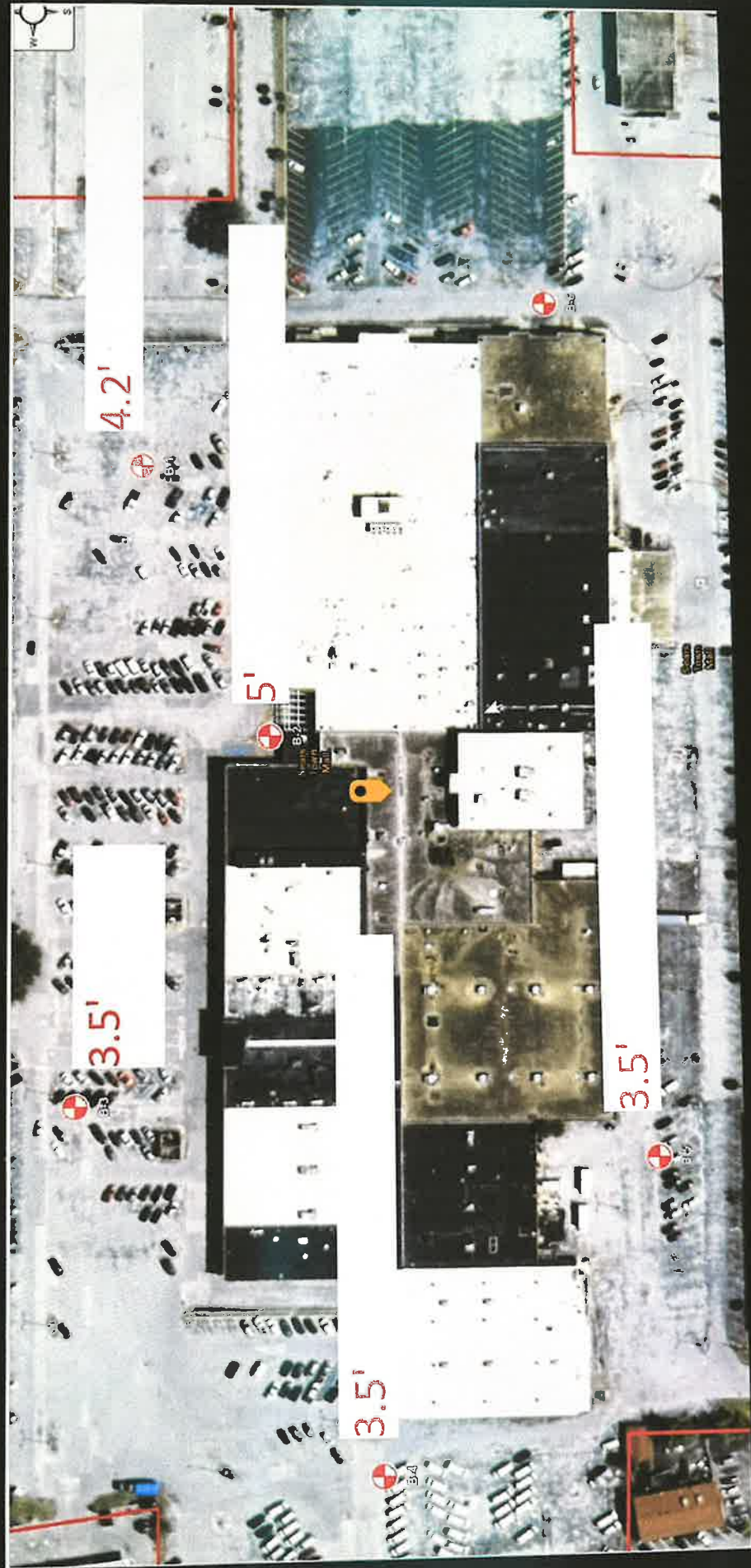






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**Mr. Liesenfelt;**

**Interim County Manager  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners  
Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera  
PH: 321-633-2001**

**Since I have contacted you about investigation of a 43 year old leak from Cumberland Farms to 5 acres of my property nothing has happened...**

**This has been another drag since you were contacted. The last email received from Tina Swanson was in May of this year (3.5 months ago see below).**

**I AM GOING TO PRESENT TO CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT UNDER PRESENT ADMINISTRATION THE RULLING OF "TITUSVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION" THAT DIRECTS THE CITY TO GET INVOLVED.**

**As President Trump is Federalizing DC and taking away the liberal control, I am going to demand that City of Titusville to get involved and protect the rights of the citizens on contamination of Cumberland farms and DEP neglect and I will petition all the surrounding neighbors to voice their opinion.**

**Why are the neighbors not involved?  
Because they are not informed what is below the ground and no one has told them.  
I am demanding that Tina Swanson gets fired or replaced ....**

