

**Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
April 2, 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, April 2, 2003.

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Chairman Pettit called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Anthony Koromilas, Alex Chamberlain, and Alternate Members Chris Ryba, and Alfonso Gutierrez. Vice Chairman Rivera and Member Vieira were excused. Member Gosselin arrived at 5:40 p.m. 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 March 19, 2003 regular meeting. Member Chamberlain moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Gutierrez seconded the motion. There was a unanimous voice vote.

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Old Business:

Indian River Lagoon: *An Estuary in Transition* – Member Ryba reported to TEC that she had not done any more research on these items, but did discuss some of the items that were discussed at the workshop. Member Koromilas asked if the group spoke about actuary. Member Koromilas suggested TEC inquire about having more environmental workshops in the area, most of the workshops are not done locally. Member Koromilas stated that one of TEC's initiatives was for more workshops. Discussion continued.

Member Gutierrez made a motion to hold an educational seminar in Titusville in regards to the Indian River Lagoon. Member Chamberlain seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Member Koromilas made a friendly amendment to the motion to add other environmental issues as related the to Indian River Lagoon. Member Gutierrez seconded the motion. Discussion followed. There was a unanimous voice vote for the friendly amendment. There was also a unanimous voice vote for the original motion.

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New Business:

Earth Day and Indian River Festival Activities – Member Koromilas began a discussion with TEC to transfer funds that were original designated for tree planting on Arbor Day to purchase trees for a give-away for the Earth Day Festivities. Discussion continued. TEC examined different ideas to educate the public on environmental issues. Chairman Pettit reported to TEC that many Feral Cats are being dumped off in areas of Titusville and suggested that some information be given to the public relating to this issues. Member Gosselin reported to TEC that the Human Society handles information on strays. Discussion continued.

Chairman Pettit asked what would TEC like to do for the Indian River Festival. Member Koromilas asked if TEC should have a booth or participate in the activities. Discussion followed. Member Mosakowski suggested that the Indian River Festival is not the proper venue for TEC, but Earth Day is. Member Gutierrez stated that during the Indian River Festival he would like to educate children on environmental issues. Member Ryba agreed with Member Mosakowski's comments.

Motion was made by Member Ryba for TEC not to participate in the Indian River Festival or have a booth at this time. Member Mosakowski seconded the motion.

Member Mosakowski – yes

Member Ryba – yes

Member Chamberlain – yes

Member Gosselin – yes

Member Gutierrez – no

Chairman Pettit – yes

Member Koromilas – yes

Discussion followed.

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Reports:

Chairman Pettit – Reported to TEC that the semi-annual report to City Council was well received. Told TEC of a newspaper article stating that more communities are utilizing walking trails. Asked Member Gosselin about a new algae spreading in Lagoons. Member Gosselin stated it was possible and the algae are usually spread by boats. Discussion followed.

Member Gosselin – Suggested that TEC drive down to Martin County and look at how growth is being managed. There is sustainable growth in Martin County.

Member Mosakowski – Reported to TEC that he had potted twenty Oaks and the Garden Club pick them up and Member Mosakowski would possibly pot twelve more oaks within the next few days. The east side of Harrison Street should be landscaped sometime in the near future. Suggested that the Brevard Nature Alliance President come before TEC and discuss their programs so that TEC may partner with them to meet each groups initiatives. Member Mosakowski stated he would contact someone from the Brevard Nature Alliance for a future meeting.

Member Chamberlain– Informed TEC that after the next meeting he would be out of town for the summer. Requested staff provides a leave of absence for him to City Council.

Member Koromilas – Reported to TEC along the east end of Harrison Street several types of trees are being planted. Member Mosakowski suggested a database be started to keep track of the trees that have been planted.

Member Koromilas asked staff about redistricting of schools, there are not sidewalks in some of the new district, does the City of Titusville and schools have some type of plan to address this problem. Keith Cunningham informed TEC that the City of Titusville had just started working with the Brevard County School Board and Brevard County on a Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) for school facilities. Discussion followed.

Member Koromilas reported to TEC that the Vectorworks road is covered with a lot of material. Discussion followed.

Member Gutierrez – Requested since TEC will be having an educational seminar in May for the environment that he be given equal time to have someone come in to discuss free market environmentalism, would ask that the commission grant the courtesy to hear another point of view.

Member Gutierrez stated that in regards to sustainable growth he would like to have someone come in that would give an opposing view and show what sustainable growth entails. Sustainable growth is a buzzword used by liberals to impose more governmental regulations to do away with people’s property rights. Chairman Pettit stated that TEC is not the Planning and Zoning Commission and does not make zoning laws, TEC is an advisory board to the City Council on environmental issues not property rights. Member Gutierrez responded by stating that what he has outlined on sustainable growth has to do with the environment. Member Ryba stated that this issue is something that TEC has already addressed before. Member Gutierrez stated that since a seminar on the environment was discussed that this issues also relates to environment and should be discussed as a matter of fairness. Member Koromilas made a motion to table this item. Member Mosakowski seconded the motion. Member Koromilas stated that no discussion would be allowed since the motion was to table. There was a voice vote with (6) yes (1) no. Member Gutierrez stated that his worries were correct that there seems to be quite a liberal bias in the commission.

Keith Cunningham asked TEC when they would hear this item again. TEC stated this item would be on the next agenda.

Staff – Reviewed P&Z agenda with TEC and updated TEC on new development request submitted to the City for a CVS Pharmacy on the corner of Barna and State Road 50. Discussion followed.

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The Commission set the agenda for the April 16, 2003 regular meeting.

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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.