

Orange County Commission for the Environment

**DRAFT Meeting Summary**

**February 10, 2020; 7:30 pm**

*West Campus Office Building, Room 302, 131 West Margaret Lane, Hillsborough*

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**Present:** Bradley Saul (Chair), Bill Ward, James Eichel, Jody Eimers, Laura Doherty, Kim Piracci, Alan Parry, Jeremy Marzuola, Carrie Fletcher

**Absent:** Lynne Gronback

**Staff:** Brennan Bouma, Chris Hirni, Wesley Poole

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**I. Call to Order**

Saul called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**II. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

Saul requested to insert Piracci's presentation of draft proposed ordinance concerning rights of nature as **Item VII**.

**III. Approval of Draft Minutes from January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Motion by Ward; seconded by Fletcher; none opposed; motion passed.

**IV. CFE Activities – 2020**

CFE discussed current activities with a brief status update for each item.

**V. Presentation – Environmental Justice**

Bouma presented on topic by sharing slides from Orange County Employee Training along with TED talk video about the danger of a single story. Group activity highlighted how people benefit from a clean, green environment. Closed with note that the CHJI plans to do an environmental justice timeline and asked how CFE might contribute.

**VI. Greene Tract - Update**

Hirni provided an update on the Greene Tract and discussed the 2020 Greene Tract Resolution & Environmental Assessment Interlocal Agreement. Explained that DEAPR had not been that involved to date, but will be so in the future due to the proposed 60 acres Headwaters Preserve within the tract.

**VII. Draft Proposed Ordinance – Rights of Nature**

Piracci presented a draft proposed ordinance concerning rights of nature that environmental attorney, Linda Wendling, had put together. Saul asked Piracci to keep researching the topic and report back to the CFE.

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**VIII. Committee Meetings**

CFE Committees met to discuss initiatives / projects.

**IX. Updates and Information Items**

Saul notified CFE that Parry, Fletcher and Ward had been recommended for reappointment and four of the remaining five CFE vacancies had been recommended for appointment. Recommendations were as follows: Francis Binkowski to position #2 (Air Quality), Kim Livingston to position #3 (At-Large, formerly Land Resources), Elizabeth McWhorter to position #5 (Water Resources) and Jaya Nair to position #7 (At-Large). One vacancy will remain for an At-Large position. Saul reminded CFE members of attendance requirements moving forward. CFE briefly discussed Earth Evening involvement coming up on Friday, April 24 from 6-8pm.

**X. Adjournment**

Fletcher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm; seconded by Parry; none opposed; motion passed.