**Your only email below shows that you are covering for your incompetent employees that should have been fired years ago.**

**Please send me the contact information as to WHO YOU REPORT TO?**

**I acknowledge your email below with my comments:::>>**

Andrew Connors <andrew.connors@titusville.com>,

"Abbate, Thomas" <thomas.abbate@titusville.com>,

"Calkins, Tad" <tad.calkins@brevardfl.gov>,

"Barker, Virginia H" <Virginia.Barker@brevardfl.gov>

**Liesenfelt, Jim**

2:04 PM (1  
hour ago)

to Tad, Virginia, me, Andrew, Thomas  
Mr. Wright,

In following up with your email regarding the soil contamination at Searstown Mall, I met with staff to discuss the topics of concern in your correspondence. It is my understanding that the contamination on the Cumberland Farms property dates back to 2004 **THIS IS A LIE...not true, 1983**, and the site has an extensive history that involves multiple property owners and governmental agencies **What is that got to do with anything??**. Perhaps one of the more relevant events was the January 2024 meeting that included all affected parties, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) (including Petroleum Restoration Program (PRP), FDEP Central District Office, PRP Local Program, and attorney); Titusville Mall LLC (including the owner, environmental consultant and attorney); and Cumberland Farms representatives (including their environmental consultant and attorneys). **How is this relevant? I purchased the property 2/2018** The parties discussed gaining site access and to develop a preliminary path to the next step for the site consisting of (1), actively mitigating the site or (2), monitor the area with quarterly analysis and reports to confirm the contaminant plume is shrinking or stable such that the site might qualify for No Further Action (NFA) with Controls. **It's called watching the paint dry monitoring after monitoring** It is my understanding that you chose the latter. **I did to shorten the damn time line. You are covering up for your employees...** As of today, we have not received a monitoring report demonstrating that the plume is shrinking nor stable. **Really?? I'm getting those stupid reports, why aren't you ??** However, once we are in possession of such report, the County will issue a No Further Action (NFA) with Controls. **PLEASE FORWARD THE CONTACT INFO OF YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR OR I WILL GET IT FROM LEE ZELDIN'S OFFICE**

Thank you.

The Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session at City Hall in the Council Chamber located at 555 South Washington Avenue on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:30pm.

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Chairwoman Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Present were, Vice Chairman Myjak, Member Yount, Member Perez, Member Delgado, Member Tucker, Alternate Member Young and Alternate Member Koci. Member Flis was absent. Staff present was Sustainability Planner Abby Trout, Community Development Director Brad Parrish and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Vice Chairman Myjak made a motion to approve the February 14, 2024 meeting minutes with corrections. Member Perez seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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### **Petitions and Requests from Public Present**

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida provided a handout and proceeded to speak about the information in the handout which were regarding sewage spills, and former employees of the City of Titusville.

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### **Old Business**

None.

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### **New Business**

#### **Landscape Technical Manual**

Chairwoman Thompson said that the updated list that was provided by the consultant Kimley-Horn included everything that the Titusville Environmental Commission requested and she would



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only ask that the following palms be removed from the list since they are susceptible to lethal bronzing: Pindo Palm, Chinese Fan Palm, Date Palms (*Phoenix* spp.), and Windmill Palm.

Mr. Parrish advised that removal of these palms would make an inconsistency with Code Section 30-322, Table 30-6. Mr. Parrish provided this code section and table for the Commission members to view.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida came to speak about the Landscape Technical Manual tree list and continued to encourage the use of native plants.

Kimberly Gibbs of Merritt Island, Florida came to speak about the list that she had sent via email to the Titusville Environmental Commission members and the importance of using native plants.

Discussion took place amongst the Titusville Environmental Commission members about merging the list that Ms. Gibbs provided with the list that the consultant provided.

Vice Chairman Myjak would also like to have it notated on the list whether or not the species is Brevard native (B), regional native (R) or an exotic (X).

Sheema Laguerre consultant with Kimley-Horn said that she was provided the list that Ms. Gibbs sent to the Commission and the updated list includes the species that Ms. Gibbs provided except for the aquatic plants which were not part of the original list of species. Vice Chairman Myjak disagreed because Ms. Gibbs provided her list three days ago to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the removal of the palm trees from the list that Chairwoman Thompson mentioned, however the Commission would like it to be notated that the trees are not listed as recommended due to their increased risk of getting and spreading the lethal bronzing disease.

