

**Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2003**

The Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) of the City of Titusville, Florida, met in regular session in the Round Room of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, on Wednesday, January 22, 2003.

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Chairman Pettit called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Vice Chairman Ramon Rivera, Members Robin Vieira, Anthony Koromilas, Alex Chamberlain, Susan Gosselin, George Mosakowski, Chris Ryba, and Alfonso Gutierrez. Also in attendance were Planning Administrator Keith Cunningham, Acting Development Supervisor Randy Woodruff, 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 January 8, 2003 regular meeting. Member Mosakowski moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Gutierrez seconded the motion. There was a unanimous voice vote.

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Old Business:

TEC Initiatives - Thomas A. Harmer, City Manager - Member Vieira informed Mr. Harmer that TEC had spend several hours working on the landscape ordinance and is very concerned that no progress or changes have been made. Mr. Harmer informed TEC that Executive Director of Community Development Roy Crawford has received comments and will be incorporating TEC's comments into the ordinance which would be coming before City Council in the near future. Member Vieira requested TEC review the draft ordinance before it is actual adopted. Mr. Harmer told TEC that they should be able to review at the next regular meeting before the public hearing in February.

Chairman Pettit began the discussion on the new initiatives that TEC presented to City Council at their last semi-annual update. Mr. Harmer informed TEC that Council gave staff the directive to review the initiatives and meet with Mr. Harmer to discuss. Mr. Harmer stated that he would like to sit down with a representative from TEC and go over the initial draft comments from staff to examine the impact on TEC and the City before going back to Council, in order to have more adequate information to report. Discussion followed. Mr. Harmer asked Mr. Cunningham to coordinate a meeting and post a notice to satisfy the sunshine law. Member Vieira asked about the process on the trails grant. Mr. Harmer told TEC that Richard Stillwagon is the project manager and is coordinating with all the agencies involved. The County and City are meeting on an action plan. City Attorney Dwight Severs is involved in the review process of the inter-local agreement. Mr. Harmer then reported to TEC the actual steps taken to insure the project and grant is handled correctly. Discussion followed.

Willow Creek Subdivision - Mr. Jefferies introduced himself and the people with him and gave an overview of the proposed project. He then presented TEC with a plat layout and conceptual plan. Reported that the development would not impact any wetland or endangered species based

on studies done by an outsourced environmental firm, there were some minor issues with gopher tortoise. Chairman Pettit questioned Mr. Jefferies on the environmental study referencing scrub jays. Mr. Jefferies explained that scrub jays were on fifteen percent of the parent tract. Discussion followed. Mr. Jefferies reported to TEC that the theme of live oaks is carried throughout the subdivision to enhance the landscaping. Discussion followed. Member Gosselin asked if there was a conservation easement. Mr. Jefferies reported that there was with St. Johns River Water Management District. Member Vieira told Mr. Jefferies that interconnectivity with commercial business and combining parking with shared parking lot would be more environmentally sound. Mr. Jefferies told P&Z that this design system is a modernized subdivision, having traffic funneled into one area would be a nightmare, there are integrated sidewalks connecting commercial areas. Most national retailers require road frontage. Discussion followed. Vice Chairman Rivera informed Mr. Jefferies that TEC is encouraged by the development and appreciated him coming to the meeting to answer TEC concerns. Discussion followed.

Member Rivera made a motion to accept the Willow Creek Preliminary Plat with the conditions that the developer as he stated he would do, work on a pedestrian system in the commercial area, provide shade for pedestrians, and that he work with Mr. Woolrich from Brevard County and incorporate deed restrictions in the commercial section to include pedestrian system.

Motion seconded by Member Gutierrez

Discussion followed

Member Vieira made a motion to amend the previous motion to have the developer come back and show TEC how these things can be done as opposed to saying TEC approves the plat. Member Koromilas seconded the amended motion.

There was a voice vote. TEC then decided to have a roll call vote.

Roll call vote to approve the original motion:

Member Chamberlain – yes
Member Gosselin – yes
Member Ryba – yes
Member Gutierrez – no
Member Vieira – yes
Chairman Pettitt – yes
Member Koromilas – yes
Vice Chairman Rivera – yes

Roll call vote to approve amendment:

Member Ryba – yes
Vice Chairman Rivera – yes
Member Gutierrez – yes
Member Vieira – yes
Chairman Pettitt – yes
Member Gosselin – yes
Member Chamberlain – yes
Member Koromilas – yes

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Reports:

Chairman Pettit- Reported on the Arbor Day events. Informed TEC that at the last City Council meeting he expressed interest in being involved in the landscape ordinance.

Member Koromilas - Thanked staff involved in Arbor Day festivities. Made a motion to discuss bike and trail plans at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Vieira. There was a unanimous voice vote.

Member Chamberlain – Wanted to discuss code enforcement as it relates to street signs. Moved to discuss code enforcement and sign ordinance at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Member Vieira. There was a unanimous voice vote.

Member Vieira – Reported to TEC about historic signs throughout the downtown area and suggested TEC review.

Member Gutierrez – Informed TEC of a subdivision using solar power to supply utilities to residents. Discussion followed

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The Commission set the agenda for the February 5, 2003 regular meeting.

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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.