

**Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Advisory Board
jointly with City Tree Board**

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Paul Bertram called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM
2. **Invocation** – Martha Wright gave the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. **Roll Call:**

Board members in attendance: Charlene Adair, Jorge Goz, Matt Samuel, Janey Vanderhorst, Martha Wright, Jane Zezeck

Absent: Shyanne Helms - Chair, Shirley Walker

Staff and Guests: Paul Bertram, John Brandon, Bob Burdge, Linda Hudson, Nicholas Mimms, Mike Reals, Caleta Scott

Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of Minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting

Motion was made by **Jane Zezeck**, seconded by **Matt Samuel**, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting. All in favor.
Motion passed.

5. New Business

- a. Blue Tubes

Charlene Adair shared that there are 17 tubes on South Beach and they are making a big difference; they are currently at the Crossover but were denied by BOCC. Paul Bertram will talk to Ed Sessinger with St. Lucie County to see if there can be an agreement. Nick Mimms suggested that they are placed in the City's right-of-way. Mike Reals will verify the city's limits.

6. Old Business

- a. Great American Cleanup and Arbor day March 24, 2018

Paul Bertram would like more booths at the event, the transportation sorted out and more volunteers this year. He mentioned projects at "Union Hall"/Dreamland

Park and the Garden Center. Mike Reals mentioned the current Memorial Wall project at Dreamland, with Lincoln Park Council of Ministers, which should be underway before GAC. The project entails landscaping, painting, and pervious pavers. Charlene suggested that the site could be the Arbor Day project. Matt Samuel suggested the Savannah Road landscape to enhance vegetation, etc. Jane Zezeck mentioned that the National Garden Club has grants that we may be able to apply for a watering system at Glidden Park. Linda Hudson suggested considering a location in the Port area. Paul will arrange transportation so that KFPB get out to drive around and select potential project sites for the September meeting. Transformer boxes should be identified for wrapping. Paul will also reach out to FPUA to follow up regarding FPUA representation on the board.

b. Educational Field Trip - St. Augustine, October 2017

The City of St. Augustine is prepared for our visit and we will leave from PW at 6 am and ride the PAL bus. The trip will be exciting and we should come up with questions on the way. It was suggested that we bring goodie bags and everyone should wear their green KFPB shirt. Jane Zezeck stated she cannot attend. Janey Vanderhorst suggested a future trip to Wynwood in Miami. Inviting another city to visit Fort Pierce was also suggested.

c. Pedestrian Plaza Art

John Brandon, Historical Shipwreck Salvor, Project Consultant, was present to discuss cannon options and was available for questions. He stated that it would be a good idea, with a few hurdles including obtaining permission, which may take a few years. John mentioned he knows who has rights to the wreck sites and he believes they'd be happy to donate. With contacts at the Division of Historical Resources and Bureau of Archeological Research – he should be able to assist with facilitating the proper conservation process. A federal judge is required to adjudicate title. He stated that Galleon Point, a site south of Vero Beach, has eight (8) or nine (9) cannons. John will reach out to contacts and follow up with his findings. The cost of the project can range from \$5k-\$10k, depending on if it is outsourced or handled in-house. The board discussed getting more than one cannon, getting a replica as a temporary place holder, and adding a plaque/pedestal so inform the public of the plan. Matt Samuel suggested the globe at the Navy Seal Museum as a placeholder. Mike Reals suggested taking the suggestion and presenting to the City Commission.

Motion was made by **Charlene Adair**, seconded by **Jorge Goz** to present the idea to the City Commission. All in favor.

Motion passed.

d. Peacock Arts District (PAD)

Matt Samuel has identified 14 pots that local artists will be volunteering to paint for the PAD. Five (5) have been completed so far. He also mentioned that the same artists are willing to help with the murals that Libby with Grants Administration is working on around town. Mike Reals stated that Main Street Fort Pierce wanted to partner to purchase pots. A Pot Adoption/sponsorship program may be created once the pots have been revealed as businesses may want to have one at their location. Nicholas Mimms stated that the pots should

not only be in one district; we should have art everywhere. The lights in the PAD should be an investment instead of an internal project. Mike Reals suggested that Jeremy at Sign Edge may be able to volunteer his art/time. Jane Zezeck suggested Pat Cochran and David Cleveland. Mayor Hudson inquired if the business in the area know of the plan and possibly inviting Pastor May to the discussion for a possible joint venture. Mike Reals suggested a Night Out in the PAD as an open house. It was suggested to invite Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society to provide music. The time and date should be chosen soon and a Save the Date sent.

e. City of Lights Contest – Registration begins November 27, 2017

This event should be promoted early; send invites for November 27. Mike Reals stated Let There Be Lights has gone up on their prices and the estimate for downtown is \$15k this year. There will be Christmas lights on Avenue D & 13th Street and the roundabout will have utilities this year.

7. **Announcements**

Charlene Adair – spoke about having lights at Harbour Isle on Hutchinson Island.

Paul Bertram – City Tour on the PAL van on September 12; he'll plan the route to include Lincoln Park, Garden Center, and PAD. We'll need different eyes to scout for projects. Nicholas Mimms added that we should venture south of Georgia Avenue.

Caleta Scott – The Boards and Committees Appreciation Breakfast is August 10. Neighborhood Gems will be added to the next agenda.

8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM