



# AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

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## MEETING SUMMARY

June 11, 2020

9:00 AM

Online Meeting via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84936339459>

Full Agency

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Chair

Mayor Woody Brown, Co-Chair

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

@ 9:00 AM

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

### 4. APPROVAL OF March 12, 2020 FULL AGENCY MEETING SUMMARY approved by majority

### 5. Pasco County Ecological Corridors – *Rene W. Brown, Pasco County*

Pasco County recently acquired additional land to expand their ecological corridors with the goal of improving environmental health and habitat protection.

- There was a question off whether there was a minimum land parcel size the county would consider, there is no minimum as long it is in the corridor, if it was outside the corridor it would
- Ridge Road is just south of the 5-mile creek corridor but is not connected to goal would be to have future connections between the corridor and Ridge Road.
- There was a question of how the environmental education a part of this program. There is a vacant Park Naturalist position that will be doing
- Penny for Pasco will it be used for environmental acquisitions only. Not sure if that will continue with the next Penny, but that is the hope.
- There was a question about the Transfer of Development Rights. Has not been fully used to this point. One landowner is interested. It would help more if it was harder to get the density in the first place to make the additional density that much more valuable.



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- Is there a compilation of environmental ordinances for the region?
- How is the environmental corridor coordinated across counties. It is an informal collaboration to communicate and update on the status of corridors between county staff.

## **6. Plastic Pollution in the Hillsborough River - Charlotte Haberstroh, USF**

Plastic pollution is a major threat to global water resources with implications for the environment, economy, and public health. Through field data collection and modelling we can better manage and prevent plastic pollution.

- What is the plan to disseminate the findings? Not completely sure yet but hope to have plastic recognized as a pollutant like fertilizer.
- Are you familiar with Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful? Has talked to them about the possibility to use their volunteer data however it is difficult to use volunteer data for the work.
- Clarification on how the 10.9 million counts of plastic per day was calculated.

## **7. Bayou Canal Flood Control Improvement - Jennifer Shannon, Pinellas County**

The Cross Bayou Canal Improvements Project is focused on extending the life of the 100+ year old, 6.2 mile canal, and will address debris and exotic vegetation removal, dredging, canal bank stabilization, and acquisition of property rights (temporary and permanent).

- How is the county removing invasive species? Through a contractor, may hire FTEs in the future.

## **8. OTHER ITEMS**

- a. Bay Soundings Article Ideas
- b. The next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup>

## **9. ADJOURN**

@ 10:30 am