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**Environmental Committee**

**MINUTES**

**Anchorage Park Recreation Building**

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairperson Interlandi called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Roll Call:
  - Present: Ellen Allen, Camille Carroll, Lisa Interlandi, Mary Phillips, Shawn Woods, Kendra Zellner
  - Absent: Karen Marcus
  - Also Present: Anne Capelli, Mock Roos Engineering; Andy Lukasik, Village Manager; Chuck Huff, Special Projects Director; Jeremy Hubsch, Community Development Director; Steve Hallock; Public Works Director
3. Approved the Minutes of the November 23, 2020 regular meeting and January 9, 2021 special meeting.
4. Public Comments: no public comments
5. Master Gardener discussion about Urban Gardens: Introduction by Shawn Woods
  - a. Item moved to the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
6. Lakeside Park Berm and vegetation follow up:
  - a. Village Manager discussed staff plans to follow up on resident requests including modification of the slope/height of the berm and the vegetation to be used to maintain water views from the park and residential properties. Engineering consultants will be used before any berm modifications will be made.
  - b. Ms. Allen emphasized the need to identify and evaluate short- and long-term consequences when considering any changes.
  - c. Vice Chair Interlandi observed that proper vegetation will assist in achieving long-term sustainability of the berm.
7. Discussion items:
  - a. Committee Priorities/Plan:
    - i. Stormwater Quality:
      1. Anne Capelli presented information about the NPDES program in Palm Beach County.
      2. Steve Hallock discussed current stormwater initiatives including the creation of a stormwater fee, stormwater repairs and water quality initiatives being pursued by the Village.

3. Ms. Allen discussed the use of buffers at the edge of water bodies to improve water quality. Mr. Hallock discussed plans for littoral zones along the ponds at the golf course. Ms. Capelli discussed state regulations impacting golf courses.
  4. Ms. Phillips asked about the applicability of NPDES standards on residential properties. Ms. Capelli noted that residential properties and the contractors that serve them are not required to meet the standards the municipalities must meet under the MS4 permit.
- ii. Tree Planting/Urban Garden/Native Plant usage
    1. Jeremy Hubsch discussed possible community garden locations with the Committee.
    2. After a discussion about the goals the Committee wants to accomplish with the creation of a community garden, the discussion was continued to the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting when the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension (IFAS) representatives are able to attend.
- iii. Miscellaneous
    1. At the request of Chairperson Marcus, Village staff shared a site plan for a mixed-use project, including a retail building and a 7-11 convenience store/gas station, with the Committee. The project is proposed for a parcel located at the Alternate A1A/Richard Road intersection.
      - a. Special Projects Director spoke about the underground storage tank requirements and environmental protocols based upon his experience with the construction and management of convenience stores/gas stations prior to his employment with the Village.
      - b. The Committee raised a number of concerns related to the proposed development. Those concerns included:
        - i. The compatibility of a more intense land use being integrated into a residential area,
        - ii. The location of an intense use, that can generate trash and noise, adjacent to a residential neighborhood, and
        - iii. Even with the environmental protection practices required, the possibility of contamination from spills, whether from the tanks or by consumers, and the potential impact on surface water quality and underground water contamination.
    2. The Committee briefly discussed a handout provided by Ms. Carroll regarding urban coyotes. The handout was initially provided following a reported coyote sighting by Village residents and generally discusses the need/benefit of having them coexist in urban areas.

8. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.