MINUTES
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting of The City Council

July 27, 2021

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. Opening Matters:

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hearn provided the invocation and students of the Cocoa Works Program led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Michael C. Blake	Mayor
	James Goins	Deputy Mayor
	Rip Dyal	Councilmember
	Lavander Hearn	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Evander Collier, Chief of Police; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Charlene Neuterman, Interim Community Services Director; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PIO; and Trevor Roth, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. **Agenda:** Regular Meeting of July 27, 2021. (21-489)

2. **Minutes:** (a) Regular Meeting of June 22, 2021. (21-490)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to amend the Agenda to add Item III.1, a presentation by Andy Romine, President of Rockledge Regional Hospital.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn, to approve the Minutes as written for the Regular meeting of June 22, 2021.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. Awards and Presentations:

1. Presentation by Andy Romine, President of Rockledge Regional Hospital regarding a COVID update. (Chief Lamm)

Mr. Romine advised that Chief Lamm had asked him to provide an update on Covid-19. There is a lot of news out there lately and often times it can be difficult to determine what is fiction and what is not and it has been this way throughout this whole pandemic. He spoke about the current situation and that we are well into another peak of infections when you look at county statistics.

There are about 500-600 positive cases a day, which has more than doubled than a few months ago. The virus is very prevalent in Cocoa and Brevard County and the increase has led to more hospitalizations. He stressed that those who have been vaccinated are not being hospitalized.

He pointed out that his message was that we all know the preventative measures of Covid and he reiterated the importance of the vaccination. They are effective and data shows that there are minimal side effects.

Chief Lamm further advised that when this pandemic started the first responders were having issues getting the vaccine. Rockledge Regional stepped up and they vaccinated officers even though they were in Rockledge. Without the team at the hospital the first responders would have had to wait longer to be vaccinated.

Councilmember Hearn noted that as a first responder he sees the ER on a weekly basis and the overcrowding they are experiencing. He thanked them for doing their best and adjusting to all of the changes.

Ms. McDougall with the school board asked what age ranges they were seeing the most of. In response, Mr. Romine note that the average patient was between 45-55 years old and there have been several much younger than that. Last year the average was 65-75 years old, however, the percentage of vaccinated older adults is much higher than younger ages. They have seen children in the ER but they are not sick enough for hospital admission.

Brad Whitmore, Cocoa Village Main Street, asked if a person was more likely of getting sick without the vaccination. In response, Mr. Romine stated yes. The Delta Variant is the virus that is mutating and much more contagious than a year ago. The vaccines are effective with the Delta Variant.

John Niland, 121 Island Place, asked if this would be considered the spike or should we expect an entirely different spike and should we be prepared like the last time. Mr. Romine advised he did not know and that was a difficult question. If you look at Brevard County testing today and those that are positive, we can expect an increase in hospitalizations in the next six to eight weeks. Beyond that it is difficult to tell.

Deputy Mayor Goins knows there are a few people who have passed away this week in the City of Cocoa and there is a major discussion on social media because these deaths are coming closer to home. He asked if there are any vaccine events coming up.

Ms. Senger advised they are posted on the website and they are continuously doing vaccine events in the county, as well as almost every pharmacy has the vaccine available now.

Chief Lamm noted the reason they are not seeing so many sites is because the state shut down those sites to try to get these out to pharmacies. The vaccine is readily available anywhere you want to go.

Mayor Blake asked that all look at the importance of vaccines, he respects everyone's rights, but knowledge is power.

2.~~1~~. Presentation by Dr. Mullins, Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools. (Mayor Blake)

Mayor Blake introduced Dr. Mullins and acknowledged School Board Member McDougall and Principal Wilson from Cocoa High School.

Dr. Mullins thanked the Mayor for the opportunity and was excited to share some opportunities for the students in the upcoming school year. He provided a quick update of all of the statistics during the last school year and obstacles they faced but overall found ways for the school year to be a success.

He spoke about the heroes, including teachers, food service works, and public safety.

They are reopening to full in person learning two weeks from today. Many teachers are already back and formally return on Monday, August 2, 2021.

He provided a presentation[1] and spoke about the Thrive by Five program. He gave each member of Council a Thrive By Five bag which includes literature, a book, and cloth, and is given out to birthing centers in Brevard. He stated that he spoke about this at the SCLC meeting and would like the cities to adopt a resolution to be a community to support their children to Thrive by Five. He further pointed out that Councilmember Koss was in support and wanted Cocoa to be the first city to adopt this resolution.

His goal is that a family cannot go to the hardware store, grocery store, etc. without seeing the Thrive by Five program. This could be a great thing that we can all come together to support kids.

He spoke about the continued growth and expansion of the career and technical education programs in schools and provided a breakdown of what the different schools throughout the county offer.

There are exciting opportunities for students in Brevard County and Cocoa High as well.

Councilmember Dyal asked if there are any masonry programs. Dr. Mullins noted Cocoa High School has that program.

Dr. Mullins noted they are looking to expand the intern possibility because he believes when students leave they will be better equipped for entering the workforce.

He thanked Cocoa for being a pioneer for helping to give kids that workplace experience and for allowing him to do this presentation.

Mayor Blake agreed and advised that they have talked with business partners who are very interested in having internships within the City of Cocoa.

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1 EXHIBIT A: Presentation by Dr. Mark Mullins

Council thanked Dr. Mullins and congratulated him on being selected to represent Brevard County on the Board for Superintendents as the Area IV Director.

3. ~~2~~. Presentation of the City of Cocoa's 2021 "Cocoa Works" Summer Youth Employment Program. (21-443). (City Manager/Administrative Services Director)

Ms. Gemmati provided a background for the Cocoa Works Summer internship program. There are four students present and one could not attend. She introduced Jana Bauer with Career Source Brevard as well as Jodi Jackson from Career Source Brevard. This is the fifth year of this program and she pointed out that they could not do it last year due to Covid. This year was a smaller group.

Ms. Bauer thanked Council and staff and stated that they appreciate the relationship with Cocoa. She spoke of the importance of these internships and the training the students get and what it does to help them grow.

Ms. Gemmati added that this is a five-week paid internship with Cocoa and Rockledge students. It includes a training session prior to the internship where other skills are learned.

Ms. Gemmati acknowledged each student and provided them with a Certificate.

4. ~~3~~. Announce the winning entries of the first annual Tree Beauty Contest. (21-504). (City Manager)

Ms. Senger provided a presentation[2] and provided information on the Tree Beauty Contest. She announced that there were twelve submissions and seven winning entries.

She thanked the contest committee and was grateful as they were able to help establish the criteria and helped with judging.

Councilmember Koss announced the winners and mentioned that photos would be displayed in the lobby of City Hall. Signs will also be placed on all of the trees.

Councilmember Koss noted that this was a great way to educate people and hoped to do an Arbor Day event next year.

Winners were:

- Most Colorful- submitted by Dan Quattrocchi (not in attendance)
- People's Choice- submitted by Janne Etz
- Runner Up for Best Photograph-Mary Kamus

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2 EXHIBIT B: Tree Beauty Contest Presentation

- Best Photograph-Jane Jollay
- Best Community of Trees-Aleck Greenwood
- Most Welcoming-Aleck Greenwood
- Judges Choice-Tammy Carter

IV. Delegations:

John Niland, 121 Island Place, Orchid, Florida, spoke about fluoridation and hoped that everyone understood that fluoride is a medication, chemical and a drug. This is in the water that people are being forced to ingest. He further spoke about different ways that fluoride is used and other chemicals placed in water.

Jennifer Riggs, 1629 N. Indian River Drive, Cocoa, provided an update on the Cocoa Conservation Trails[3]. She advised that there is a group that has come together to get the trails ready and this will be a great asset for Cocoa and cross country events. She noted that about 2/3 of the green trail shown on the slide has been cut and they will begin the red trail next. She felt this was a great resource that the City has.

Mikey Trovages, 509 N. Georgia Ave., Cocoa, owner of Rec 225 and representing Cocoa Village Main Street, announced that Sip and Stroll is back, "Christmas in July", which will be held on July 30th. They will be following all CDC guidelines. Tickets are available on Visit Cocoa Village.com or Facebook.com/Cocoa Village.

Allan Chapman, Executive Director of HCVA, 434 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa, noted that he participated in a conference in New Port Richey and he attended the Florida Historic Cocoa Village Awards. Cocoa Village Main Street was presented with an award. He explained the award in detail and recognized Caroline Sharob for outstanding efforts with Cocoa Village Main Street and he showed the award.

