

City of Fort Pierce
Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Advisory Board Meeting
April 12, 2022 @ 11:00am
City Hall – Commission Chambers

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1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 11:00am.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance –** Recited by the board and guests.

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Charlene Adair, Matt Samuel, Caleta Scott, Bob Burdge, Shirley Walker, and Chad Ingram

Absent: Tishunda Tullis

Staff Present: Paul Bertram, Officer Gotz, Kaitlyn Ballard, Mike Reals, Janey Vanderhorst, Brittany Marinello, and Jeronda Benjamin

Guests: Mayor Linda, Chaude Nelson, Jennifer Gilchrist, and Teresa Miller

4. **Approval of Minutes from the March 8, 2022, Meeting**

Motion was made by Bob Burdge, seconded by Shirley Walker, to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2022, meeting. All in Favor. Motion passed.

5. **Comments from the Public**

Chaude Nelson described issues that are occurring at the City of Fort Pierce Community Garden. She stated there has been vandalism and theft in the plots throughout the garden lately.

6. **New Business**

a. Rules and Regulations of the Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Board – Caleta Scott read the Rules and Regulations to the board and a discussion took place.

It was discussed that calling in for a meeting is acceptable if a quorum is physically present. Kaitlyn Ballard will confirm this with the City Clerk.

Caleta Scott asked if the KFPB Board still encompassed the Tree Board and Mike Reals stated the Tree Board will be absolved and we still meet all the criteria to obtain necessary funding. This will also not affect our Tree City USA designation.

Caleta Scott discussed the meeting deadline timeline, and it was determined that if a meeting does not need to take place, the decision will be made within two weeks of the upcoming meeting date.

Bob Burdge inquired if the KFPB Board can have a say in the upcoming City Budget.

7. **Old Business**

- a. Community Garden Discussion– Brittany Marinello, Division Manager, of Grants Administration gave an update on the City of Fort Pierce Community Garden. Ms. Marinello provided information on the garden’s mission, upcoming events, plot designations, and partnerships with local organizations. She discussed obtaining grant funding to make the community garden ADA compliant in future. Ms. Marinello would also like to identify other areas in the community to expand the gardens within the City of Fort Pierce.

Matt Samuel stated he has extra wood that he would be happy to donate to the Community Garden for upcoming projects.

Chad Ingram stated if the Grants Division identifies addresses, the KFPB Board can make a recommendation to the Commission for additional community gardens throughout the city. Mr. Ingram also stated he would like more access for the community, and he believes some plots should be designated for people to come and take vegetables.

Bob Burdge mentioned possibly having gardens at designated parks throughout the city, particularly at S. 29th Street.

- b. Neighborhood Identification – Matt Samuel stated there are a lot more neighborhoods than he initially anticipated. Chad Ingram stated he would like to get the community involved in this initiative. Caleta Scott stated this was a difficult task and she believes it might not be the right fit for the KFPB Board to take on. Mike Reals stated this initiative came directly from the City Commission as it ties into the city's beautification efforts.

The board was reminded of which section they were assigned.

Caleta – Purple

Charlene - Salmon

Chad - Blue

Tishunda – Yellow

Matt – Gold
Shirley – Green
Bomb - Teal

- c. KFPB T-Shirt Discussion- Mike Reals informed the KFPB Board that we are not planning on purchasing shirts at this time.

8. **Staff Discussion**

Mayor Hudson discussed the upcoming Neighborhood Gem Initiative and would like to KFPB Board to assist in picking the winners in September 2022.

Kaitlyn Ballard gave an update on the upcoming Lunch and Learn on Saturday, May 12, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the River Walk Center on Indian River Drive featuring our Public Works Fleet Maintenance Division.

Kaitlyn Ballard also gave an update on the recent Great American Cleanup that took place on March 12, 2022. There were over 400 volunteers that attended this event and over 8 tons of garbage was removed from the City of Fort Pierce.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Caleta Scott, seconded by, Bob Burdge to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor. Motion passed at 12:20pm.