

FEAB MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Fairhope Public Library Board Room, Fairhope, AL

Member Attendees: Gary Gover, Jim Horner, Jennifer Foutch, Amy Paulson, Ben Frater, Nigel Temple, Mike Shelton

Members not in attendance:

Jeanine Normand (warranted absence); Michelle Melton (warranted absence)

City of Fairhope: Jessica Walker, Community Development; Kim Burmeister -Planning and Zoning Department.

City Council: None

Honored Guests: Rick Speight, 123 Kurlane

Minutes taken by Kim Burmeister

Gary called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Summary of meeting:

1. *Potential new member, Rick Speight, has submitted an application for consideration for FEAB membership. FEAB must first amend by laws to increase membership from 9 to 11 members.*
2. *Fairhope Recycling program is not currently on-line, marketing issues.*
3. *Triangle property still needs natural resource inventory, and soil inventory*
4. *FEAB needs council representation*
5. *Motion #1: Amend FEAB by-laws to allow for 11 instead of 9 members*
6. *Motion #2: Approve Rick Speight as new member, pending Motion #1 passes*
7. *Motion #3: FEAB approves of City pursuing stormwater infrastructure inventory through funding such as Restore Act Bucket 3 funds*
8. *Motion #4: FEAB encourages City of Fairhope to perform a Community Self - Assessment for resiliency*
9. *Motion #5: FEAB would like to invite Dale Linder to next meeting to discuss Recycling program.*

FEAB Minutes:

Gary made a motion to approve the FEAB August meeting minutes with one revision: He (Gary) has been attending the Bike Ped meetings (Nigel said he has not). Minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Agenda:

Amy presented an agenda for today's meeting.

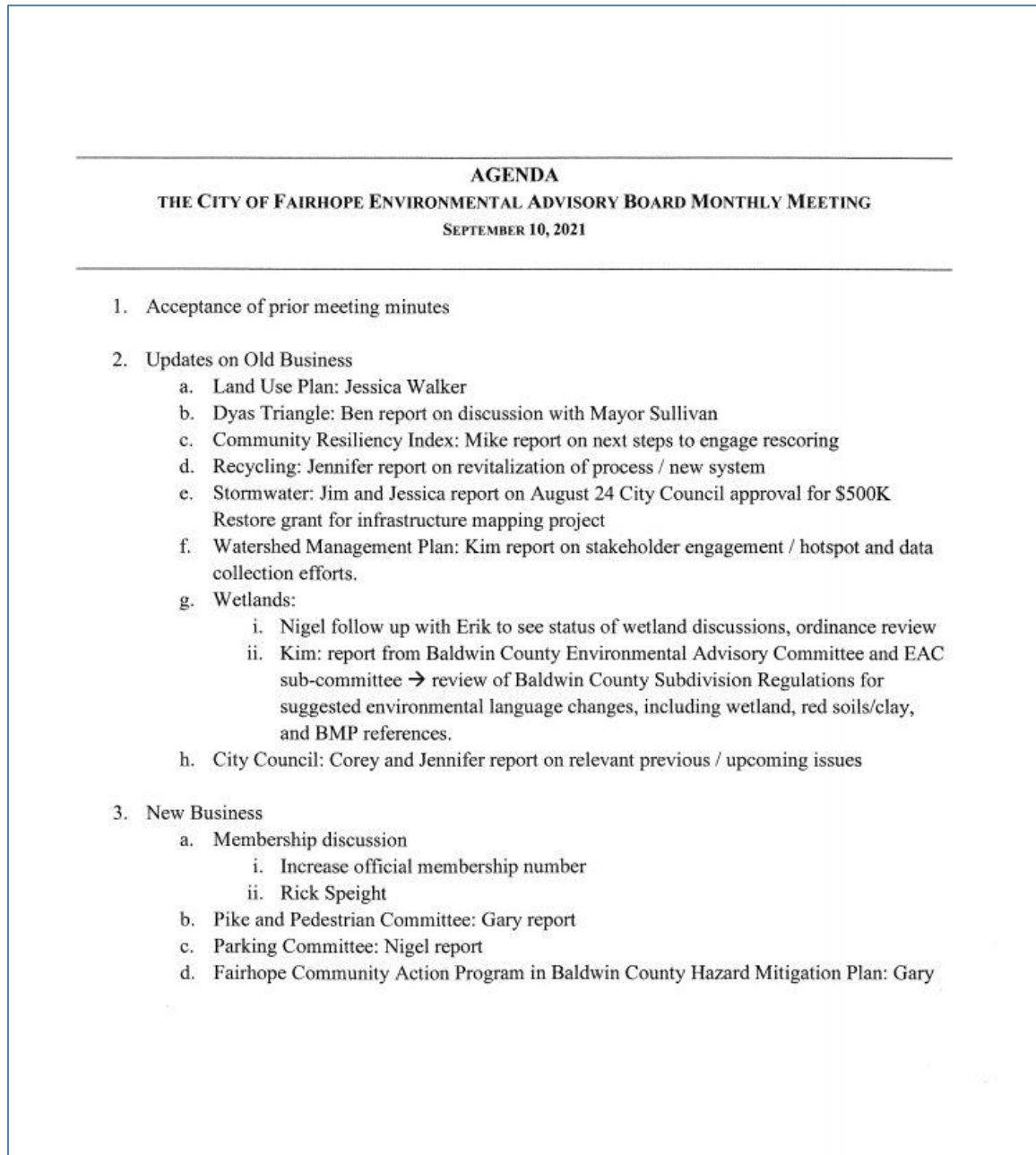


Figure 1 Agenda by Amy

New Member Application and By-Law updates

Rick Speight has sent in an application to the City Clerk for FEAB membership. Gary shared a copy of the application. Amy went over Mr. Speight's application and qualifications. He would be a great asset to FEAB. For a new member to be considered, FEAB by-laws must be amended to allow for more than 9 members. Currently there are nine members and by-laws only allow for 9 members. Amy presented a draft

recommendation for by-law amending membership from 9 to 11 members. This would increase quorum from 5 to 6.

