

## **KEEP LAKE BEAUTIFUL MEETING**

**July 23, 2018**

The Keep Lake Beautiful Committee met on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Lake County Administration Building, Tavares, Florida. Chairman, Darla Scoles was present. The Civic Organization member in attendance was Melissa Simmes. The Citizen Representatives in attendance were Lavon Silvernell, Jim Miller, William Binneveld and Dr. Robert Olson. The Business owner/Chamber Rep in attendance was Earl Hammond. The Commissioner in attendance was Leslie Campione. The Staff Representatives in attendance were Mary Hamilton, Environmental Services Manager, Nicholas Mcray, Stormwater Project Manager; and Sandy Beckett, Office Associate.

### PLEDGE

Chairman Darla Scoles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

No public comment.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Darla Scoles asked the committee to approve the minutes from the previous meeting that took place on March 19, 2018. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### COMMITTEE AND STAFF UPDATES

Nick Mcray welcomed Dr. Robert Olson as a new committee member. He was confirmed by the Board on June 5, 2018 and will serve out the remainder of Mr. McCallister's term through June of 2021.

Nick gave an update on the Executive Director position. The interviewing process is done and the chosen candidate is going through the selection process with HR. We plan on having them on board next month and present at the next KLB meeting.

Nick said that Chairman Sullivan received a letter from the School Board stating that they would be replacing their appointed member Dr. Kristi Burns with Mr. Gary Rogers. That appointment will go before the Board on August 24, 2018 for confirmation.

### APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Darla Scoles asked about the process of appointing a Vice Chair.

Nick said the board committee can appoint the Vice Chair. All they have to do is open it up for discussion, make a motion and vote.

Melissa Simmes nominated Lavon Silvernell for Vice Chair. It was seconded by Jim Miller. The vote was unanimous.

### MEETING DATES

There was a discussion by the committee members on changing the meeting dates and times. After discussion there was a consensus that we would keep the remainder two dates for this year, September and November and then next year start having the meetings quarterly. Day and time would be confirmed later.

### COMPLETED PROJECTS UPDATE

Nick Mcray gave an overview of completed projects. The Clermont Earth Day Clean-Up on April 21<sup>st</sup> was well attended. There were 111 volunteers. Most of the volunteers came from Minneola High School. It was focused on shore line clean up.

Astatula Town clean up on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Seven Volunteers cleaned 2 miles of roadway. The participation in the HHW drop off was very strong.

The Groveland clean up on June 9<sup>th</sup> was a success. We had participation from the city of Groveland's police youth group. Six miles of roadway was cleared. Our Board Chair, Commissioner Sullivan attended.

### PENDING PROJECTS AND DISCUSSION

Nick Mcray gave an update on pending projects. #Bring your bag follow up – confirmed with FDOT that we could order reusable grocery bags and be reimbursed under our grant. 500 bags were purchased for distribution at KLB events.

Styrofoam – it is not readily recyclable because of its weight. Alternatives would be to educate consumers on "Pre-cycling". Consumers could pick packaging based on recyclability or end of life and share options on commercial EPS drop off.

Nick Mcray gave an update on future events. The recurring event at East Lake Community Park in Sorrento will be on September 22. Received a request from the CRA to include a second site. It will be at Sorrento Park.

Earl Hammond stated that his community looks forward to this event and thanked Nick for organizing it.

Darla Scoles asked if the new person would be in place at that time. Nick said yes.

Nick Mcray said we are Looking into a waste tire amnesty day in the fall or early winter of 2018. It would be a week day tire drop off event. We are pursuing a FDEP program to reimburse non-commercial tire disposal compensation. Solid Waste would be conducting the event along with volunteers. More details at the next meeting.

Darla Scoles asked if it would be at multiple locations. Nick said it would be at one site.

Nick Mcray talked about a future project that would be in our next grant cycle. With the committee's consensus we would like to move forward on a beautification and native flowering plant project at Lake Johanna Park.

Lavon Silvernell asked how the location was picked.

Nick Mcray said the criteria right now is that it would have to be a public County owned property.

Commissioner Campione asked about cleaning up Lake Gracie. Nick will do some research on potential projects and grants to help clean up Lake Gracie.

Commissioner Campione also brought up the Stuart Cottrell statue in Eustis and said it needs to be cleaned up again.

Jim Miller said he has a battery powered hedge trimmer and it would take him about 1/2 hour to clean up.

Commissioner Campione offered to meet him there and help.

William Binneveld asked about the no littering signs that were recently put at the end of Picciola Rd and said they have helped tremendously. He asked about getting more of these signs put up for public awareness.

Darla Scoles asked if the Liter survey had been done. Nick said it was finished last week.

Earl Hammond brought up the Adopt-a-Road program.

Commissioner Campione said we should relaunch the Adopt-A-Road program to create more interest and to bring more interest to groups that have already signed up.

Mary Hamilton suggested having Road Operations come to the next meeting and talk about the Adopt-A-Road program.

There was a discussion by committee members about the Haulers and some trash that is left behind when they pick up trash.

Mary said the Haulers would be at the August 21<sup>st</sup> BCC meeting and she would put it on her list to ask them about it, but we don't get complaints about this issue.

Commissioner Campione asked Mary to look into sign options that would have the Keep Lake Beautiful logo with information on the sign about being fined for littering.

Dr. Robert Olson feels that even though there would be a fine, he didn't think many people would be compliant unless there is more enforcement.

Commissioner Campione suggested we could get with the Sherriff and see if they would be willing to participate to enforce these fines. We would also get with the cities, schools and put an article in the newspaper for awareness.

Mary said when we get our full time person this is something they can start working on.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am until the next meeting on September 24, 2018.

  
DARLA SCOLES, CHAIRMAN