

Vineland Environmental Commission
Minutes – Regular meeting
December 12, 2022

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A motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting was made by Charles Valentine and seconded by John Pedersen. All were in favor.

The chairperson gave the budget report. Two purchase orders have remaining balances to be used by the end of the calendar year. The street tree planted on Axtel Ave. was \$590 and the supplies for bluebird houses was \$570.97. A motion to pay the ANJEC annual membership was made by Charles Valentine and seconded by John Pedersen. All were in favor.

It was noted that Jeff Bordley is no longer in the Public Works Department so all communications now must go through the Director of Public Works.

John Pedersen said the Willow Oak field does not look good. It is scheduled for another controlled burn and Diane will reach out to Galetto's regarding their equipment to mow after the burn.

Bennett's Mill area is in need of roadside cleaning.

A volunteer day will be scheduled for January 14, 2023 at South Vineland Park from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Site plans were reviewed for P.J. Development, Tyson foods, and Vineland Delsea Developers. Comments are being prepared for P.J. Development to be forwarded to the Planning/Zoning secretary.

Several dogwoods planted recently, such as on Northwood Dr, southeast mini-park, and Axtel Ave. are the multi-stemmed variety and will need to be pruned at some point to train them into a single trunk.

Diane will be meeting with John Hernandez of Public Works to discuss possible planting of trees at Magnolia Road Park.

John Pedersen did maintenance at the planting area on Blackwater Branch and has been maintaining the new seedlings at various locations. For now this will be taken off the agenda but we will revisit it in the spring as needed.

John Pedersen said he sent tree guidelines to the City Engineer. He will forward what he sent to Diane, as we still do not have an official document on file.

The Salem Oak seedling has been planted at Landis Park. Diane said we should purchase signage so that both residents and City employees know it is there.

There is going to be a reconstruction and reconfiguring of Chestnut Avenue done by the City Engineering Office. It was asked whether we can use our grant money to install street trees or to facilitate protection of existing trees during construction.

Code Enforcement of Site Plans was discussed. If members would like to follow up, it is recommended they look at the final approved site plans in the Planning office and be specific with any deficiencies forwarded for enforcement.

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