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Vice Chairman Myjak made a motion to merge Kim Gibb's list with the list provided by Kimley-Horn and modify the "native column" to indicate whether the plant species is Brevard native (B), regional native (R) or an exotic (non-native) (X). Member Perez seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Vice Chairman Myjak made a motion to remove the following palms from the list; Pindo Palm, Chinese Fan Palm, Date Palms (Phoenix spp.), Senegal Date Palm, Pygmy Date Palm, and Windmill Palm. Member Perez seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Member Yount made a motion to have Code Section 30-322 and Table 30-6 updated to reflect the accepted list approved by the Commission tonight and a notation be placed to state that ***“these palms have been removed because of lethal bronzing”***. Member Tucker seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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**Cumberland Farms – Environmental impacts – 3505 S. Hopkins Avenue**

Jesse Wright, CEO of California Retail Properties Corp. came to speak about environmental concerns at the Cumberland Farms at 3505 S. Hopkins Avenue. Mr. Wright provided the Commission with a multi-page handout. Mr. Wright went over in detail the handouts.

The Titusville Environmental Commission asked Mr. Parrish what if anything has the City of Titusville done. Mr. Parrish read an email dated February 23, 2024 from the Code Enforcement Dept. which stated that this is under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection FDEP.

Mr. Wright would like for the City of Titusville to get behind him to request that the State resolve this problem for he safety and welfare of the community.

The Titusville Environmental Commission would like for City Council to send a strong letter to FDEP requesting that something be done about this environmental concern.

Lisa McCotter of Titusville, Florida came to speak about the safety and health concerns of this ongoing issue.

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Member Yount made a motion to recommend to City Council, that they request to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that this matters resolution be expediated for the safety of the citizens that this impacts in the area. Vice Chairman Myjak seconded.

Roll call was as follows:

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Member Perez	Yes
Vice Chairman Myjak	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Yount	Yes
Member Koci	Yes
Member Tucker	Yes
Chairwoman Thompson	Yes

**Motion passed.**

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***Earth Day- April 22, 2024***

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion regarding their participation at the Enchanted Forest, Earth Day event.

The Commission would like to have a table setup and have items to pass out such as educational brochures, activities for kids, etc.

The Commission members will volunteer to come setup and breakdown and spend a couple hours at the booth to handout items and speak with the public.

Mr. Parrish said that staff will find out what is available to handout and will give an update to what is available to use regarding the tents, banners and tables.

Member Perez said he will reach out to see about tree giveaways.

The Commission will work out the details at their April 10, 2024 meeting.

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***Native Municipal Canopy, Landscaping, Native Plantings & Management Trust Fund***

Vice Chairman Myjak provided two handouts to the Commission to follow along as he went over his presentation on the Native Landscape Trust Fund. These handouts are available upon request.

The Titusville Environmental Commission appreciated and agreed with Vice Chairman Myjak's policy proposal presentation.



Chairwoman Thompson asked Mr. Parrish what City Council discussed at their March 12, 2024 meeting regarding the Soil Amendment Ordinance and the Landscape Trust Fund. Mr. Parrish gave a brief overview of the Soil Amendment Ordinance, which helps city staff require developers to amend soils on site to ensure plants will survive. Mr. Parrish said that City Council made no specific recommendations to use the Landscape Trust Fund, and they would like to keep the flexibility to use the funds on a project by project basis.

Member Delgado suggested that the TEC get involved in projects during the initial planning stages.

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Vice Chairman Myjak made a motion to recommend to City Council that they consider this policy proposal for the Native Municipal Canopy, Landscaping, Native Plantings & Management Trust Fund as a process by which we can grow our native Titusville street canopy and native plants. Member Perez seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote.

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Mr. Parrish asked for clarification on the tree list for making changes and forwarding it to City Council. The Commission agreed that the changes can be made and sent to City Council.

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### **Petitions & Requests from Public Present**

Kay St. Ong of Titusville, Florida came to ask how the fees will be assessed for this proposed policy that Vice Chairman Myjak presented. Vice Chairman Myjak said these are details that will have to be determined as this is further discussed in the future.

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### **Reports**

Ms. Trout gave an update regarding the Urban Forestry grant program. City Council directed staff to apply for the grant. Ms. Trout said this grant could open up in the next two months.

Ms. Trout gave an update on the Natural Resources Comp plan and the Landscape Technical Manual. The review of this Comp Plan could start in the Summer of 2024.

Ms. Trout said that the Space View Park and Veterans Memorial Park Pedestrian Pier should open at the end of April 2024.

Ms. Trout said the Indian River Avenue sewer project should be completed in August 2024.

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**Discussion of Future Agenda Items**

1. Landscape Trust Fund policy proposal
2. TEC Power & Duties

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Member Yount said he would like to propose a change to the Titusville Environmental Commission By-Laws and remove Section 6, which is to remove the first Petitions & Requests from the agenda, because he feels it takes away too much time from the meeting agenda.

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Member Yount made a motion to discuss the Titusville Environmental Commission By-Laws at the April 10, 2024 meeting. Chairwoman Thompson seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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**Adjournment 8:21p.m.**