



**AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE (ETF)
TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
May 20, 2024
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Willie Puz called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Willie Puz	X	Member Beth Summers	X
Member Christina Akly	X	Member Paul Kabalin (Alt)	X
Member Christa Cherry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Jill Watson (Alt)	X
Member Emily O'Mahoney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Anne Shoffner	X		

Staff Liaisons: Barrett Cruce, Natural Resources Supervisor
 Stephanie A. Thoburn, Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Task Force will welcome newly appointed members Jill Watson and Beth Summers, recognize the resignation of Alternate Member Kim Hanes and choose their new Chair and Vice Chair for the year.

Anne Shoffner nominated Willie Puz – by acclamation the chair remains Mr. Willie Puz

Willie Puz nominated Christina Akly – by acclamation the Vice Chair will be Ms. Christina Akly

CITIZEN COMMENTS

All non-agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to go to the podium and state his/her name and address for the record. **The Task Force will not discuss these items this evening.**

None

MINUTES

Approval of the September 25, 2023 ETF Meeting Minutes [Attachment 1]

Motion to approve by member Akly. Seconded by member Kabalin

Willie Puz	Christina Akly	Anne Shoffner	Beth Summers	Paul Kabalin	Jill Watson
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Chair Puz asked for clarification for the dates of the meetings and going forward the meetings will be quarterly. Staff confirmed that meetings are

scheduled quarterly and all schedule changes will be made with a two weeks advance notice.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. Sustainability Plan- Environmental Task Force's updated prioritization exercise [Attachment 2]

Mrs. Carpenito explained how the prioritization results were developed and explained how we would be moving forward.

Chair Puz provided more in-depth detail for the new members on how the items were selected to be prioritized.

Staff advised the timeline and discussed the next steps moving forward.

2. Natural Environment Committee and participation in the Town's Centennial Celebration/Events [Attachment 3]

Staff discussed the 100th anniversary and the role ETF can play in this historical event.

- a. Purpose, scope and objectives

Staff reviewed the define purpose, scope and objectives of the Natural Environment Committee.

- b. Potential community members

Staff invited members of the ETF to be volunteers for this committee and to let Barrett Cruce know as soon as possible.

- c. Tentative events

Staff advised that 3 events have been proposed, with a potential 4th.

- Highlight the Town's marine environment by doing a paddle boarding event with a focus on marine enhancement – education tour.
- Working with the Jupiter Highschool agriculture group to plant 100 seedlings
- Sawfish bay – installing mangrove planters, reef balls.

These events have been provided to the Community Relations Manager to be shared with the Town Manager and ultimately approval by Town Council.

Staff also advised that there is opportunity for local businesses to get involved as well, there is special branding that is being rolled out, social media campaigns, etc. This celebration is a year long celebration and the Town is wanting everyone to get involved.

Member Kabalin asked the dates of these events. Staff advised that dates have not been defined as of yet, but everything will be throughout the year. The goal is the Town to hold one event each month from the various committees that have been defined.

Member Shoffner discussed a potential event out west to showcase the natural systems that aren't well known, but should be. Staff took the suggestion and advised that the events need to be within Jupiter Town Limits.

Vice Chair Akly asked the size of the events. Staff said that there is planning and logistics that still need to occur.

Member Jill Watson volunteered to help with the tree event.

Staff will be sending a follow up email that discusses this committee opportunity.

Member Kabalin asked what the goal is for this, exclusivity or diversity? Staff discussed the events that are being discussed, not all physical events, but also virtual, or at the Jubilee.

Member Kabalin suggested we reach out to local photographers to highlight the Town beauty and they would be sure to participate.

d. Meeting date and schedule

3. Natural Resources Living Shorelines and Marine Restoration Program- [Attachment 4]

Staff provided an update on Sawfish Bay Marine Restoration project.

Staff provided an update to the goal for marine restoration at the Riverwalk within the CRA.

Member Jill Watson asked about growing sea grass. Staff advised that the Town does not plant seagrass, the Town provides an environment for Seagrass to grow.

Member Shoffner discussed different grant funding that are available including the resiliency grants, F.I.N.D. grants, etc.

4. Task Force Member comments

Member Kabalin would like to continue providing ideas for the Centennial via email.

Vice Chair Akly asked for an update from the Consultant. Staff advised that the task force will be kept updated once we have a date for the round table with Council.

Vice Chair Akly questioned the status on the Vulnerability grant. Staff confirmed we received the grant to move forward with the vulnerability assessment and Staff will bring updates as they become available.

Chair Puz recognized the Communications team for all of their awards they received at the FMCA conference last week.

Chair Puz thanked Staff for all of their hard work putting the meeting going and organized.

5. Staff comments

6. Next meeting July 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall Community Room

ADJOURNMENT

7:12pm motion to adjourned