Anita Gibson, 451 Stone Street, Cocoa, voiced two issues she has. One was that the merchants of the stores have allowed her to post flyers of her sons murder and reward. However, she has been out to the National Guard Armory to see if she could place one at Mitchell and Fiske Blvd. but is having a hard time doing so. Secondly, she wanted to know the chain of command at the probation office. She had a personal issue today and would like a review of how they do business. She felt that you cannot get past what they decide to do and there needed to be someone to follow the rules.

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[3] EXHIBIT C: Cocoa Conservation Trail update by J. Riggs

V. Consent Agenda:

(A) General Consent Items:

1. Approve the Proposed Joint Pineda Causeway Pipeline Project between the City of Cocoa and the City of Melbourne, Project No. WS18MI, to Quality Enterprises USA, Inc., Naples, Florida; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2021 Budget, BAF # 201-100-A and BAF # 21-101-PT. (21-447). (Utilities Director)

2. Approve a Proposal from Reiss Engineering, Inc. (REI), a CHA Company for Engineering Services During Construction related to the Joint Pineda Causeway Water Transmission Main Project between the City of Cocoa and the City of Melbourne. (21-449). (Utilities Director)

3. Approve an Increase to the Contingency for the Wewahootee Sulfuraetor Rehabilitation and Aluminum Dome Repair Project (WS21WS) in the Amount of $34,155 for a Total Project Contingency of $53,950; To Authorize the City Manager to Approve Change Orders to P.O. 78016 with Vortex Services, LLC in an Amount not to Exceed $53,950; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2021 Budget; BAF # 21-090-A. (21-468). (Utilities Director)

4. To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2021 Budget to Reallocate Funds to Purchase a Replacement HVAC unit from Trane, BAF #21-091-T. (21-474). (Utilities Director)

5. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Year 2 grant contract from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services through the Florida Forest Service for the City of Cocoa's urban forest management plan. Approve a Resolution Amending the FY21 Budget BAF#21-097-A. (21-478). (Public Works Director)

6. To Authorize the City Manager to Approve Change Order #1 to P.O. 77722 with Ovivo USA, LLC in an Amount not to Exceed $41,010 for Clarifier #1 Arm Repair Project No. WS21AR; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2021 Budget; BAF# 21-093-T. (21-491). (Utilities Director)

7. Approve entering into a multi-year piggyback agreement with JSR Enterprises East Coast LLC., utilizing Brevard County Contract B# 7-19-73 Fuel Pump, Fuel Site, Tank Repair and Inspection Services for the complete replacement of the existing fuel site and equipment. Approve Resolution 2021-062 to provide a 5%

contingency for unforeseen costs related to this project. Approve a resolution Amending the FY21 Budget BAF's 21-095-T 1 & 2 for the Water/Sewer and Stormwater portion of the project. (21-496). (Public Works Director)

8. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Change Order to the Space Coast Auto Supply Purchase Order #77408 for the NAPA IBS Fleet Related Maintenance Equipment, Supplies, Services, and Inventory Management Solutions. (21-499). (Public Works Director)

(B) Multi-Year Contracts:

9. Approve a multi-year renewal of United Healthcare Medicare Advantage Plan for eligible retirees 65 and over from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and payments to eligible retirees for Medicare Part B reimbursement. (21-469). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to approve the Consent agenda.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. Public Hearings:

None.

VII. Council Business:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2021-060, Establishing the Rolled-Back Rate, approve a Proposed Tentative Millage Rate for the Purposes of Notification to the Taxpayers by the Brevard County Property Appraiser and set the date, time, and place for the first Public Hearing to consider the FY2022 Budget. It is also recommended for the City Manager to be instructed to complete the Florida Department of Revenue's Certifications of Taxable Value, Forms DR-420. (21-495). (Finance Director)

Ms. Bowman provided a presentation[4] to Council and noted this was the first official budgetary meeting and there would be action required after the presentation.

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[4] EXHIBIT D: Truth in Millage (TRIM) Presentation

She advised that the resolution establishing the Rolled-Back Rate, the adoption of a proposed Millage Rate, and the setting of the First Public Hearing for September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. would all be done tonight. The public hearing will be held here at City Hall.

Ms. Bowman pointed out that the proposed rate voted for tonight can be reduced when voting for an adopted millage rate, but it cannot be increased.

A history of the Ad Valorem Tax Base was shown as well as the millage and ad valorem revenue history.

She explained the FY 2022 TRIM Rate options in detail as well as explained the reduction of Ad Valorem due to the required TIF payments to the CRA's from the general fund.

Ms. Bowman provided a breakdown of what this meant to single family property owners and a comparison of millage rates amongst all cities in Brevard County was shown.

The FY 2022 staff proposed rate and first public hearing was discussed. Staff's proposed rate is 6.4532.

The FY 2022 tentative budget was reviewed, including general fund revenues by funding source, water/sewer revenues, and stormwater fund revenues. The FY 2022 recommended budget versus the FY 2021 adopted budget was discussed in furtherance as well.

Ms. Bowman explained the rolled back rate after a request for clarification from Mayor Blake.

Mayor Blake asked if there was any public input on this. He felt that Cocoa was doing a lot of great things with business partnerships, a lot of new construction, and feels that we need to provide a quality way of life for the citizens and to be competitive. He likes the proposed rate of 6.4532.

Further clarification was provided on what action was being taken tonight. Attorney Garganese added that they need to approve the resolution which included everything discussed.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to approve Resolution No. 2021-060, Establishing the Rolled-Back Rate, approve a Proposed Tentative Millage Rate for the Purposes of Notification to the Taxpayers by the Brevard County Property Appraiser and set the date, time, and place for the first Public Hearing to consider the FY2022 Budget. It is also recommended for the City Manager to be instructed to complete the Florida Department of Revenue's Certifications of Taxable Value, Forms DR-420.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Ms. Bowman stated that the 1st public hearing will be on September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. where they will vote for a tentative millage rate and a tentative FY 2022 budget. Additionally, the 2nd public hearing will be held on September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and they will adopt a final millage rate and will adopt the FY 2022 budget.

2. Staff is requesting approval of option one in regards to outdoor dining with three options listed below: (1) return to offering sidewalk cafes only, (2) continue with outdoor dining or (3) continue with outdoor dining during special events only. (21-506). (Interim Community Services Director)

Ms. Neuterman provided a presentation[5] regarding outdoor dining. She provided a project summary and explained the history of the outdoor dining resolution. She spoke in furtherance of the resolutions approved by council and gave a timeline of those resolutions. Photos were shown of the two outdoor dining areas in the village, Pub Americana and the Village Idiot of which both have active permits.

Options for moving forward and how each of them would effect village operations were discussed.

Ms. Neuterman pointed out that if Council approves option #1 staff could go back and tweak some of the sidewalk provisions.

Councilmember Koss clarified that the concern was that other restaurants would want to put requests in to use spaces in front of their businesses.

In response, Ms. Neuterman explained the issue that the Village Idiot Pub had and pointed out it was a seating issue.

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5 EXHIBIT E: Outdoor Dining Presentation

Councilmember Koss asked if another option could be proposed to keep spaces for those two businesses and limit the applications moving forward. Ms. Neuterman responded in the affirmative but advised it would not be fair and equitable to other businesses in the city.

Deputy Mayor Goins mentioned that Ms. Neuterman stated there were not many complaints or incidents related to outdoor seating. He further mentioned that Mr. Romine advised of the rising Covid numbers and felt that people like coming to the Village because they can sit outside. He stated that he liked being outside and because of the numbers they needed to extend for sixty days or so.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to extend the resolution in place until numbers go back down.**

Mayor Blake clarified his motion. In response, Deputy Mayor Goins made a motion to extend the previous resolution from June 30th so they can have a café on public parking spaces.

Councilmember Dyal re-clarified that he was requesting sixty more days. Deputy Mayor Goins responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Hearn asked if the Deputy Mayor would be willing to rescind his motion and add the option to come back earlier than sixty days if there was an increase in businesses wanting to join in the outdoor dining option.

Deputy Mayor Goins advised that when this was originally done there was a date for businesses to submit requests for outdoor dining. When the date ended it was Pub Americana, Dog & Bone, and The Village Idiot. Ossorios also extended their sidewalk café.

