



FAIRHOPE

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA ~ MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 21, 2025 / 2-3 PM, FAIRHOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY ~ GIDDON CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDEES

COF Officials: Christina LeJeune, Nicole Love, Justin Hammers

FEAB Board Members: Amy Paulson, Ben Frater, Jim Horner, Gary Gover, Nigel Temple, Steven Scyphers, Anna Miller

FEAB Members Absent: Carl Couret, Jennifer Foutch

Official Quorum Count: 7/9

FEAB Active Participants: Jaime Crawford

Honored Guests Cassidy Redding - SALT, Nancy Harrison

Minutes Author: Nigel Temple

Commencement: Amy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

SUMMARY OF SALIENT DECISIONS, DISCUSSION, AND ACTIONS

- Great! TOTALLY BEST MEETING EVER!

DETAILED MINUTES

1. Housekeeping

- a. Approved Feb Meeting Minutes
- b. Meeting with the Mayor
 - i. May 9th meeting - 2pm (2-hr)
 - ii. Gary to schedule with library for Gibbons room
 - iii. Agenda item request: input from Mayor, City Departments, Council on their emergent priorities

2. Priority Issues & Subcommittee Reports

- a. Greenspace & Native Habitat
 - i. SALT Fish River Nature Preserve Tour - Feb 28
 1. Potential to coordinate Greenspace initiative with SALT
 - a. Low potential to make portions of their managed properties open to public recreation as crowds/mixed use is incompatible with SALT mission of wildlife/habitat conservation.
 - b. High potential for knowledge share / compatible parcel identification as our groups mutually pursue greenspace in our area.
 2. SALT needs volunteers for various efforts - FEAB is knowledgeable source for support.
 - ii. Colony Park
 1. Tree Walk (Nicole) - tabled until next year
 2. Recommended that Justin reach out proactively to HS/MS cross country teams to support or inform 2025-2026 event season.
 - iii. Flying Creek Nature Preserve -



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1. COF requests help identifying trees
 - a. Potential partnership with USA or Auburn Extension to develop webpage and/or signage (trees, wildlife, etc.).
 - b. SALT recommended that tree name plates should be stuck in ground and not on tree (i.e., need to be mobile as ecosystem evolves/veg dies year over year).
 - c. Use of QR codes is strongly discouraged due to maintenance burden.
 - d. Recommended placing handout at trailhead with QR code links to Plant ID apps.
 2. Nigel to coordinate next drone flight with Justin.
 - b. Water Quality
 - i. Real-time data viewing network for water quality parameters has life! Project includes a location in Fairhope.
- 3. Guest Items**
- a. Hope Community has engaged Nancy Harrison to assist planning for pollinator garden at Section/Twin Beech School.
 - i. Amy recommended Nancy talk through plant list with Carole Tebay
 - ii. Amy and Ben to tour site with Nancy on 3/27 to advise on gully maintenance/wetland status and provide site prep, sequencing, and project planning recommendations.
- 4. Wrap Up**
- a. Involvement & Education Opportunities
 - b. Future Agenda Items
 - i. April: Daphne EAB Chairperson - Kathy Barnett
 - ii. May: annual FEAB meeting with CoF Mayor, Council, and Departments
 - iii. Future: Rhydonna Mosely, FEEF - Pelican's Nest
 - iv. Future: Greener By the Yard, Guest(s): Johanna X, SALT; Troy X, Extreme Turf

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.
NEXT MEETING: *standard*

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MEETING REFERENCES

FEAB Vision: *to serve as a trusted, scientific resource providing a local environmental perspective to policy decisions to ensure environmental matters are given full consideration in the City's decision-making processes. We strive to positively affect the quality of life for all residents, their connection to our local ecosystems, and the resilience and sustainment of Fairhope as a small, yet world-class, city.*

FEAB Role: *the FEAB is dedicated to increasing awareness of environmental issues, offering recommendations to City administrators, and providing state-of-the-science consultation in the implementation of sustainable solutions.*

MEETING READ-AHEADS

Land Use Plan - Environmental Issues

See [NOTES](#) and [SUPPORT LETTER TO CITY](#)

The following list identifies specific sections of the LUP that are relevant to the FEAB's mission, speak to member professional expertise, or have been identified as Board priorities. We offer our utility to the City as you identify opportunities and track progress across the LUP and particularly for the following Tasks:

Ongoing

- ❖ Task C-2: Preserve natural areas and wetlands for recreational use
- ❖ Task C-3: Enforce green space requirements within new developments
- ❖ Task C-6: Encourage pest control and landscaping companies to implement best practices when applying pesticide and fertilizer
- ❖ Task C-7: Promote living shorelines
- ❖ Task C-8: Preserve and maintain gullies for recreational areas
- ❖ Task C-11: Implement Low Impact Development through the use of green infrastructure
- ❖ Task C-12: Construct Low Impact Development pilot projects in public right-of way and green space
- ❖ Task G-1: Design more parks for passive recreation

Year 1:

- ❖ Task C-9: Develop and/or update City codes to protect the environment
- ❖ Task C-10: Identify development incentives for environmentally friendly project components

Year 2-3

- ❖ Task C-4: Develop and implement green space maintenance plans for areas that are not covered by existing maintenance agreements
- ❖ Task E-20: Develop a citywide Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Masterplan

Year 3-5

- ❖ Task G-2: Develop new parks in the eastern and southern portions of Fairhope