

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:42pm by Chair Cheryl Starnes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Cheri Starnes, Secretary Hope Chessel, Vice Chair Charles Sohm, Pam Lewis, Amber Gifford, Kevin Hurley, Nah-Dee Simmons, Taylor Collins, Daniel Nichols, Erin Howard, Leslie Davidson, Henrietta Francis and Chris Gay.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Tim Howells, Kevin Hurley, Pam Lewis, Scott McGee, Lana Smith, Glee Glisson, Torrence Whitehead, and Ron Winstead.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: None

Chairman to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Committee on matters not on the Agenda.

No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1 Minutes for June: Motion made by Pam Lewis and seconded by Henrietta Francis to approve the April Minutes, passed by vote.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2. River House Subcommittee Update: Pam Lewis presented the subcommittee recommendations which are as follows:

- a. Subcommittee would like house to serve as a historic community center (multi use)
- b. Startup (restaurant)
- c Startup, (Non food)

Motion by Chris Gay, seconded by Kevin Hurley to submit subcommittee recommendations to council, passed by vote.

3. Beautification Subcommittee: Taylor Collins would like to meet with Steve Kennedy again to identify areas of interest for beautification. Mr. Collins spoke to Kimberly Morgan, Director of Tourism for Clay County. Clay is planning a County Mural Master Plan including a story to tie them all together.

Guest: Ozzie Nelson, address: 318 Songbird Lakes Drive , spoke briefly about a dealer on Hwy 17 (Hwy 17 Motors) wanting to put a mural up telling the history of Green Cove Springs.

Mr. Collins advised Stephanie Williams has been appointed Secretary of the subcommittee.

4. Marketing Subcommittee: Did not meet, Dr McNair, chair of Subcommittee was not present.

5. New Business: Lesley Davidson updated Walnut Street. Several new businesses have opened in the 400 block of Walnut including a yoga studio, event studio, and several clothing businesses. Grand Openings will be occurring in the upcoming weeks.

Cheryl Starnes announced Mr. Daniels will be potentially at the next meeting to discuss the process for opening a restaurant.

Chris Gay discussed follow-up on City Ord 0-03-2127. Mr. Gay reviewed his previous presentation. Mr. Gay expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of protection of native trees despite the ordinance stating it should be. The State Tree is not on the protected list, it also excludes pines.

Ordinance says no removal of a protected tree but there is no list of protected trees.

Mr. Gay would like to have a protection permit to remove a tree, especially if it is an older tree as despite the private nature of personal home property, the trees are a part of a bigger neighbor aesthetic.


Mr. Gay would like to know where the funding from tree removal fees is being pooled and distributed as it is unclear.


Ultimately Mr. Gay would like to have the committee review current ordinance and submit for review by the city.

A motion was made to create a subcommittee to examine the current ordinance. Volunteers for the subcommittee are Lesley Davidson, Charlie Sohm, Kevin Hurley, Nah-Dee Simmons, and Chris Gay. A motion to form the subcommittee was made by Taylor Collins, Seconded by Nah-dee Simmons, Passed by vote.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


Hope Chessel, Secretary, CAC


Cheryl Starnes, Chairman, CAC


Daniel "Matt" Johnson, Mayor