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ORDINANCE NO. ____ AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1689, THE BYLAWS OF THE FAIRHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP, Section 2. The board will consist of **eleven (11)** members. Members may be nominated by the mayor, city council or by other members. Members will be appointed by the city council. A member with unwarranted absence from three (3) regular meetings shall have resigned their appointment.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND MEETINGS, Section 4. **Monthly meetings will be held at a time determined by the Board as necessary to provide for regularity and greatest participation by the members.** Other special meetings may be called as needed.

Effective Date - This Amendment shall take effect immediately upon its due adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____. 2021

Jack Burrell, Council President

ATTEST:

Lisa Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____. 2021

Figure 2 FEAB By-Law amendment draft by Amy

Amy made a motion to recommend amendments to council for consideration and to accept Rick Speight as a new member. Jim seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion 1:

Amend FEAB By-Laws to allow for up to eleven (11) members instead of nine (9) and if approved:

Motion 2: Recommend Rick Speight's application for FEAB membership be approved at next Council meeting.

Land Use Plan:

Jessica announced the Comprehensive Land Use Plan community meeting on September 22th, 6 p.m. at the James P. Nix Center on Bayou Drive. All are welcome.

She invited FEAB (up to three FEAB members) to attend a Comprehensive Land Use Plan small group meeting on September 23rd, 8 a.m. in the Delchamps Room. She asked FEAB to consider three representatives. Amy, Jim and Mike will attend as representatives of FEAB. Neill Schaffer is the consultant for the land use plan.

Jennifer encouraged all FEAB members to attend the Sept. 22nd meeting.

Mike mentioned that Baldwin County is also holding community meetings for land use planning. Mike attends the Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) meetings, and Kim is a member. Next Baldwin County EAC meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 3 p.m. at the Baldwin County Central Annex meeting. It is tentatively scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of every month, 3 p.m. at the Central Annex building in Robertsdale, and all are welcome. It's a public meeting.

Mike said stream and wetland protection is a high priority for Baldwin County EAC.

Kim will share Baldwin EAC minutes when available.

Dyas Triangle:

Ben said there is no update of information at this time.

Jessica said City of Fairhope is applying for a GOMESA grant for Triangle trail development and/or pedestrian tunnel considerations. City has also applied for Rivers, Trails and Parks grant funding through ADECA.

Amy said the soils at the triangle property do not support bike trails. City needs a soil study.

Jessica said grant or grants might provide funding for inventories including soil study but monies will not be available immediately, if and when grants are approved. Council needs to advocate for the environmental inventory to ensure this will happen. Jessica will mention need for more council involvement to the Mayor.

Jim said inventory has been anticipated to cost about \$100K. He wants Corey to advocate for the inventory.

Ben and Michelle are still the FEAB representatives for the triangle property; Jessica will follow up with them on updates as they occur.

Stormwater Inventory Meeting with Mobile (August)

Jim said council should be reviewing this at an upcoming council meeting. He did not think it was on the September 13th agenda but hopefully will be on the next one. He thanked Corey Martin for his strong vocal support of a potential similar inventory project for Fairhope at the August Council Work Session. Jim said the stormwater inventory fits in with community resilience.

Jim introduced a motion to support Fairhope obtaining Restore Act Bucket 3 funds to complete an inventory of its stormwater infrastructure. Estimated costs: \$500K.

Mike seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion 3: FEAB supports the City of Fairhope obtaining Restore Act Bucket 3 funds to complete an inventory of its stormwater infrastructure. Estimated costs: \$500K.

Community Resilience Index:

Mike gave everyone a copy of a guide: "A Community Self – Assessment", a Sea Grant publication.

https://masgc.org/assets/uploads/publications/662/coastal_community_resilience_index_2021.pdf

He has sent this to the Mayor for consideration to adopt or research further. He hopes to hear back from the Mayor after the budget is approved (budget is top priority right now). New fiscal year starts October 1.

Mike suggested a motion for FEAB to encourage City to conduct a Community Self-Assessment. Amy seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion #4: FEAB encourages City of Fairhope to perform a Community Self-Assessment for resiliency.

Recycling:

Jennifer said the city recently gave an update on the program on social media. Jennifer also spoke with city waste management coordinator Dale Linder, who is the recycling contact, as well as the waste management contact for Fairhope. Recycling material source being used (Emerald Coast, FL) is damaged from fire. Fairhope is still picking up recycling material, but it is being placed in the trailer for garbage (Magnolia Springs). 3 years ago, the City began single source recycling because of source challenges of materials. This is still an issue. Hopefully recycling in Fairhope will be back on-line in a couple of months. Any leads on recycling markets or reuse is appreciated.

Jim: City should concentrate on paper and box board /cardboard recycling, including residential, where the city can make a profit.

Kim: Fiber (paper and cardboard) is about 75% of most waste streams and is a clean recycling item. It should be the easiest item to recycle, for the city and for residents.

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Baldwin county is working on a grant for a handling facility, but this will be a long-term plan. Dale offered to come speak to FEAB if there's an interest. Nigel mentioned the importance of reuse: Ocean Springs, MS has an active RRR program (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).

Jennifer made a motion to invite Dale to the October FEAB meeting. Nigel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #5: FEAB will invite Dale Linder, Public Works Waste Management Supervisor, to the October FEAB meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Next meeting is Friday, October 22nd @ 8 a.m. at the James P. Nix Center

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