

September 2020 Meeting Minutes

- **Update on the work of City's Sustainability Committee (Paul)**
 - The committee started having a director level person with the city come to each meeting and give a presentation about what their department does that interfaces with sustainability.
 - The Director of Public Works Tom Funcheon spoke at their most recent meeting
 - He talked about: The energy saving performance contract the city entered, annual energy savings of \$121,000, increasing solar panels on various structures in the city, improving stormwater drains, etc.
 - Future considerations: More trees and canopies, reducing the use of Roundup, cutting the grass at 3 inches, more greenspace, pervious roads, etc.
 - All meetings are recorded to learn more please visit the City's website to watch the committee's entire meeting
 - The committee has stopped working on creating a sustainability Plan
 - Working on community outreach now- compiled a list of organizations: religious, schools, businesses, etc.
 - Each Member will reach out to 2 groups
 - City Arborist speaking at the sustainability committee meeting this Thursday at 6pm- Open to the Public via zoom.
- **Update on Planning and Zoning Board (Julie)**
 - Technical Review meeting: Storage facility at alt 19 moving forward; Anclote industrial railroad site moving forward; Disston and Klosterman moving forward; the Walmart site on east side of 19 and Anclote River moving forward.
 - Visioning meeting on October 6th about Manatee tourism push with City Manager Costa Vatikiotis
 - Something happening with Wawa site (Not sure what) - Keep our eyes out.
- **Possible Grant opportunity discussion (Paul)**
 - We are looking at some federal grants which could be of benefit to our city.
 - This is in follow up to our email to the BOC on August 4.
- **Opportunities to Serve (Beach Cleanups) Alia**
 - Link to signup for Sunshine Skyway Shoreline Cleanup on October 17th
 - (<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1229301620064/false#/invitation>)
 - Possible DIY Beach Cleanups at the end of the month with GLOBE from the Patel College- More info to come soon!
- **Social Media outreach (Cassie)**
 - Cassie posted a video please like and share!
- **Outreach to local schools (Alia)**
 - Created a brief presentation about who we are, what sustainability is and how kids can get involved.
 - As a 501c3 we are able to sign off on volunteer hours. So we are offering students the opportunity to earn volunteer hours with us by helping us with social media, video creation, etc.

- Reached out to East Lake, Tarpon High, Solid Rock and Palm Harbor- Will follow up when I hear back.
- **Pinellas County Super Committee (Paul)**
 - Purpose is to acquire green space
 - 4 Places of interest are: Tides Golf course, the Landings, Douglas property and the West Klosterman preserve.
 - Focusing on population density, lower income housing, green space and land acquisition.
- **Turn the Tide invited to speak at a panel (Jeff)**
 - UF IFAS Extension invited us to speak on a panel about water conservation
 - This year's program will be taught 100% online via Zoom.
 - The session will take place on Monday, November 9 from 4-6pm.
- **Treasurer's**
 - Paid Weebly \$144 brings our account down to \$46.07
- **Announcements from the floor**
 - Creating a PayPal for TTT
 - Winn Dixie Nonprofit giving
 - Amazon smiles
- **Adjourn**