

***Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 14, 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, May 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

XXX

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

XXX

Vice Chairwoman Thompson made a motion to approve the April 9, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Member Tucker seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

XXX

Petitions and Requests from Public Present

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida, spoke regarding the City of Titusville's corruption. Mr. Johnston handed out a list of possible future agenda items to the commission.

Mary Sphar of Cocoa, Florida, spoke regarding her concerns about the multi-family canopy ordinance. She stated the parks and open space, LID and tree canopy all need to work together.

Chairman Myjak had questions regarding the infill parcels, the sizes and ranges. He suggested doing some data analysis to see how many infill parcels the city has in size and how many of each to see the challenge. Chairman Myjak stated they are going to have a discussion about raising the minimum number of dwellings on an infill parcel to not have to deal with the tree ordinance to basically waive the environmental plans. Chairman Myjak continued with if they are trying to achieve an overall canopy through the city then anything they do that is less than that goal canopy is in error. He feels 16% or 1/6 of any parcel should be set aside for canopy for native vegetation.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion and raised questions regarding the TEC version of the ordinance and staff's version.

Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025

Member Browning asked if staff is going to present their version in contradiction to what the commission had asked to be submitted to council. Chairman Myjak stated he did not know what staff was going to present.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said if this is going to council on May 27, they do not have time for staff to gather information for the commission. Chairman Myjak stated this is for future work the commission will be doing. He stated the commission has already put forward their best effort to council.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson stated if council goes ahead and they go with the 50 units, what good is the research, if they have already run over them. Chairman Myjak stated if they come back and show that this affects all of two properties then he has to ask why this was so important.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson stated they are not going to have time to do the analysis before May 27 unless the commission can propose that this not go before council on May 27, so staff has time to do the analysis. Chairman Myjak stated that would give them time to do the parks and open space query as well.

Member Delgado stated this should not be them against staff or staff against them so he suggested taking this off of the calendar for the next date and have discussion for their next meeting or a special meeting.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida, came to speak regarding multi-family applications under review as of May 12, 2025, from Titusville city's website and handed out this list to the board.

Chairman Myjak asked where the parks and open space ordinance was in the process and asked staff to find out.

Chairman Myjak stated he likes having a good definition for duplex, condo and townhome. He liked what Mary had to say about the relation between the tree ordinance and the open space and recreation ordinance and how they tie together so it may be that some of the definitions they put in that one might help clarify how they all fit together. He asked if staff could work on getting those definitions put into ordinance. Sustainability Planner Galleo stated in a motion.

Chairman Myjak said he would like to see in ordinance definitions for duplex, condo and townhome. He believes that will help clarify some of the other ordinances.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked if they wanted to impose more work on staff before they get what they are working on now resolved or try to focus on what they are working on now so they

***Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025***

do not get sidetracked and completed. Chairman Myjak he doesn't feel it is interfering with their work, but this is something they have noted and needs to be addressed and have a recommendation from the commission to staff that they need to get the definitions in the ordinance would be helpful. He feels it would not interfere with their future work but may help.

XXX

Member Delgado made a motion to request staff to withdraw the multi-family canopy ordinance from the May 27, 2025 City Council meeting and bring back to a workshop with staff to resolve any differences.

Vice-Chairwoman Thompson seconded.

Roll call was as follows:

Member Burdette	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Browning	Yes
Member Tucker	Yes
Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Walter	Yes
Chairman Myjak	Yes

Motion passed.

XXX

Kay St. Onge announced on June 18 at 10:00 at the Isaac Campbell Community Center and Park the tree team is going to have a tree planting event and the children of the community center will be participating in tree planting, 30 trees will be planted.

Old Business

Native Municipal Tree, Canopy, and Landscape Management Trust Fund

Chairman Myjak asked Member Browning to bring the discussion on this topic.

Member Browning stated last month the commission had a discussion about these funds going into a beautification fund. He stated these funds, instead of going to beautification, should be designated to promoting large canopy shade trees. He stated his preference would be to take any

Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025

of these funds that are going towards beautification and put towards an Urban Forest Program, that could include everything from hiring a forester to manage the program, maintenance and other things and come up with some other means for funding beautification.

Chairman Myjak stated Council has already decided that half the funds will go towards beautification and half to Titusville Environmental Commission, so this is that policy.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members had discussion on this topic.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida, spoke about the Landscape Trust Fund and what happened at the City Council meeting on April 8, 2025.