Councilmember Hearn agreed to stay with the same guidelines and not to reopen the application process.

Mayor Blake would rather be fair and equitable because there will be others who may want to add.

Pam Shaia, 308 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, stated that Covid is real and asked that they go back to allowing curbside pickup. She has two businesses and represents the merchants. When it was originally approved to extend the seating, parking spaces were also given for curbside assistance. She explained why this is important and noted there were a lot of businesses struggling and believed it would be worse in coming months.

Mayor Blake asked the City Attorney if they kept allowing this type of dining and someone comes barreling down the street and hits a pedestrian inside of the parking square if the City would be liable.

In response, Attorney Garganese advised that was a complicated question and what liability would be involved. If the City wants to extend this program he stated they needed to do it under the rules previously adopted as those require a permit and consideration of pedestrian safety and traffic issues.

Councilmember Koss asked if shop owners would need to reapply. In response, Attorney Garganese pointed out that there are already some operating under the resolution and if it was approved to be extended, that permit would extend. However, if someone had discontinued and wanted to re-establish this they would need to come in and reapply.

Councilmember Koss asked about Ms. Shaia's concern. Ms. Neuterman stated that to her knowledge curbside pickup had expired. The previous resolution did not address curbside.

Ms. Senger added that curbside was not included in the resolutions. City Manager Whitten asked who controlled parking spaces and it was stated that the Chief of Police does that.

Councilmember Koss requested that the motion be amended to extend the resolution for 90 days.

For clarification purposes, Ms. Neuterman advised that the Resolutoin expired on June 30th so if it was extended for ninety days it would go until September 30, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Goins asked if the Dog & Bone used the gazebo instead of parking spots and it was stated yes.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to amend his original motion and extend the Resolution for 90 days from June 30, 2021.**

AYES: Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

NAYS: Blake

THE MOTION CARRIED (4-1)

VIII. City Business:

1. Council approval of the purchase of four (4) parcels on Oleander Street and King Street for the purposes of constructing a municipal parking lot with approximately 40-50 spaces in the amount of $325,000. Council approval to negotiate a long-term easement access lease for a portion of a parcel owned by the City of Cocoa with the owner of a property on Plaza Parkway to provide access to their property. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of the four parcels and long-term easement lease agreements. (21-514). (Interim Community Services Director)

   Ms. Neuterman provided a background on this request and noted that all four parcels were located between Oleander and King Streets. Ms. Neuterman spoke in regards to the zoning and that an ordinance could be constructed to allow for a neighborhood parking facility which would benefit churches and businesses around it. She advised Council of staff's recommendation.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to approve staff's recommendation.**

Mr. Aleck Greenwood asked if there was a map so that they could see what lots were being discussed. Staff explained and provided a map to him.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Multi-Year Contracts:

None.

IX. Informational Agenda:

1. Council request to review the cumulative purchase approvals over $35,000 and under $50,000 for period 10/01/2020 to 6/30/2021. (21-481). (Finance Director)

2. Calls for service provided by the Cocoa Fire Rescue Department for the month of June. (21-487). (Fire Chief)

3. Approved change orders to construction contracts that the City Council has authorized the City Manager, by resolution, to approve in excess of the City Manager's spending authority. (21-492). (Finance Director)

4. FY 2021 Budget Adjustment Report. (21-493). (Finance Director)

5. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (21-494). (Finance Director)

X. Reports:

City Manager Whitten spoke on the appraisal for Mr. Baldwin's property which was $345,000. He has accepted $325,000. That has been concluded, and it was the four lots and would provide him access agreements to the property we have. It was a great deal. Additionally, in regards to loading zones, the Public Works Director will work on that for curbside pick-up.

City Manager Whitten added that soon it would be required for staff and the public to wear masks inside of city buildings.

Ms. Senger reminded everyone that they were still collecting school supplies and will be at Cocoa Walmart from 9-2 pm on Saturday and on August 7th they will be giving them out at Provost Park from 11-2 pm.

She further reminded them of the Wallen Park dedication on Saturday, August 7th and of the Rosa L. Jones unveiling on August 14th.

Lastly, she announced that the next Citizens Academy class is full. They will be taking applications for backups at this point.

Ms. Neuterman advised that they held the first meetings for the UpStart Cocoa Diamond Square and UpStart Cocoa and that the business selected for Diamond Square was Strategic Capitol Consulting with Purvette Bryant. She explained what her business would entail. In the event that she does not complete what is required Kali's Sweet Treats was selected as the runner-up. The business selected for Cocoa was Chef's Kitchen and the runner-up for that was 8 Esthetics. She was excited to see how this program would go.

Chief Lamm believed that Mr. Romine provided a great overview of the pandemic and it was no surprise because numbers keep going up. He provided local statistics and advised that only 47.5% of Brevard County has received their full vaccinations.

He advised that new CDC recommendations came out this evening and announced that Florida was leading in the Delta Variant and stressed that this is very serious. They are working on more ways to keep citizens and staff safe.

City Manager Whitten noted that staff would bring back the ordinance for masks to reconsider quickly if needed but for now they are required in public buildings and by city employees.

Councilmember Dyal enjoyed the business tour and announced his Town Hall Meeting on August 17th at 6 pm at the Lost Lakes Clubhouse.
He thanked staff for all of their hard work.

Mayor Blake thanked Ms. Essing for the business tour.

Deputy Mayor Goins provided condolences to families who have lost loved ones this week due to Covid.

He gave kudos to Alton Edmond, Mr. Hatcher and Councilmember Hearn for helping repair a fence for a single mom. Mr. Murdick in Code Enforcement reached out and they all helped out.

Deputy Mayor Goins stated the UpStart Program was great and there were some awesome companies who competed for the opportunity to get funds to start their businesses. He asked Council to consider expanding the program.

He thanked all for coming out tonight.

Mayor Blake appreciated the work they did Saturday and spoke of his attendance at the PAL event with Lt. Dellatorre and his wife.

He asked if speed tables could be put out to address speeders on Clearlake.

Mayor Blake announced that he would be working with the Public Works Department tomorrow and gave kudos for the information provided by Mr. Romine.

Councilmember Koss pointed out that in this months' Brevard Delivers Magazine the centerfold provided information on the Lagoon and what causes pollution as well as what can help it.

She provided an update on the Sustainability Advisory Board and mentioned that they are devoting a part of each meeting as an educational session. She provided a listing of upcoming presenters and invited all to come. She asked for help from staff to create a flyer to try to build an audience for these presentations and social media.

This Saturday the Cocoa Rotary will be doing a trash pick-up at Provost Park. They will start about 8 am and will be done by 10 am.

Lastly, she had a great time on the business tour and enjoyed the Chief's walk.

Councilmember Hearn enjoyed the business tour and heard a lot of good feedback from the Chief's walk.

He provided highlights of Cocoa High School's achievements this year and urged kids to get involved with sports and to do their best academically while in school.

Lastly, he asked those who could to visit Bracco Pond as he would love to hear feedback about it.

In closing, Mayor Blake reminded all of the program Thrive at Five and of the importance of reading to you children. He further stated that school was going back soon and to buy local, spend local, and keep it local.

XI. Adjournment:

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn, to adjourn the Regular meeting of July 27, 2021.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The Regular meeting of July 27, 2021 adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie E. Shealy, City Clerk

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Brevard Public Schools

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CITY OF COCOA COUNCIL MEETING

