

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM at the Bayside Center.

Roll Call – The following members and guests were present:

Members:

Marjorie Brooks	Bob Adams	Sara Maas
Marty Mozzo	Jim Tweed	Laurie Taylor (City Liaison)

Guests:

Bill Stuempfig	Carol Jones	Carol Marceluk
Bob Marceluk	Councilman Pete Madden	
Councilman Mike DeVlieger		

Open Public Meetings Announcement – Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of September 23, 2014 meeting were introduced. Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Jim Tweed and seconded by Marjorie Brooks. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pending Business

- Review of Ordinance 14-34
 - Marty Mozzo discussed this ordinance. He stated that Councilman McClellan had tabled the ordinance at the last Council Meeting of September 25th. Council wanted the Environmental Commission to review what options were available instead of a sod and irrigation paving strip.
 - Marty opened this up for public comment. Council representatives indicated that they were open to any alternative option which makes sense. The other public attendees indicated that they would like to see native plants instead of the sod in paving strips.
 - Each commissioner gave their opinion and comments on the options available. Native plants still need to be researched and considered.
 - Marty appointed a sub committee to review findings and present to the Environmental Commission.
 - The findings will include criteria for use of native plants in paving strips such as height limitations, as well as some suggested plants which could be used. This will be discussed at the next Commission Meeting.
- ANJEC Open Space and Recreation Plan.
 - A resolution adopting OSRP as an element of the Master Plan will be introduced and voted on at the Planning Board's October 8th meeting.
 - Once the resolution is adopted, a meeting will be held with the City, Planning Board, and Environmental Commission to discuss the formation of the Open Space and Recreation Committee (OSRC).

- Fall activity planning
 - Clean Ocean Beach Sweep, October 25th. The event will be run by Ocean City DPW on this date from 9:00 AM to Noon. There currently will be two stations to assist at, Music Pier and 57th Street. Volunteers will be needed to assist at the event, mainly educational efforts. Jim Tweed, Donna Moore, and Marty Mozzo agreed to volunteer.
 - Beach Grass – Laurie Taylor will discuss getting dune plants or dune grass from Mike Rossbach. Date for this event will be set up once this is finalized.
- Submitted Plan Review
 - No plans were reviewed at the meeting.

New Business

- No new business was discussed.

Public Comment – None other than on Ordinance 14-34.

Meeting Adjourned Approximately 8:05 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21st, 6:30PM at the Bayside Center.