

**Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
August 6, 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, August 6, 2003

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Chairman Pettit called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Members Vieira, Gosselin Alternate Member Gutierrez. Members Chamberlain, and Mosakowski, Koromilas were excused. Vice Chairman Rivera arrived at 5:35. Also in attendance were City Attorney Dwight Severs, 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 July 16, 2003 regular meeting. Member Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes as amended. Member Gosselin seconded the motion. There was a unanimous voice vote.

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New Business:

Airport Ordinance #27-2003

Mr. Severs presented to TEC suggested/recommended changes from Brevard County in relationship to the Ordinance. Mr. Severs then gave a history of the collaboration on the ordinance between the City along with several different agencies. Discussion followed. Member Gutierrez asked Mr. Severs to define non-conforming uses. Mr. Severs informed TEC of the definition as it related to the airport ordinance. Member Gutierrez asked if there were any Federal or State Statutes regarding the removal of trees. Mr. Severs told TEC that there are statutes. Discussion followed. Member Vieira suggested removing item number one under non-conforming, asked what the permitting process for tree planting entailed. Mr. Severs stated that no permit is required if trees are less than 100 feet. Member Gosselin stated changes in ordinance are good, concerned about wellfield vegetation that is within the notification area of the runway. Discussion followed. Chairman Pettit questioned large gathering of groups for events at the end of a runway, i.e., Earth Day celebration at the Enchanted Forest. Mr. Severs stated that he did not envision that as a problem. Discussion followed.

Anne Birch, Brevard Endangered Land Program – Thanked TEC and staff for being cooperative and hearing concerns and suggestions. Stated she was glad to see changes and comments incorporated into the Ordinance. Questioned Mr. Severs regarding aircraft noise. Mr. Severs stated that if the County were requesting a permit, he would work with Mr. Knox for suggested changes to language in that section of the ordinance. Discussion followed. Asked that the board considered the letter suggesting proposed changes.

Martha Pessaro, 1280 Marshall Court, Merritt Island – Informed TEC that she is the President of the Friends of the Enchanted Forest. Thanked staff for listening to their concerns and integrating some of the changes. Stated they would wait for a response from the County Commission tomorrow evening when they review Anne Birch's letter.

Motion was made by Member Gutierrez to recommend to the City Council approval of the Airport Ordinance as amended. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Rivera.

Member Gosselin – yes
Vice Chairman Rivera – yes
Member Gutierrez – yes
Member Vieira – yes
Chairman Pettit – yes

Conservation Subdivision Design (CSD) and T2-2003 Green Building – Member Gutierrez began a discussion on Conservation Subdivision Design. Chairman Pettit told TEC that he was aware that Green Trust is in the process of incorporating CSD building principals and contacted them to obtain more information. Member Gutierrez stated he would like to be involved with obtaining more information from that organization. Discussion followed. Member Vieira suggested looking over the information he provided to see how incentives could be used to help further CSD and Green Building. Vice Chairman Rivera stated that TEC should focus on offering incentives to further this type of building. Discussion followed. Member Gutierrez stated such incentives could be a waiver of impact fees for single-family homes and possible commercial buildings, or a reduction in cost of pulling permits and streamlining the process.

Member Gutierrez made a motion to recommend to the City Council along with the Economic Development Commission to try to secure investors to bring in straw factories. Motion was not seconded. Motion did not carry.

Member Gutierrez asked to discuss this item again, and have TEC come up with ideas to draft an ordinance to present to City Council. Chairman Pettit suggest sending a representative from TEC to a Green Trust meeting since that organization is getting ready in the next 3-4 months to present this topic, and then have TEC discuss further at a later date. Discussion followed.

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Reports:

Member Gosselin – Discussed stormwater park.

Member Vieira – Acknowledged that straw building is great but he was not aware of any in Florida. Suggested more research before building a factory.

Member Gutierrez – Discussed with TEC a booklet he distributed *Climate of Hype*.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.