Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board

Monday, February 27, 2023

RETREAT SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Wood, Chair

Guillermo Simon

Sunil Joshi

Thomas Deck, Vice-Chair

Adam Hoyles

Clint Noble

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Beth Leaptrott

Charles Garrison

STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:

James Richardson, JEPB Administrator

Melissa Long, Chief - EQD

Cherry Pollock, OGC

VISITOR(s) PRESENT:

John Nooney

CALL TO ORDER DAVID WOOD

CHAIRMANS REMARKS

Mr. Richardson explained that due to the wording of the notice, there would be no action on the compliance plan listed on the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. Richardson went through a presentation which outlined the duties and responsibilities of the JEPB. He then went through a discussion of the board structure. During discussion, the members decided to maintain the current number of committees, discussed the committee membership and that they would continue to meet on an as needed basis. They also decided to maintain the meeting schedule. Mr. Richardson reminded members that they would be voting on new officers in September.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

Mr. Richardson went through a presentation on the fund sharing what it is, how it can be used and what members should consider when authorizing use. He then led the members in a discussion of how to structure future funding requests. The basis of the discussion centered around responses members made to a pre-retreat survey.

Discussion primarily centered around when, and whether, to issue something that made the community aware of the fund. There was a strong consensus to do something around education and Mr. Richardson shared some things, such as Earth Day mini-grants, that had been done in the past. Members expressed an interest in doing something similar to that as soon as possible. Discussion continued where members expressed a desire to do something that would allow for education on pollution prevention or some other environmental subject(s) would be something of interest. They also expressed a desire to continue to figure a way for them to receive potential projects from the public in some manner such as maybe pitching ideas to them during a board meeting. After several questions, Mr. Richardson shared the current estimated balance of the fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.