

**SPECIAL MEETING
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
APRIL 28, 2010**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. Board members present were Chair Julie Aitken, Vice-Chair Jason Hurley, Jacque Daniels, Dave Parrish and Sam Scott. Also present were Phillip Holste, Program Manager and Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Appointment of Agricultural Advisory Board Members to Urban Farming Initiative Task Force

Chair Aitken commented that there had been discussion about having a rotating group, but believed Council wanted to have two members who did not have to rotate. Mr. Holste explained that the resolution was written in a manner that allowed for two appointed members and one alternate, however there could be a fourth appointed member. Ms. Daniels inquired if any decision had been made as to when the meetings would be held. Mr. Holste commented that once the all members for the task force was appointed, the decision would be made regarding the date and time for meetings. He added that six people were already appointed. Ms. Daniels questioned what would happen if an appointee was not available on the day that the meeting was being held. Mr. Holste responded that the board would have to appoint someone else at another meeting; however, the alternate could fill in for that appointed member.

Chair Aitken questioned if the issue as to whether or not Dr. Scott could be on the Board had been cleared up. Mr. Holste believed that it was staff's recommendation that if a proposal from Dr. Scott was being presented before a committee, he should be excluded. Dr. Scott indicated that he did not have a problem with a recommendation from staff that he be excluded, he just wanted the Town to get something going, and felt that the process was dragging on too long. He added that he waived the right to be appointed to the committee if there was a problem because he did not know what decision would be made on his proposal and he had a vested interest as a member of the community and given the nature of the work he was doing.

Dr. Scott indicated that no one knew what the decision would be on the proposal and if the decision was affirmative, he would reclude from being a part of the committee. He added that he would still reserve the right to offer himself on the Agricultural Advisory Board to be a part of the task force with respect to the overall development. Dr. Scott explained that the proposal was a miniscule part of the overall exercise pertaining to urban farming inside Davie and south Florida. He explained that he was working in agriculture in urban agriculture in the tri-county area. Dr. Scott reiterated that he was interested in working on the board, and if the town attorney could review the issue and provide an answer he would be grateful. He added that if the proposal from the institute was accepted, he would reclude himself and continue to serve on this board.

Discussion continued on the issue, with Dr. Scott reiterating that he would sign and submit the necessary forms in order to adhere to Florida Sunshine Law. Ms. Daniels questioned if there was any indication from the Town Council that the proposal would not be accepted. Mr. Holste responded in the negative and added that the acceptance of the North South Institute proposal on the Batten's property was based on staff recommendation. Dr. Scott commented that although the institute had an interest in the property, there had been no indication that there would be a consideration. He added that he had been asked to be a member of the board and had lobbied for more than three years and had not seen any progress. Dr. Scott indicated that there was one person who continued to "get all the free space" and preferential treatment. He added that if his proposal was being discussed by the Urban Farm Committee, he would reclude himself from the discussion and would not attend any meeting. Dr. Scott advised that

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presently, he was interested in being a part of the urban committee as one of the members being offered by this board.

Mr. Holste commented that he did not believe that this issue required the Town Attorney's opinion since a recommendation was made by staff. Chair Aitken believed that Dr. Scott had a great deal of expertise to the issue and had a lot to offer.

Vice-Chair Hurley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Daniels to nominate Dr. Scott as the appointee from the Agricultural Advisory Board. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

Ms. Daniels made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Hurley to nominate Dave Parrish as the second appointee from the Agricultural Advisory Board. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

Discussion ensued as to who would be the alternate. Ms. Daniels explained that because of scheduling difficulties relating to her job it would be difficult for her to commit to another meeting. She was glad that this board was able to change its meeting day to an alternative day to enable her to attend the meetings.

Ms. Daniels made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parrish to nominate Vice-Chair Hurley as the alternate. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

A brief discussion ensued regarding meeting times with Mr. Holste inquiring whether there was any preference as to when the task force should meet. He added that he would be attending another meeting the following day in an effort to move forward to have all the members appointed for the task force. With the exception of Dr. Scott who indicated that the middle of the month would pose a problem for him, there was no objection regarding scheduling.

Following a brief discussion as to who was the staff liaison for the task force, Mr. Holste responded that it would be someone from Park and Recreation Department or Public Works Department. Mr. Holste added that the idea was to find out from each board who would be attending the meeting, and for the individuals who would not be attending there would be another boardmember available. He indicated that he was not sure how this issue would be handled by the liaison, however it was important that the alternate be given advance notice.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Daniels advised that she spoke to Mayor Judy Paul on the issue of the agricultural definitions and she was told that the Board should forward another letter to the Town Council as she believed that the initial letter may have been overlooked. Concerning the traffic citation issue, Ms. Daniels indicated that Mayor Paul stated that she spoke with Police Chief Lynn and she believed the issue was close to being resolved. All pertinent information on the issue had been provided to Chief Lynn, and Mayor Paul would follow up on the matter.

Vice-Chair Hurley commented that both individuals involved in the traffic issue had were attempting to have the issue resolved by their attorneys. Both parties were appreciative of the Town's efforts in trying to resolve the issue on their behalf.

Ms. Daniels indicated that the Board had planned to invite someone to attend the next meeting to discuss the Battens issue; however, the meeting had been cancelled. Mayor Paul was interested in attending the meeting. Chair Aitken asked that Ms. Edwards review the previous minutes to see who was going to be invited.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Parrish provided information relating to agricultural issues taking place in Tallahassee. Discussion followed regarding a number of agricultural issues described in the article provided by Mr. Parrish. Mr. Parrish advised that there was pending votes in Tallahassee concerning agricultural issues.

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5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no items discussed.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions made.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections and no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Board Member