

***Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2025***

The Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session at City Hall in the Council Chamber located at 555 South Washington Avenue on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

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Vice Chairwoman Laurilee Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present were, Member Jonathan Burdette, Member Michael Browning, Member Hector Delgado and Member Beth Ann Tucker and Alternate Member Joshua Koci . Chairman Michael Myjak, Member Robert Walter and Alternate Member William Young were absent. Staff present were Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Member Tucker made a motion to approve the June 11, 2025, meeting minutes with corrections. Member Delgado seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson requested that the Commission members consider moving item 8A after the first Petitions and Requests from Public Present.

Member Browning made a motion to move New Business item 8A to be heard after the first Petitions and Requests from Public Present. Member Tucker seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Petitions and Requests from Public Present

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida came to speak about his concerns with a change of access on Mockingbird Lane from two access points to only one and from 20 feet wide down to 10 feet wide. Mr. Johnston also spoke of his concerns with the spraying of sewage on the public.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida made comments about City Council's discussion from their July 8, 2025 meeting relating to the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

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New Business

Kim Gibbs presentation on Storm scaping in Central Florida with Florida Native Plants

Kim Gibbs gave a PowerPoint presentation on Storm scaping in Central Florida with Florida Native Plants.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members thanked Ms. Gibbs for the excellent presentation.

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Old Business

Native Municipal Tree, Canopy, and Landscape Management Trust Fund

Vice Chairwoman Thompson stated that the Titusville Environmental Commission members have spent a very long time discussing this item and feels that the Commission could be making better use of their time by using the Natural Resources Plan that has already been completed. Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that the Commission should be working towards saving our current tree canopy.

Member Delgado stated that there should be a goal.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion as to how to proceed with working on this document.

Member Burdette said the city needs a full time Urban Forester.

Vice Chairman Thompson said the moneys received from developers paid into this fund should be used for tree plantings.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that Resolution 30-2001 has the existing language for use of the fund and that the Commission should look to modifying this document instead of creating a new one.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville came to give clarification on the Landscape Enhancement Fund and Resolution 30-2001.

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Kay St. Onge of Titusville came to speak about the Urban Forestry Management Plan and that what needs to be done is following the recommendation that have been made in this plan. Ms. St. Onge said the plan is done, it is time to implement the plan.

Member Browning stated he can simplify the document to support the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said it should be simply stated that the funds collected by Developers from cutting down trees should be used for tree plantings.

Ms. St. Onge said that the Titusville Environmental Commission should make a recommendation to City Council to tell Public Works to use the \$2.00 per capita for tree plantings.

Vice Chairman Thompson suggested not taking any action on the Native Municipal Tree, Canopy, and Landscape Management Trust Fund document and instead looking at Resolution 30-2001 and strengthening the language.

Member Browning volunteered to look at Resolution 30-2001 and draft new language.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had additional discussion.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said she agrees with Member Burdette that the city needs a full time Urban Forester.

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Multi-Family Ordinance & Definitions

Mary Spahr of Cocoa, Florida came to speak about the Multi-Family Ordinance. Ms. Spahr requested that an email be sent to the Titusville Commission Members prior to tonight's meeting and that the email attachments from that email be available on their laptops during the meeting. Ms. Spahr spoke about the tree canopy requirements on different projects. Ms. Spahr spoke of her concerns with the required 25% tree canopy on properties that have already been previously cleared and have little to no trees on the site. Ms. Spahr said that the Titusville Environmental Commission might consider making a recommendation to reduce the 25% tree canopy requirement on these particular sites only to entice redevelopment of these properties that are already cleared. Ms. Spahr said this requirement can be a deterrent for developers and she is suggesting this as a provision for the problem.

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Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida came to speak. Ms. St. Onge encouraged the Titusville Environmental Commission members to attend the July 22, 2025 5:30pm presentation meeting. Ms. St. Onge would also like to see developers use properties that have already been cleared for development. Ms. St. Onge said she sent the Commission members an email with her detailed comments about definitions. Ms. St. Onge referred to her email. Ms. St. Onge said that she would recommend that the word condominiums be included in the ordinance as to not exclude them from multi-family. Ms. St. Onge stated that all residential properties should meet tree canopy requirements.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members had discussion relating to Ms. Sphar and Ms. St. Onge's comments.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that it would be simple to add condominiums to the ordinance.

Member Browning said he does not understand what Ms. Sphar is asking and stated that he does not think it is a burden for developers to meet the tree canopy requirement even if the lots have been previously cleared. Member Browning said he would not make any exceptions to the tree canopy requirements.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked the Commission what their opinion was on with regard to speaking at the July 22, 2025 5:30pm presentation meeting. The Titusville Environmental Commission members agreed to attend the meeting and speak during the petitions and requests if they desire.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked Ms. Galleo to provide the May 27, 2025 City Council agenda which includes the presentation that Mr. Parrish will be giving so that the Commission members can review it before July 22, 2025.

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Petitions and Requests from Public Present

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Reports

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo said she attended the meeting regarding the Environmental Impact Study from Starship and has a contact name for future questions if needed.

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Member Delgado attended the Isaac Campbell tree planting event.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson reminded the Commission of the August 2, 2025 tree planting event at Blue Hole Park.

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Future Agenda Items

1. Resolution 30-2001
2. Status report on Parks & Open Space Ordinance

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Adjournment 9:01 p.m.