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**NORTH PALM BEACH**  
Village Manager's Office

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**Environmental Committee**

**Minutes**

**Village Hall Conference Room**

**Monday, September 23, 2019**

**6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order: the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marcus at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
  - a. Present: Ellen Allen, Lisa Interlandi, Karen Marcus, Shawn Woods, Kendra Zellner
  - b. Also Present: Councilor Susan Bickel, Councilor Deborah Searcy
  - c. Absent: Dianne Reeves
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Interlandi, Support by Ms. Woods to approve the minutes as presented.
4. Public Comments:
  - a. Karla Watson expressed concerns about the application of insecticide at Anchorage Park on the morning of September 18, 2019. Village staff reported that the issue was related to concerns about spiders and anticipated complaints from residents. Staff indicated that the insecticide application for similar instances would be discontinued.
5. Review list of issues and determine priorities for the upcoming year.
  - a. Committee Member suggestions:
    - i. Ellen Allen: discussed education and practices to address invasive landscaping and wildlife.
      1. In particular, Ms. Allen discussed the best practices regarding the removal of iguanas.
      2. Restoration Project in Anchorage Park.
        - a. Project to plant new natives and remove exotics
        - b. Field trip to be scheduled for the Committee
        - c. Include Palm Beach County ERM.
      3. Develop a speaker series to discuss invasive species and wildlife.
    - ii. Kendra Zellner: discussed best practices for environmental conservation and urban gardens. Ms. Zellner will provide additional information regarding urban gardens at the next meeting.
      1. "Go Green" topic each month for the community.

- a. Promote to the business community (Jupiter example)
- b. Use events as a vehicle for education
- c. Committee needs to brainstorm messaging ideas.

iii. Karen Marcus:

1. Committee recommended Village Council adopt a resolution encouraging the State to end the preemption of local government from enacting legislation related to the regulation of plastic bags.
  - a. Encourage use of reusable bags.
  - b. Business involvement.
2. Asked about the opportunities for FPL charging stations. Staff indicated that they would bring FPL branding materials to the Committee for information.
3. Suggested a tour of the Solid Waste Authority facility for the Committee to understand operations. Staff indicated they would work to schedule a visit.
4. Commercial Recycling: Staff will work with Farmers Table to initiate a pilot commercial recycling program.
5. Landscaping in the commercial code: Staff will provide the Committee with a detailed update on requirements in the commercial code as there is a need for natives, shade and habitat. The Committee would like to revisit the residential code as well.

6. Next Meeting: Monday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.