

**Titusville Environmental Commission  
Regular Meeting  
April 21, 2004**

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, April 21, 2004.

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Chairman Dean Pettit called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Vice Chairman Christine Ryba, Members Tony Koromilas, Al Gutierrez, Alex Chamberlain, Karen Mills and Ron Thorstad. Member George Mosakowski was excused. Also in attendance were 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 April 7, 2004 regular meeting. Member Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Koromilas seconded the motion. There was a unanimous voice vote.

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**Old Business:**

Vision Statement – Chairman Pettit reviewed with TEC the current vision statement. Discussion followed. TEC discussed combining strategies one and two to read, to determine the amount of stormwater pollution entering the Indian River Lagoon and mitigate stormwater. Discussion followed. Member Mills suggested adding strategy number eleven, Encourage environmentally sensitive development. Member Koromilas suggested adding promote the creation of a Green City to the Mission Statement. Discussion followed. Member Gutierrez suggested adding a strategy to have user fee charged for public park usage. Discussion followed.

Member Gutierrez made a motion that under Strategies to delete the phrase ad-velorum from item number five and delete alternative revenue change to obtain grant revenue fund for projects. There was no second to the motion. The motion did not carry.

Discussion followed. Member Gutierrez wanted to add to Strategies encourage the payment of user fees for parks and revenue would be used for the maintenance of parks. Discussion followed.

Member Koromilas made a motion to add the phrase promote the creation of a Green City after the environmental stewardship in the mission statement. Member Mills seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Member Chamberlain – no  
Member Koromilas – yes  
Member Thorstad – no  
Member Mills – yes  
Chairman Pettit – no  
Vice Chairman Ryba – yes  
Member Gutierrez – no

Member Gutierrez discussed user fees for parks and wanted to know why Vice Chairman Ryba did not like his suggestion. TEC began a very heated discussion. Members were asked by Chairman Pettit to regain their composure.

Member Chamberlain made a motion to delete Strategy number two and add to Strategy number three mitigate the stormwater. Member Koromilas seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Ryba – yes  
Member Thorstad – no  
Member Mills – yes  
Chairman Pettit – yes  
Member Koromilas – yes  
Member Chamberlain – yes  
Member Gutierrez – no

Discussion followed.

Vice Chairman Ryba made a motion to encourage City Council to review their landscaping and tree preservation codes to become more astringent. Member Koromilas seconded the motion.

Member Gutierrez made a motion to table discussion of the vision statement. Member Mills seconded the motion.

Member Chamberlain – no  
Vice Chairman Ryba – yes  
Member Thorstad – yes  
Member Mills – yes  
Chairman Pettit – yes  
Member Koromilas – yes  
Member Gutierrez -yes

**New Business:**

Discussion of Michael Myjak's Presentation – Chairman Pettit summarized with Mr. Myjak his presentation from the last TEC meeting on April 7, 2004. Discussion followed relating to density issues from his rural overlay district presentation. TEC asked Mr. Myjak to incorporate some of TEC calculations into his presentation. Mr. Myjak stated

he was willing to discuss the information to incorporate portions of it into his presentation. Discussion followed.

Member Mills left at 6:20 p.m.

Walter Pine, City of Titusville – Told TEC that this is the same information as proposed in the original SEAS ordinance. Referenced a letter from Dr. Larry Shannon, Head of the Endangered Species of US Department of Fish and Wildlife, relating to land owners rights. Wanted a definition of buildable lands. Stated there were no documents available at the meeting to follow what TEC was discussing present.

Thelma Roper, City of Titusville – Involved with Brevard County when they did the SEAS Ordinance. Within that document, there was a crucial habitat overlay zone, which is the same thing you are examining here. Ms. Roper asked how many members of TEC were also members of the Enchanted Forest. Stated that on the Friends of the Enchanted Forest web site they have suggested that members commit criminal acts by trespassing on development sites after work hours to examine the sites.

Pete Petyk, 1237 Little Oak Circle – Did review Mr. Myjak’s proposal. Stated he is a developer in the area and presented TEC with a graph outlining housing development in Titusville during the winter months of 2004. Told TEC that more growth in the area will bring in more doctors and professionals in the area and they would like to buy homes rather than the patio homes, which, are current population the City of Titusville.

Laura Ward, Riveredge Drive – She informed TEC that the rural district overlay is a tool for the planning department to use. Did not see how the overlay compared to SEAS. SEAS should not even be discussed now. This would be a good tool for planning to position a nicer development that is friendlier to the surrounding area and the environment. Member Gutierrez exclaimed to Ms. Ward stating that she did not know what property rights were. Discussion followed.

Member Gutierrez made a motion to not hear the item again. There was no second. Discussion followed

Member Koromilas made a motion to table discussion to the next regular TEC meeting. Vice Chairman Ryba seconded the motion.

Member Chamberlain – yes

Member Koromilas - yes

Member Thorstad – no

Chairman Pettit – yes

Member Gutierrez – no

Vice Chairman Ryba - yes

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**Reports:**

Chairman Pettit – Reported to TEC that they had a booth at Enchanted Forest for Earth Day.

Member Gutierrez – Commented on Mr. Myjak’s presentation stated that he wondered when the intelligent people of Florida would awake to the damages of having extremist and fascist environmentalists seizing and violating property rights of owners. The property owner is the best to know how their property can be used.

Member Chamberlain – Made a four part motion to recommend to City Council to implement immediately: (1) to fill all vacant positions on the Planning and Development staff as expeditiously as possible (2) to hire an environmental planner to work on environmental issues (3) join with the County to develop a long range regional plan for North Brevard County (4) to arrange for a suitable meeting place and time so that the TEC has suitable time to address issues that come before the board. Vice Chairman Ryba seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Ryba – yes

Member Thorstad – yes

Chairman Pettit – yes

Member Koromilas – yes

Member Chamberlain - yes

Member Gutierrez - no

Staff – Reported to TEC the items on the Planning and Zoning agenda.

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**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.