Mark W. Mullins
July 27, 2021

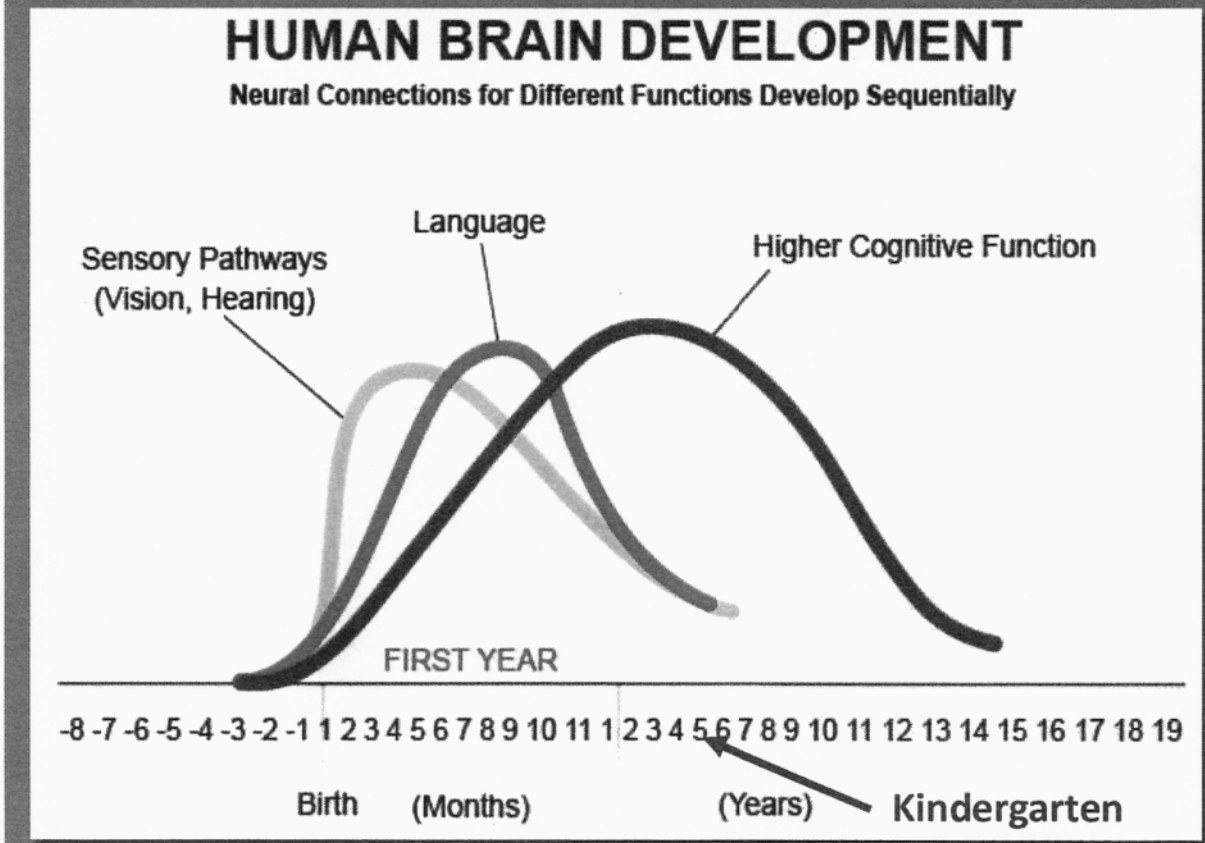
EXHIBIT A: Presentation by Dr. Mark Mullins

BREVARD
THRIVE BY FIVE!

The first five years are critical…

- Brains are wired for learning at birth
- Part genes, but mostly environment
- Driven by responsive interactions with adults and peers

Early learning is an evidence-based game changer



BREVARD
THRIVE BY FIVE!

- Overview
- Components
- Team Meeting
- Website Launch

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Social Skills and Feelings

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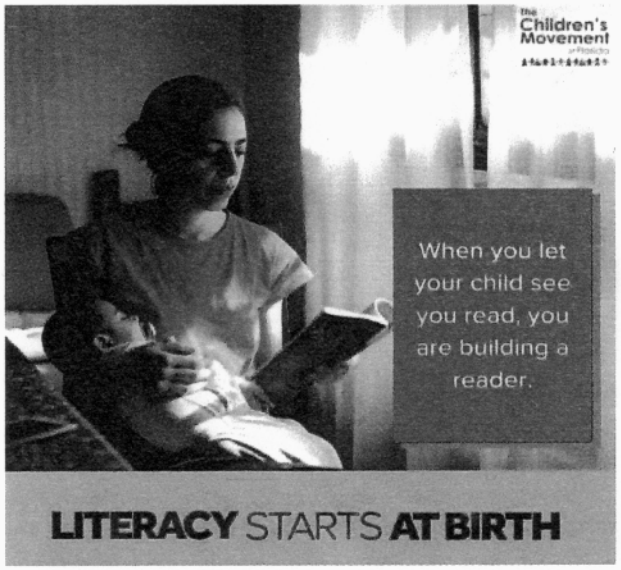
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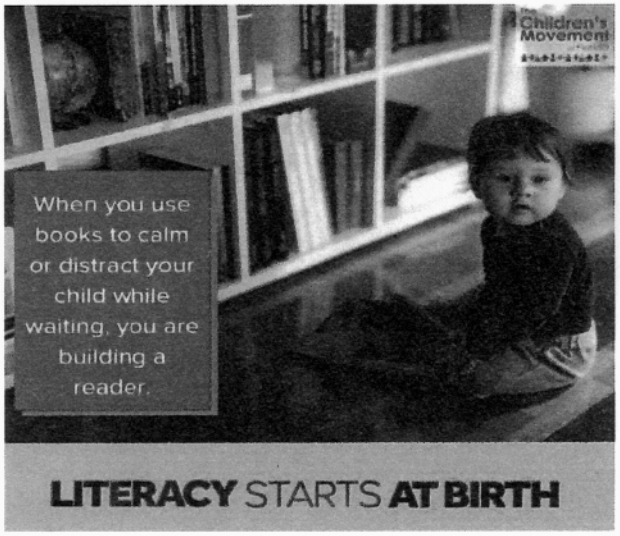
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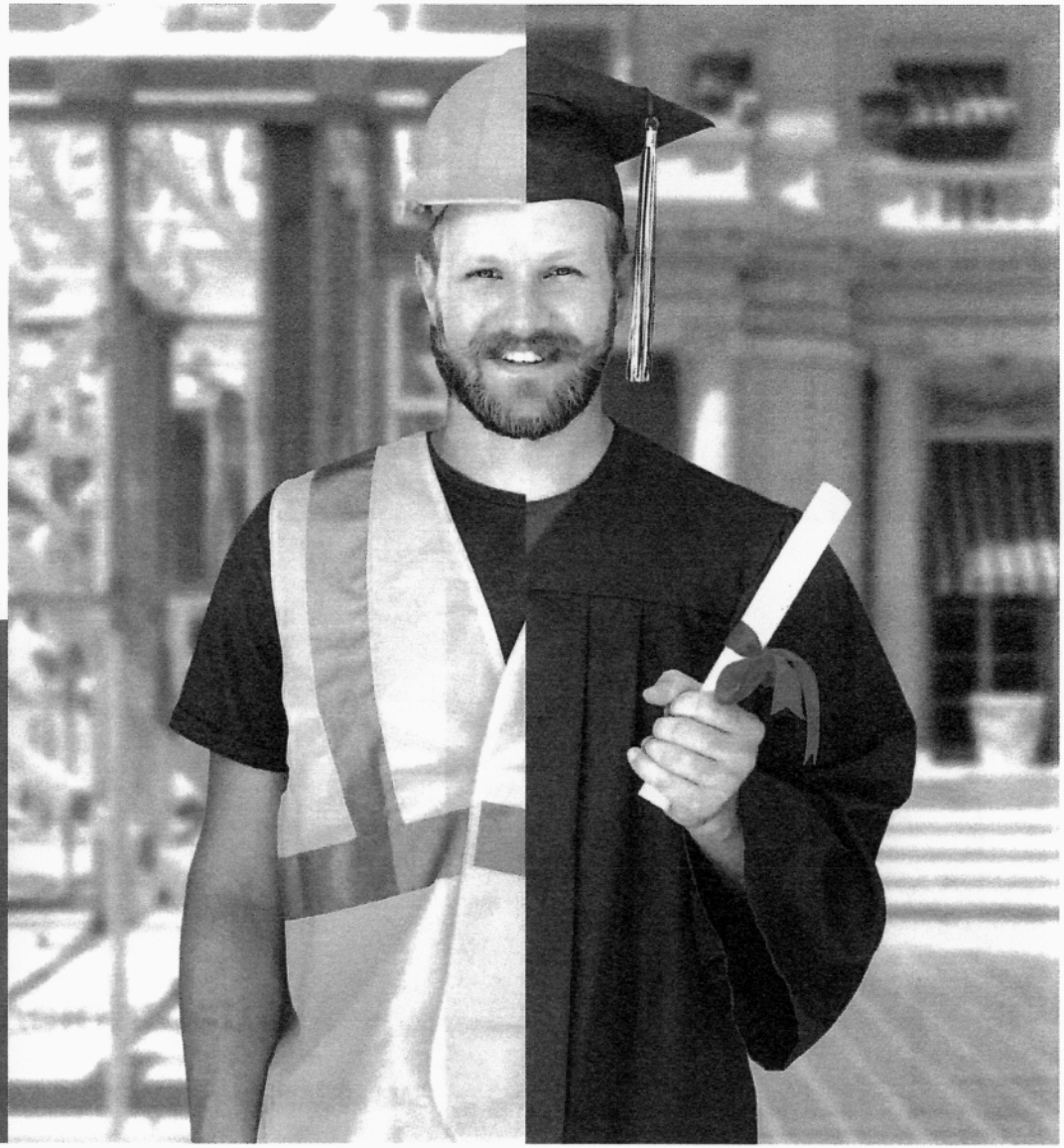




CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

PREPARING OUR NEXT GENERATION

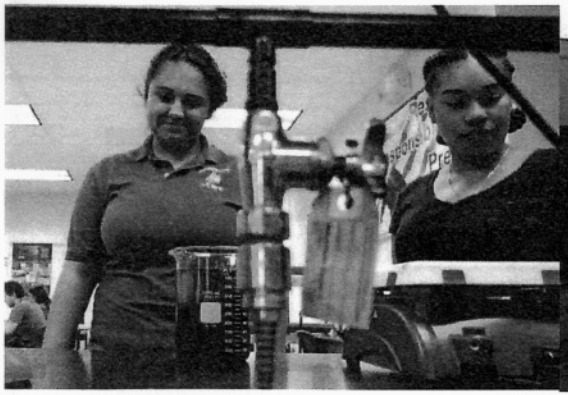
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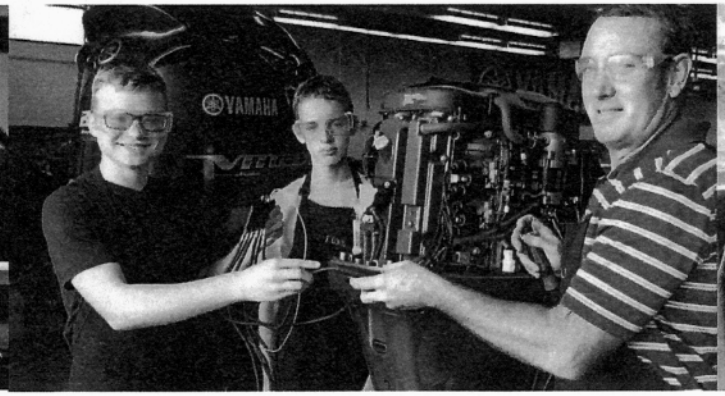


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BPS offers 82 different industry certifications, some include:

- Autodesk, Adobe, and Quickbooks
- Chief Architect Apprentice
- Nursing Assistant
- 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator
- FAA Ground School
- Automobile Technician
- Waste/Water Treatment
- Homebuilder's PAC
- HVAC
- Aerospace/Aircraft Assembly
- ServSafe Professional Food Service
- EKG Technician
- Microsoft Technology Associate
  (security, networking, programming, etc.)
- Manufacturing Skill Standards
- Internet Web
  (JavaScript, Site Devt, Social Media, etc.)
- NIMS Machining
  (CNC, drill press, etc.)







2020-21 CTE HIGHLIGHTS



- Teaching Academy at Bayside High: 48 students (a.k.a. Future BPS Teachers)
- New Radio Station at Viera High: 32 students
- Full-Time L3Harris Employment: 10 graduates
- Brevard Public Schools Internships: 15 rising seniors
- Brevard County Government Internships: 4 seniors
- Firefighting Scholarships: 8 graduates
- Welding Apprenticeships: 11 graduates
- 1 student: 21 industry certifications
- MSSC Certified Production Technician (CPT): 7 students
- Perkins Audit: Perfect Evaluation


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Principal, Cocoa Jr./Sr. High
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Schools
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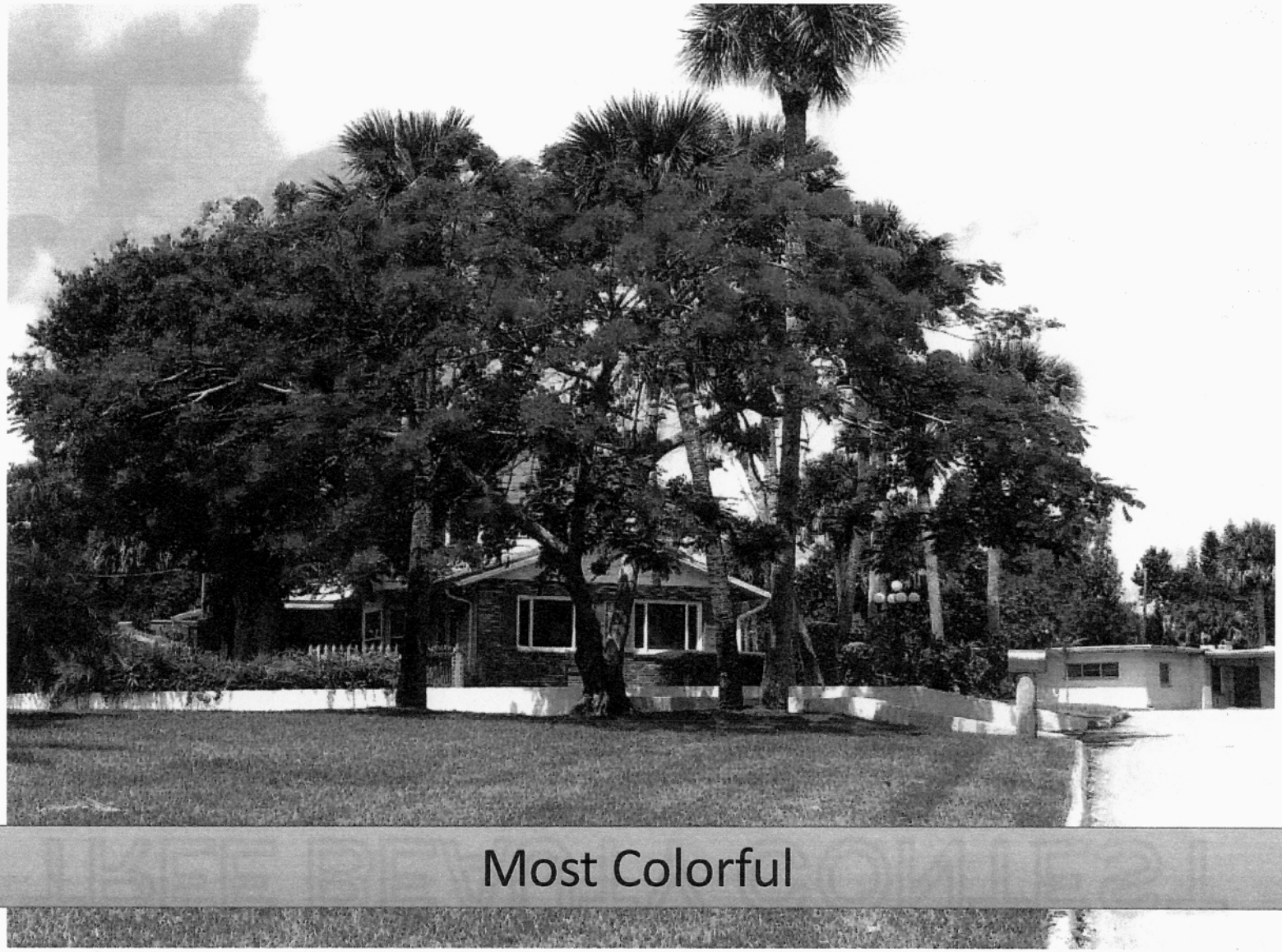
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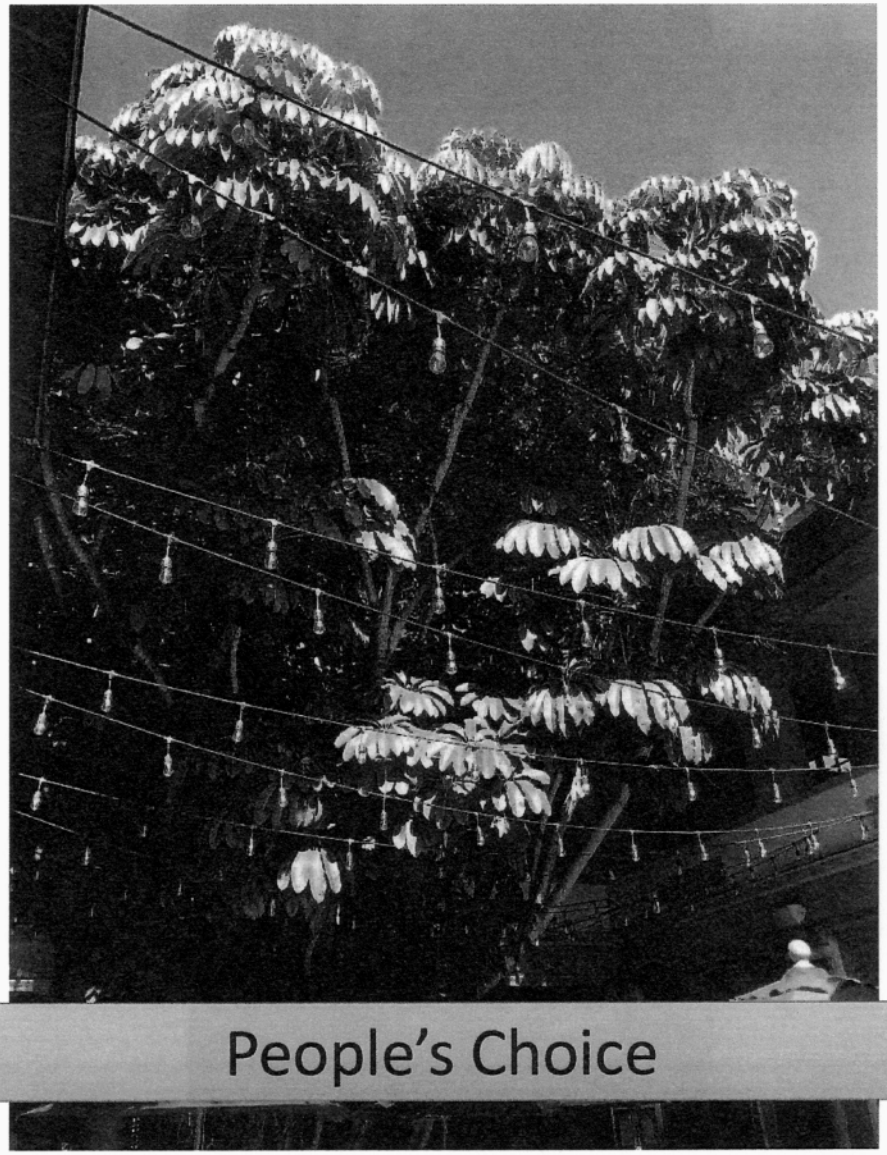
TREE BEAUTY CONTEST

