

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE KEEP FORT PIERCE BEAUTIFUL AND FORT PIERCE TREE BOARD OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE WILLIAM D DANNAHOWER CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, 100 N US HWY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, 34950 AT 11:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Shirley Walker; Bob Burdge; David BuShea; Renella Mitchell; Levi Lovell; Charlene Adair

Absent: Debbie Edmond

Staff Present: Calvin Daniels, FPUA PR Specialist
Marsha Commond, Special Projects Coordinator
Lisa Gittens, Deputy City Clerk

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of the minutes from December 16th, 2025 Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Advisory Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Bob Burdge, seconded by Shirley Walker to approve the Minutes.

AYE: Bob Burdge, Charlene Adair, David BuShea, Levi Lovell, Renella Mitchell, Shirley Walker

Passed

5. **Comments from the Public**

6. **Old Business**

- a. Creating New Blue Tubes

Marsha Commond, Special Projects Coordinator, provided an update on the condition of existing Blue Tube stations, noting that most are in good condition with minimal maintenance needed. She discussed the potential expansion of the program to additional areas, including Morse Creek, to encourage litter cleanup and community involvement.

Ms. Commond also recommended developing a formal program structure, including branding, guidelines, and a participation process, before expanding the initiative. A pilot program was suggested to evaluate effectiveness and community engagement; she will prepare a draft program framework for review at a future meeting.

7. **New Business**

a. Great American Cleanup Event Update

Marsha Commond, Special Projects Coordinator provided an update on the upcoming community cleanup event scheduled for Saturday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with the kickoff location at Rotary Park. Event promotion has begun through email, the city website, social media, and community partners. The event will include volunteer cleanup activities, breakfast sponsored by the FPUA, and participation from several city departments. Arbor Day will also be recognized with a tree planting at Pine Park and the distribution of small oak trees to the community. Youth participants can receive volunteer hours by submitting a cleanup report form. The committee also discussed increasing community awareness about litter prevention and encouraging broader outreach to engage residents and youth.

Ms. Commond also noted that the City is in the process of reapplying for its annual Tree City USA designation.

8. **Staff Discussion**

9. **Board Discussion**

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM