: John Michaux, Stormwater Manager; Todd Rademacher, Planning Director
Council Members Present: None

Call to Order
After determining a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Amendment and Approval of Draft Agenda. Motion to accept Agenda
After a motion by Don Eggert that was seconded by Pete Larkin, the draft agenda was accepted by a three to zero vote.

ERC Member Housekeeping Discussions
There were no housekeeping items to discuss at this time.

Approval of ERC Meeting Minutes of 1/15/2020
The minutes were approved after a motion from Pete Larkin that was seconded by Tim Kenney by a vote of 3-0.

Public Comments
None

Town's CAMA 2017 Land Use Plan
a) The town is considering updating the 2017 Land Use Plan. It was determined that the ERC will await Town Council instructions prior to inviting Mike Christianbury for a presentation.

b) It was again encouraged that ERC members who have not read the plan, make themselves familiar with it.

Meeting Discussion
a) Pete Larkin attended the Town Council meeting and had the following updates concerning recycling programs and the 2020 council budget.

i) Pete reported that Town Staff did a financial review of overall recycling program costs. They reported that without the Town Staff doing all the administrative work for the program, a more accurate cost might be $85 per household on the mainland and $115 per household on the island.

ii) The Town Council might possibly consider a budget for the ERC going forward.

b) Todd Rademacher is working on the Tree City USA application at this time and has asked the Town Council to adopt a resolution for an Arbor Day Proclamation or celebration that is required for entrance into the Tree City USA Program.

c) Don Eggert and Todd Rademacher updated the committee on their visit to the Oak Island EAC meeting of 1/16/2020. They reported the following:
The Oak Island EAC has at this time, 10-12 members that break into subcommittees in order to discuss various environmental issues. Their primary focus is on public education that is accomplished through programs such as public outreach, having guest speakers on environmental topics, and using Tree City USA Grants to have tree plantings.

d) Pete Larkin reported that he attended the Sunset Beach Town Community meeting of 1/25/2020. He stated that the meeting was fairly well attended and two ERC items were discussed:

i) The reduction in use of single use plastics by businesses in the area. Pete is looking into the creation of a brochure educating the public on this topic.

ii) The alligator population. The ERC supports the police in their plan to relocate any alligators that require it versus generating a controlled hunt to reduce the population.

e) Don Eggert and John Michaux updated the committee on the construction of the demonstration rain garden on the west side of Town Hall. A student in environmental engineering will help with the design of the rain garden. Mark Bevins, Director of the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension, will provide staff to answer questions that may come up with the rain garden as well as the new parking lot project on the east side of Town Hall.

Public Outreach and Education

Todd and John suggested that gravel roads management, specifically material performance differences would be a good topic to further educate the citizens of Sunset Beach. Information concerning durability and storm water runoff as a function of cost to the Town would be included in the information provided.

Agenda Items for 3/18/2020

Pete will attend the upcoming Planning Board meeting in which the use of native plant species will be discussed among other topics. John Michaux will gather more information on paving materials and Todd will arrange a tour of the recycling plant in Jacksonville for the ERC members.

Public Comments on ERC

None

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Tim Kenney, seconded by Don Eggert. Motion passed 3-0.

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Pete Larkin, Chairman

Submitted by:

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Tim Kenney, Recording Secretary