

**Titusville Environmental Commission  
Regular Meeting  
November 19, 2003**

The Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) of the City of Titusville, Florida, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, on Wednesday, November 19, 2003

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Chairman Pettit called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Vice Chairman Rivera, Members Vieira, Koromilas, Ryba, and Gutierrez. Member Mosakowski was excused. Also in attendance were City Attorney Dwight Severs, Executive Director of Community Development Roy Crawford, Planning Administrator Keith Cunningham and Recording Secretary Tammy Holton. It was determined that a quorum was present.

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The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the November 5, 2003 regular meeting. Member Koromilas moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Gutierrez seconded the motion. There was a unanimous voice vote.

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**Old Business:**

Review Green Building Ordinance – Member Vieira stated that the members did not have the most current draft ordinance and would like to postpone this presentation until the next regular meeting.

Al Gutierrez Rebuttal - Member Gutierrez stated he was not aware from the amended agenda that he was to conduct his rebuttal at this meeting.

Member Gutierrez made a motion to table this item until the next regular TEC meeting. Member Vieira seconded the motion. There was a unanimous voice vote for approval.

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Chairman Pettit passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Rivera. Chairman Pettit stated he wanted to withdrawal his previous motion from the last meeting to ask that TEC allow him to go before City Council to ask that Member Gutierrez be removed from TEC. Member Vieira seconded the motion. Discussion followed. City Attorney Dwight Severs stated that since action was not taken from the original motion that the maker could withdrawal without having to have a second or vote. Alternate Members By-Laws states alternate members may attend, participate, and may vote only when an official member is absent or if a regular member has a conflict of interest. Discussion followed.

Dwight Severs reviewed with TEC the current By-Laws and layout of the current agenda with TEC. Mr. Severs then told TEC that his roll as Council to the boards is to the group as a whole and he would not get involved in any individual matters between members. Mr. Severs further

reviewed the Codes of Ordinance relating to the removal of a member from a board. Discussion followed.

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**Reports:**

Chairman Pettit – Reported to TEC that two weeks ago worked with Dr. Eric Mengus from Arch Bold Research Stations and Susan Kennedy on Dicerandra and Scrub Habitat. Discussion followed. TEC authorized Chairman Pettit to continue contact on the issue. Chairman Pettit discussed with TEC that at the last City Council meeting there was controversy on annexation in the Fox Lake area. These concerns were with quality of life and environmental concerns. Stated he would like TEC to readdress the landscape code at the next meeting. Discussion followed.

Member Vieira – Questioned if current condominium projects along the river met the breezeway requirements for the City. Keith Cunningham told TEC that a variance was received from BAA and that these items were reviewed by TEC previously.

Vice Chairman Rivera – Discussed spreadsheets provided by Rudy Kahn and Chuck Denman from Water Resources. Requested more numbers for future water usage.

Member Koromilas – Relayed to TEC that the Men’s Garden Club had a free tree give-away and 84 trees were given away. Suggested having a pilot program with schools to have children plant trees for Arbor Day. Member Ryba proposed to have all schools involved. Member Koromilas asked Member Ryba to send an email to the principal to enlist cooperation. Discussion followed.

Member Gutierrez – Told TEC that he strives to have an equality of views and proposed to have Douglas Downey for Coalition for Public Rights (COPR) as an agenda speaker to give a presentation.

Member Gutierrez made a motion to have Douglas Downey (COPR) attend a January meeting and give a presentation. Vice Chairman Rivera seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Member Ryba – no

Vice Chairman Rivera – no

Member Gutierrez – yes

Member Vieira – no

Chairman Pettit – no

Member Koromilas - no

Staff – Informed TEC of the P&Z Agenda. Asked TEC to set a date for Arbor Day. Member Koromilas stated he would submit a date to the Recording Secretary. Discussed holding the second TEC meeting in December.

Member Koromilas made a motion to not have the December 17, 2003 TEC meeting. Vice Chairman Rivera seconded the motion. There was an unanimous voice vote approval.

**Petitions and Request from the Public:**

Thelma Roper, 4475 Byron Avenue – Voiced concerns with TEC meetings, especially that this board refuses to hear an opposing side over and over again not democratic or the American way. Equal time should be given for presentation under the constitution or the board is not doing their jobs. Told TEC that she would be watching over the next meetings. Member Vieira stated that

Member Gutierrez is scheduled for a rebuttal. Member Gutierrez stated every time he asked for an equal point of view he was voted down.

Kathleen Burson, 385 Delespine Avenue - Stated she gave a presentation two weeks ago on Planning and Preservation and would like feedback. Discussion followed.

Karen Mills, 425 Maple Place – Told TEC that she was not sure that someone who has not heard the first presentation and is not concerned with Titusville should be brought in to speak on an opposing position. Would rather hear Mr. Gutierrez’s rebuttal. Discussion followed.

Walter Pine – Stated he missed most of the meeting, but if you bring in experts on conservation bring in both sides of the issue. Mr. Pine voice concerns with Brevard County’s Significant Environmental Areas (SEAS) Ordinance.

Member Gutierrez made a motion to have Mr. Walter Pine give TEC a presentation on the other side of the SEAS ordinance. Vice Chairman Rivera seconded the motion. There was a voice vote of four (4) Yes and two (2) No. Discussion followed and TEC decided to have Mr. Pine make a presentation at the first available meeting in January.

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**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.