

**Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission
Meeting Summary
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
Hybrid Zoom/In-person
Conference Room 851 Edward Ball Building
214 N. Hogan St.**

Present (In Person): Harrison Conyers, Lisa Grubba, James Richardson

Staff: Dan Durbec

Via Zoom: Chester Aikens; Katie Blandford, Chair; Chris Buckley; Lauren Christiansen; Von Fuller; Jenna Kobischen; Jim Love; Margaret Meier; Harry Reagan; Alicia Smith

Absent: John Drayton, Kathleen McGovern, Brian Pavek, Melody Shacter, Alexander Traversa

Call to Order

Chair Blandford called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

Comments from the Chair

Chair Blandford reminded commissioners that they were sent information about the City's ethics training and wanted to ensure they received it. She said she signed up for the November training session and said it would be via Zoom.

New Business

Partnership Event with Beaches Go Green

Chair Blandford reported that KJB will team up with Beaches Go Green on a cleanup along the Northbank Riverwalk on Sunday, October 3. Set up will be in the parking lot next to the Winston Family YMCA on Riverside Avenue.

The event will provide an opportunity to distribute KJB's upcoming events--the Right Whale Beach Cleanup on November 6 and the America Recycles Day event on November 13.

Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board Environmental Symposium

After a hiatus caused by Covid last year, the annual Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board Environmental Symposium will be held Friday, October 15 at the Adam W. Herbert University Center on the campus of University of North Florida.

Staff will set up and staff a booth and promote KJB, it's mission and activities.

Right Whale Beach Cleanup

Chair Blandford reported that the annual Right Whale Beach cleanup will be held 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., Saturday, November 6 at the Seawalk Pavilion, 75 1st St. North in Jacksonville Beach. She said this would be a fun activity for members and invited them to attend. She said she

would provide refreshments. She said that she would send out a formal invitation. She noted that it could be KJB's un-official board retreat.

Old Business

Executive Committee Meeting

Chair Blandford reported that the Executive Committee met August 27.

The sole agenda item was approval of expenses for the America Recycle/Tree Giveaway, scheduled for 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, November 13 in Parking Lot E of the TIAA Bank Field. The committee voted to expend \$1,579.75, which includes renting LOT E, hiring JSO traffic officers and renting portable toilets for volunteers.

She noted that the expenditures, which amount to \$4,160.50, will be split with event partner Greenscape of Jacksonville, which will bring in trees the day before the event.

International Coastal Cleanup

Chair Blandford reported that the International Coastal Cleanup was held September 18 and the turnout was great—523 volunteers who donated 1,076 hours to pick up 492 bags of trash. The hourly volunteer value of those volunteers amounted to \$30,709. The cost avoidance to the City amounted to \$11,906.

Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Awards

Chair Blandford reported that the annual Keep Jacksonville Beautiful awards will be held at the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board's annual awards, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 17 at the Adam W. Herbert University Center on the campus of the University of North Florida.

KJB will host a table for the winners:

James Cook—Individual Category

Timucuan Parks Foundation—Organization Category

NAS Jax—Military Category

Fletcher High School—High School Category

Christ the King School—Elementary School Category

Chris Buckley—Jake Godbold Award

She said that the Awards and Recognition Committee can meet and discuss anything that needs to be done at the event.

KJB Commissioner Business Cards

Chair Blandford reminded members that KJB Business cards are available. Let staff know if you'd like to have some.

She said they can be used to promote KJB, its events and activities and recruit volunteers.

America Recycles Day

Chair Blandford reported that the America Recycles Day event will be held 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, November 13 in Parking Lot E at the TIAA Bank Field. The event will be promoted at the October 12th City Council meeting.

2021 F.I.N.D. grant

Chair Blandford reported that cleanup supplies will be purchased with the \$5,000 Florida Inland Navigation grant when the City's new fiscal year begins on October 1st.

It was noted that the Florida State Legislature cut funding for the annual Florida Department of Transportation's litter abatement grant of \$15,000, so the F.I.N.D. grant will come in handy this year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.