The Titusville Environmental Commission continued discussion on this topic and asked for clarification on the Landscape Trust Fund and where the money is being spent.

Kay St. Onge spoke regarding the tree boxes and the Council meeting on May 13. Ms. St. Onge handed Chairman Myjak a report she received from Sandy Reller.

Chairman Myjak asked for Member Burdette's information.

Member Burdette discussed his ideas on tree boxes, which is already being implemented by Public Works, tree maps and involving private citizens, to map theirs, and gauge stormwater. He said something else is rapid reforestation, something to use in high run off areas, it would be useful as a general tool and there are public/private sponsorships.

Chairman Myjak and Member Browning discussed the type of trees that need to be put in the tree boxes.

Member Browning made comments on Member Burdette's suggestions. Member Browning stated he would be willing to write the program.

Vice-Chairwoman Thompson asked Member Browning if he would be willing to combine the two documents. Mr. Browning stated yes.

Member Young made comments regarding trees being removed and the oxygen trees provide. He handed out a report regarding trees and oxygen.

Chairman Myjak stated he would be happy to have Member Browning handle the report.

***Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025***

Chairman Myjak stated he would be gone for July, August, September and October and he has asked council for a leave of absence.

Member Young stated he would be gone July and August as well. Chairman Myjak stated he would need turn in a letter to Lily to make a formal request to council.

Member Browning asked if Chairman Myjak would be available to read a draft and make comments.

Chairman Myjak asked staff, given the Sunshine Law, how do they work on a shared document. Sustainability Planner Galleo stated she did not think that was allowed, but she would ask legal.

Kay St. Onge, 2360 Maryland Avenue, Titusville, Florida, came to speak on this item. Ms. St. Onge discussed the Urban Forestry Master Plan that was authorized at the March 27 council meeting.

Chairman Myjak stated Member Browning will take up this and send to Lily with an update at the next meeting. Member Browning stated yes.

XXX

TEC By-Laws

Vice-Chairwoman Thompson made a motion to move the election of officers to the month of January.

Member Tucker seconded.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion on this item.

XXX

Roll call was as follows:

Member Walter	Yes
Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Burdette	Yes
Member Browning	Yes
Member Tucker	Yes

Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025

developers to use and added all the videos related to the Sustainability Action Plan and updates to the sustainability section on the website. Also added pollution notices, if you wanted to sign up for the FDEP notification of pollution, that is now on the website and the Indian River Lagoon monitoring dashboards is under programs and resources and sustainability and also available on the website.

Chairman Myjak asked if staff wanted to tell how many people were using LID. Sustainability Planner Galleo stated 32% last year.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked if staff could send out the final Natural Resources Report. Sustainability Planner Galleo said she did on the second but she will add it to the website.

Member Young stated he invited a Tree Planting Association member here but he did not come but he did show his tree farm and his stewardship conservation easement.

Member Burdette said they got the results they wanted out of the fluoride now that it is banned across Florida.

Member Delgado and Chairman Myjak had a discussion on launches and nitrogen found in the Indian River Lagoon from atmospheric deposition or air pollution.

Chairwoman Thompson stated she is concerned about the conditions of the Syvester Palms on Mariner Way. She stated they all seem to have Lethal Bronzing and wants to know what the city's plan is to take care of the problem and the ones on US 1 do not look good either.

Chairwoman Thompson said regarding the oyster bags at Scobie Park, she spoke with Tyler at the zoo and he said the zoo will remove those oyster bags if they can get permission from UCF, so Lily is already in a discuss with Dr. Walter's at UCF, so they have a commitment from the zoo to use their personnel to remove those oyster bags.

Chairman Myjak stated the environmental assessment on the Falcon doubling the number of launches is still open through the 15th if there are any comments to be made. He said they made some from the round table, mostly referencing the sustainability issue that they only look at current and not cumulative impacts. He said the Atlas is going to do launches every three days and using a 160,000 gallon pond to do their 100,000 gallon deluge but can the pond recover in three days and where does the water go after use.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson stated Lily sent out an interesting noise report from the Starship 5th and 6th launch that everyone should look at.

Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025

XXX

Future Agenda Items

Vice-Chairman Thompson stated the combined version of the Native Municipal Tree Canopy and the Landscape Management Trust Fund documents should be done by then.

XXX

Adjournment 8:02 p.m.