2021 Winning Entry





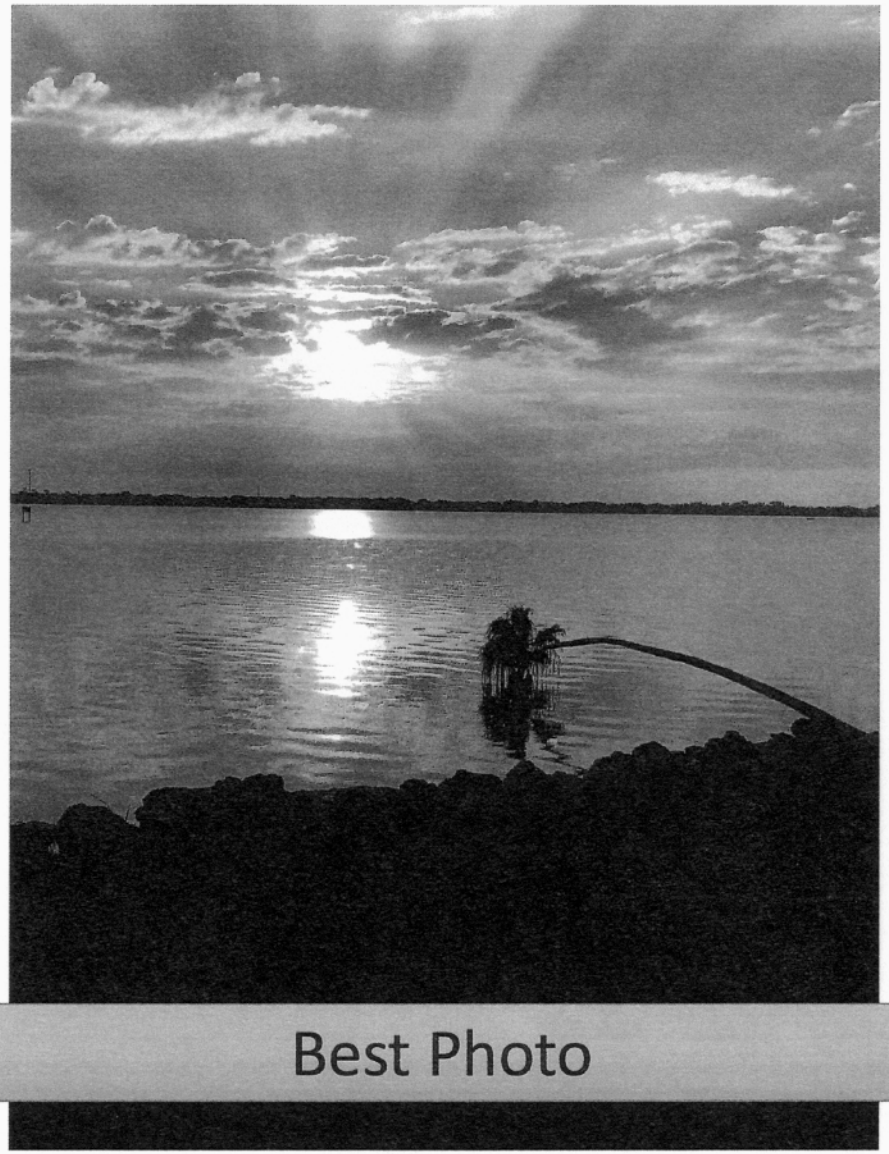
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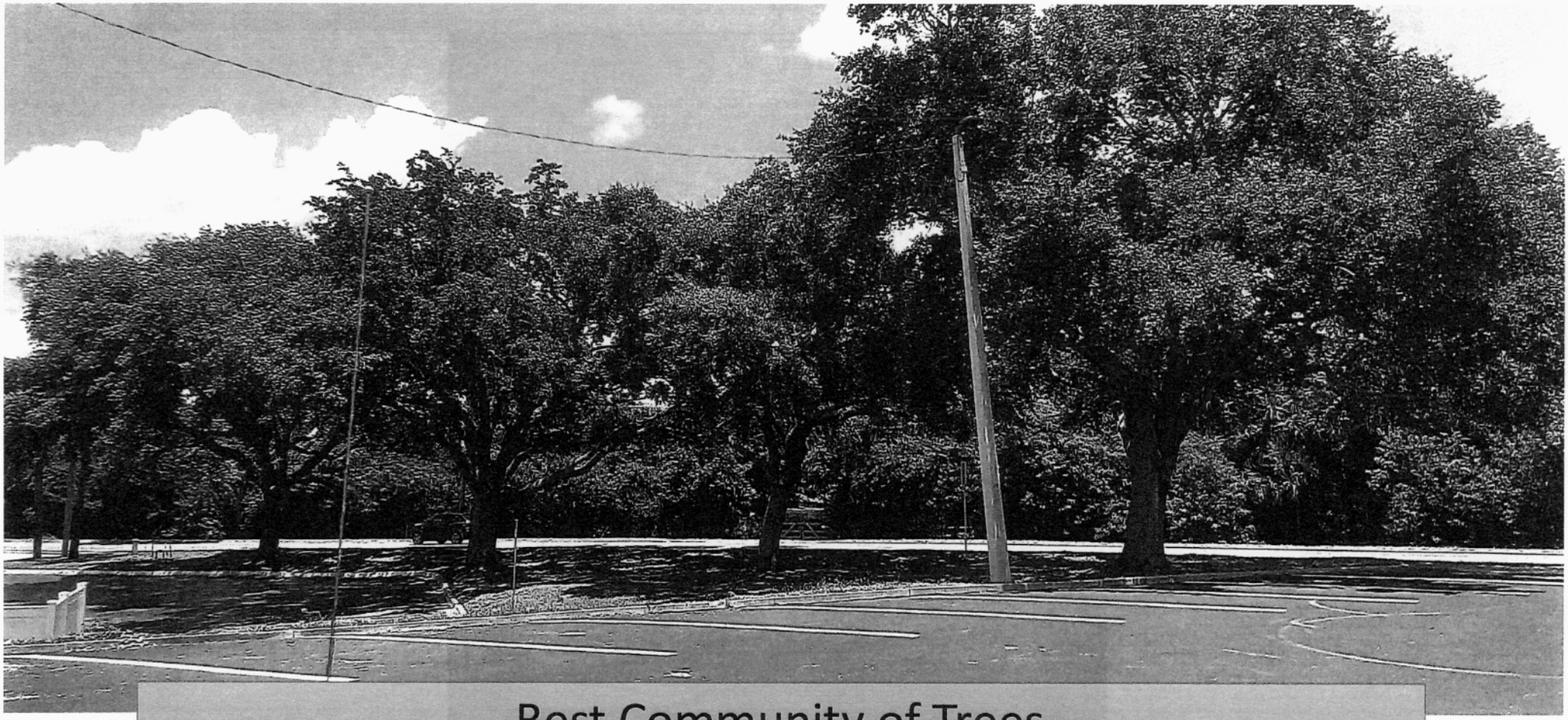
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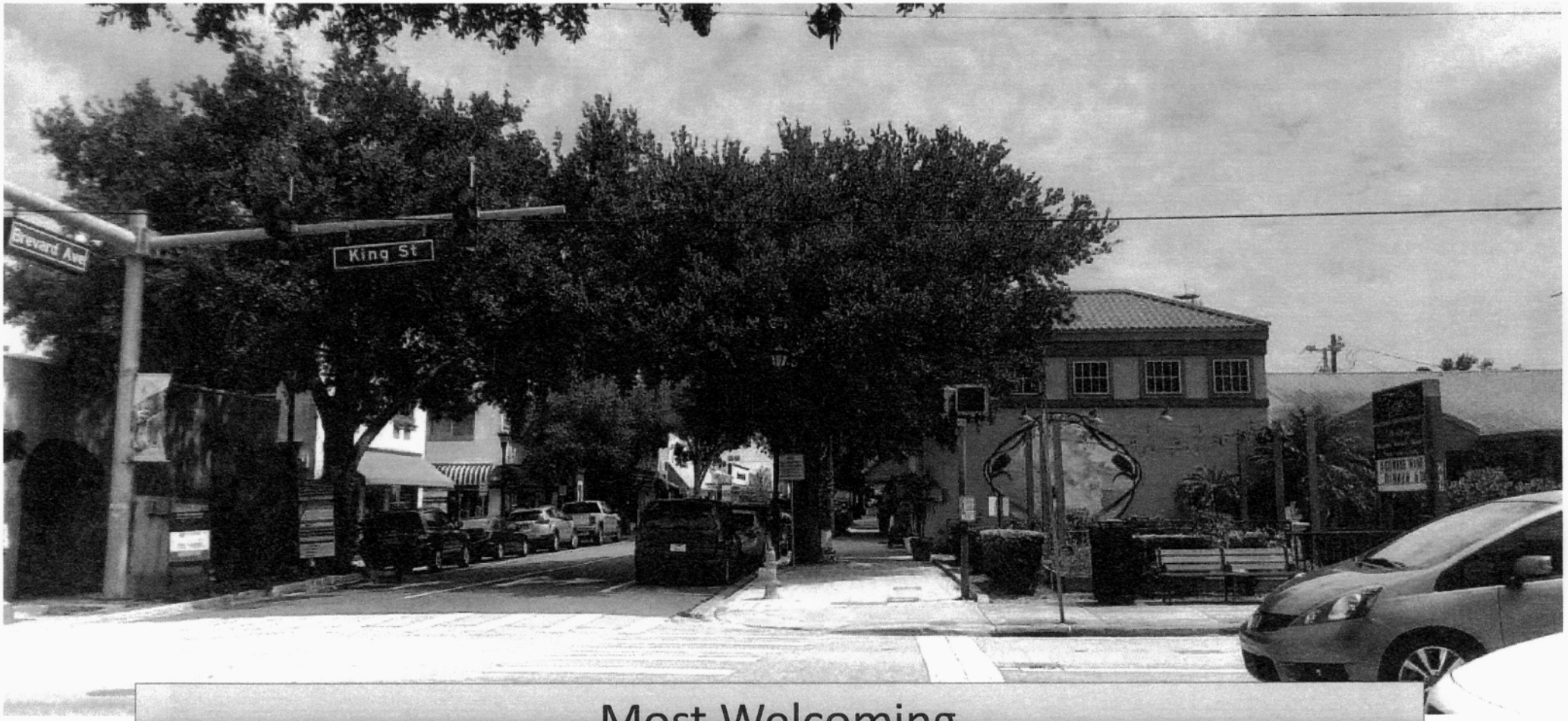
