

Boards and Commissions Achievements Report to City Council

Today's date: February 3, 2023

Name of board or commission: Environmental Advisory Board

Board chair or designee: Tom Jones

Date of presentation to city council: February 28, 2023

1. Past year's achievements:

- Advocated for restrictions on the use of Glyphosate herbicide (Roundup brand) in City parks
- Gave input on the environmental section of the LDRs
- Made recommendations to support green building strategies
- Encouraged the Council oppose an aquaculture test site in the Gulf of Mexico
- Worked with Public Works on installation of more water bottle filling stations in City buildings and Centennial Park

2. Areas of concern:

- Difficulty in achieving a meeting quorum due to resignation of board members and delay in appointment of new members
- More timely feedback from Council on our recommendations

3. Activities/Tasks/Goals:

- Water quality issues – aquaculture in Gulf, mini reefs under docks, shellfish planting, reduction of nitrogen in stormwater runoff
- Increase recycling rates – home, commercial, construction
- Ways to reduce the use of single-use plastics – skip the straw & lid, promote compostable food service items
- Add protections for threatened species (gopher tortoises, scrub jays) in LDRs

Date board members attended annual Sunshine and Public Records Law training:

December 5, 2022