

**FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES
TOWN OF JUPITER
ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER ROOM A
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**

Chair Puz called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Roll Call: Willie Puz (Chair); Christina Akly; Evan Nader; Stephen Poskitt; Emily O'Mahoney; Meghan Henehan (ALT); and Laura Cahill, Staff Liaison. Remy Torsiello (Vice-Chair), and Melinda Parrott (ALT) were absent. Christa Cherry arrived at 6:04.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Blaine Burgess, resident of Tequesta and volunteer for Citizens' Climate Lobby, spoke about climate change. He supported the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, HR 763. and explained briefly how the dividends would help families. He asked the Task Force to recommend a resolution from the Town Council.

Ms. Linda Smithe, resident of Via Rio and volunteer for Citizens' Climate Lobby, asked for the Task Force's support regarding Town Council's approval of a resolution supporting the bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, HR 763. She mentioned she supported adding stipulations in Town vendor contracts banning single use plastics. Ms. Smithe also distributed a handout regarding the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 Campaign, advocating for clean and renewable energy.

MINUTES

1. November 9, 2020 ETF Meeting Minutes.

Ms. O'Mahoney mentioned a correction at the end of a sentence under Citizen Comments.

Ms. O'Mahoney moved to approve the November 9, 2020 meeting minutes; as amended; second by Ms. Cherry; motion passed.

Puz	Akly	Cherry	Nader	Poskitt	O'Mahoney	Henehan
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC BUSINESS

2. PURE Campaign Progress and Update Presentation

Ms. Kate Moretto, Director of Community Relations, gave a presentation highlighting the Plastic Use Reduction Encouragement (PURE) campaign elements, promotional items, business partners and recent and future program activities. She mentioned the last update was from January of 2020 and said because of COVID impacts, it had been difficult for restaurants to focus on the initiative.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

2. PURE Campaign Progress and Update Presentation

Ms. Moretto explained the direction given by Council in 2018 was to begin reduction encouragement with an outreach campaign concentrating on plastic straws.

Task members asked various questions about future plans. Ms. Moretto clarified that the program had taken somewhat of a backseat, given current circumstances, but she felt most restaurants were still committed and that an expanded campaign could move forward in the future.

3. Sustainability Topics Discussion

Chair Puz noted one of Vice-Mayor Kaufer's initiatives was to create a Town sustainability plan centered around Green Local Government elements.

The Task Force discussed ways to start a plan and what direction to follow. Ms. O'Mahoney mentioned the working list they had begun in early meetings and thought that could be added to and finalized.

Chair Puz suggested discussing the document and finalizing a draft as a recommendation. He mentioned a Florida Statute which would allow the Town to take a stronger position on business recycling and plastic re-use.

The Task Force discussed Green Local Government elements, waste reduction and recycling, natural resources, community outreach and climate adaptation.

4. Task Force Member Comments

Ms. Henehan suggested adding a sustainability coordinator position at the Town.

Ms. O'Mahoney said she was appointed by the state chapter of the Landscape Architect's Association as a climate representative and thought she should be able to get information on projects from other agencies.

Mr. Nader asked about voicing support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, HR 763. Chair Puz recommended waiting for Council's direction. The Task Force discussed several elements of the Carbon Dividend Act.

Ms. Linda Smithe, resident of Via Rio and volunteer for Citizens' Climate Lobby, asked for continued support of the Carbon Dividend Act in any upcoming sustainability plan discussions. She also mentioned plastic use reduction and recycling expansion.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:04 P.M.

Liz Ojea, Recording Secretary

Willie Puz, Chair