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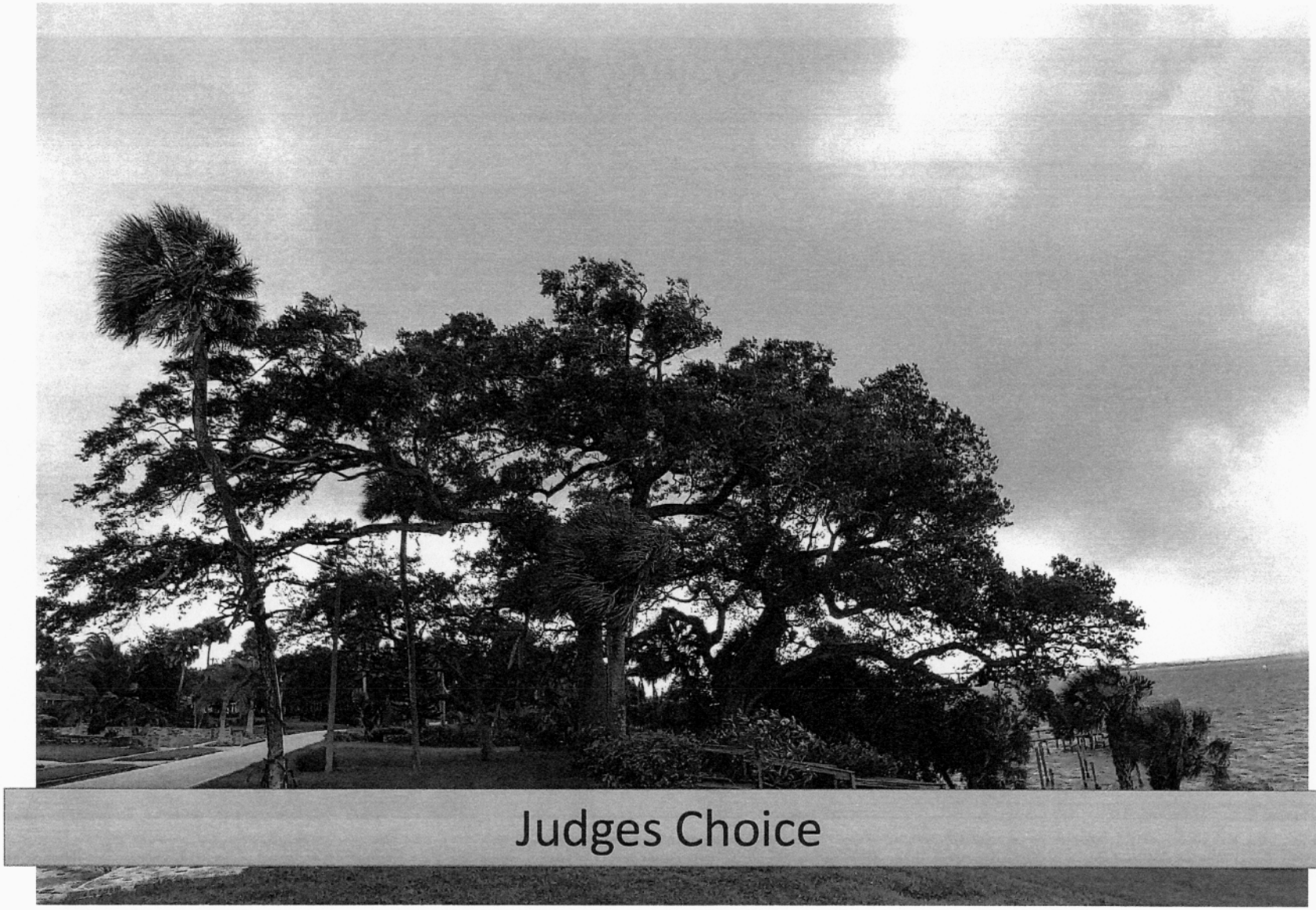
Best Photo



Best Community of Trees



Most Welcoming



Judges Choice

Cocoa High
Cross Country Trails
in the Cocoa Conservation Area

It is happening!

