

Public Hearing – Meeting Summary
Funding Request – EPB Education & Community Outreach Funding
Monday, July 8, 2013
5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Steven Jenkins, Chair
Michelle Tappouni, Vice Chair
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D.
Bobby L. Baker, P.E.
Tony C. Bellamy, P.E.
Gary Bowers, M.D.

Members Not Present

Nick Howland

Staff/ Resources Present

James Richardson, EPB Administrator
Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary
Jody Brooks, OGC
Steve Pace, Environmental Engineering Manager Senior
Tree Kilbourn, Environmental Enforcement Officer

Visitors

Jason Harrah, USACE
Paul Stodola, USACE
Mike Hollingworth, USACE
Steve Patterson, FTU
Joe Miller, Jaxport
Dr. Quinton White, MSRI at JU - Executive Director
Jay Worley, JEA
Daniel Hlaing, JEA

Call to Order

Chair Jenkins reconvened the Public Hearing and called it to order at 5:55 p.m.

Certification of Public Notice

James Richardson, EPB Administrator, certified that the public notice required by Florida law appeared in the Financial News & Daily Record.

Presentation by Petitioner

James Richardson made a presentation to the EPB asking for a \$53,000 appropriation of the Environmental Protection Fund to cover costs associated with education & outreach activities on behalf of the EPB. He provided a breakdown of how the appropriation would be utilized. He indicated that he was using categories as determined by the City's internal accounting system.

He further detailed that the largest portion of the costs were associated with the EPB Symposium. The planning team has discussed moving the event to a downtown location and there would be a substantial increase in primarily food costs associated with the event. There were questions and discussion by the EPB members. Mr. Richardson, in response to a concern that the funding request was not enough, indicated that, at this time, as a good fiscal steward of taxpayer dollars, his request was based on an educated assumption of costs anticipated over a 2-3 year period and that was all that he was prepared to ask for at this time. The EPB discussed the value of the activities and that they were a worthwhile and beneficial use of the EPF.

Comments from Public

None.

Board Discussion and Staff Clarification

Chair Jenkins asked if the members had any further questions or concerns. Hearing none, he proceeded to voting on the matter.

Board Vote

A motion was made to approve the appropriation of \$53,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund) for environmental education and outreach activities of the Environmental Protection Board (EPB). Further, to approve a waiver of Sec. 360.602 Ordinance Code as requested to authorize use of the Fund for training and membership fees and a waiver of Sec. 106.203(b) as requested to allow for the purchase of food and beverages for the Environmental Symposium. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously approved by the EPB (6-0).

Procedural Summary

None.

Adjournment

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:50 pm on Monday, July 8, 2013.

Respectfully submitted

Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Environmental Protection Board