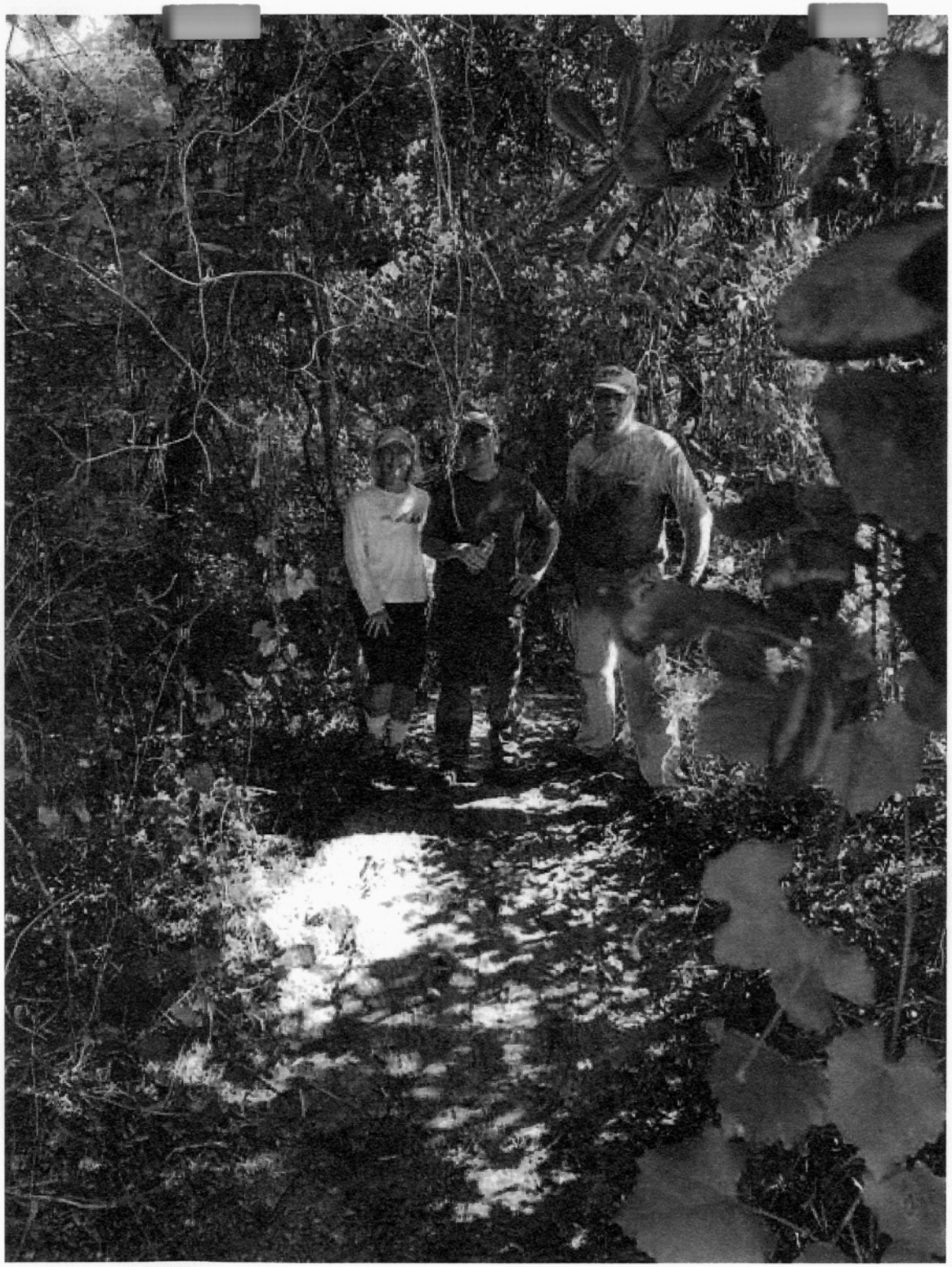
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EXHIBIT C: Cocoa Conservation Trail update by J. Riggs



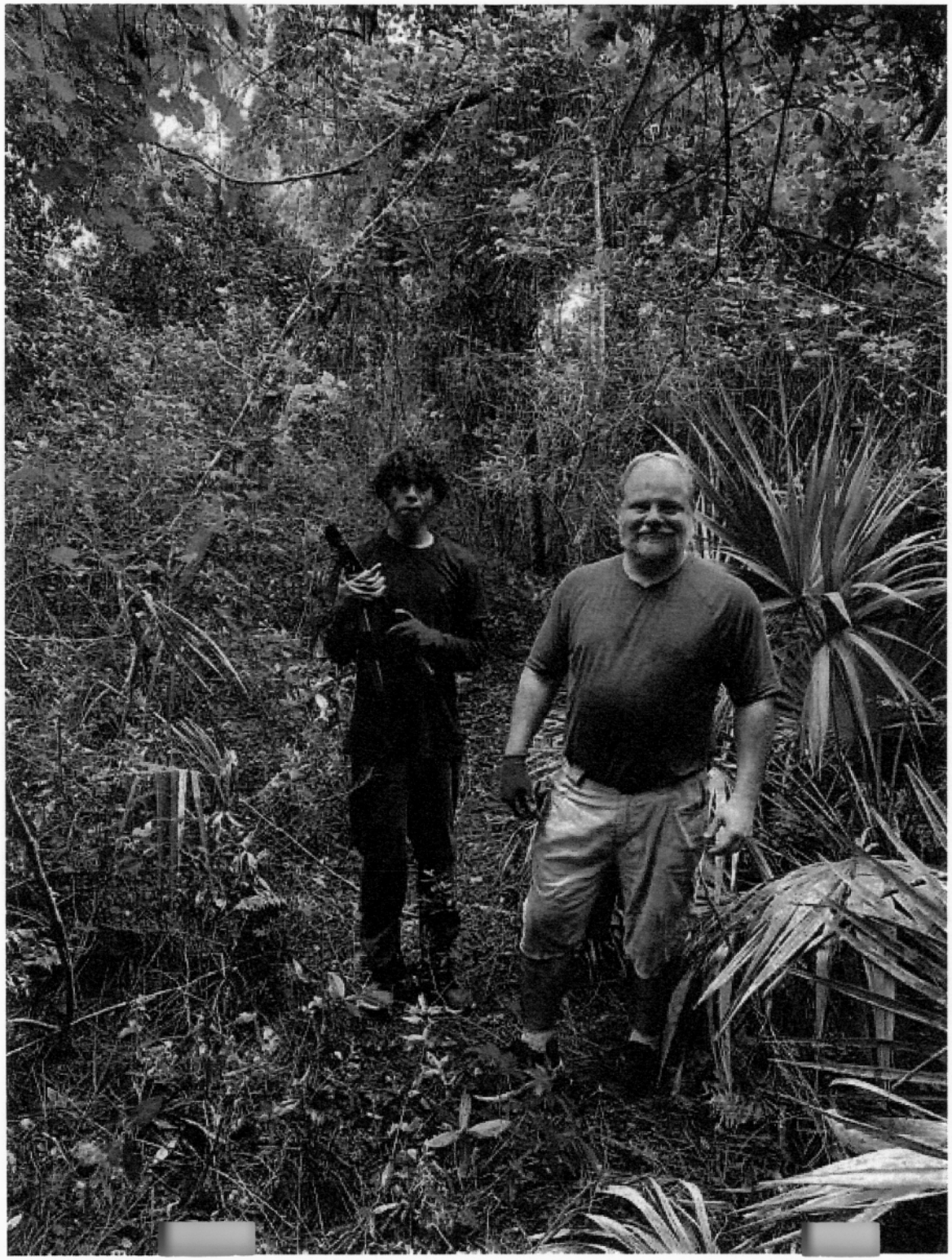
Cocoa High XCTRY Track Coaches

First Official Volunteer and Planning Day



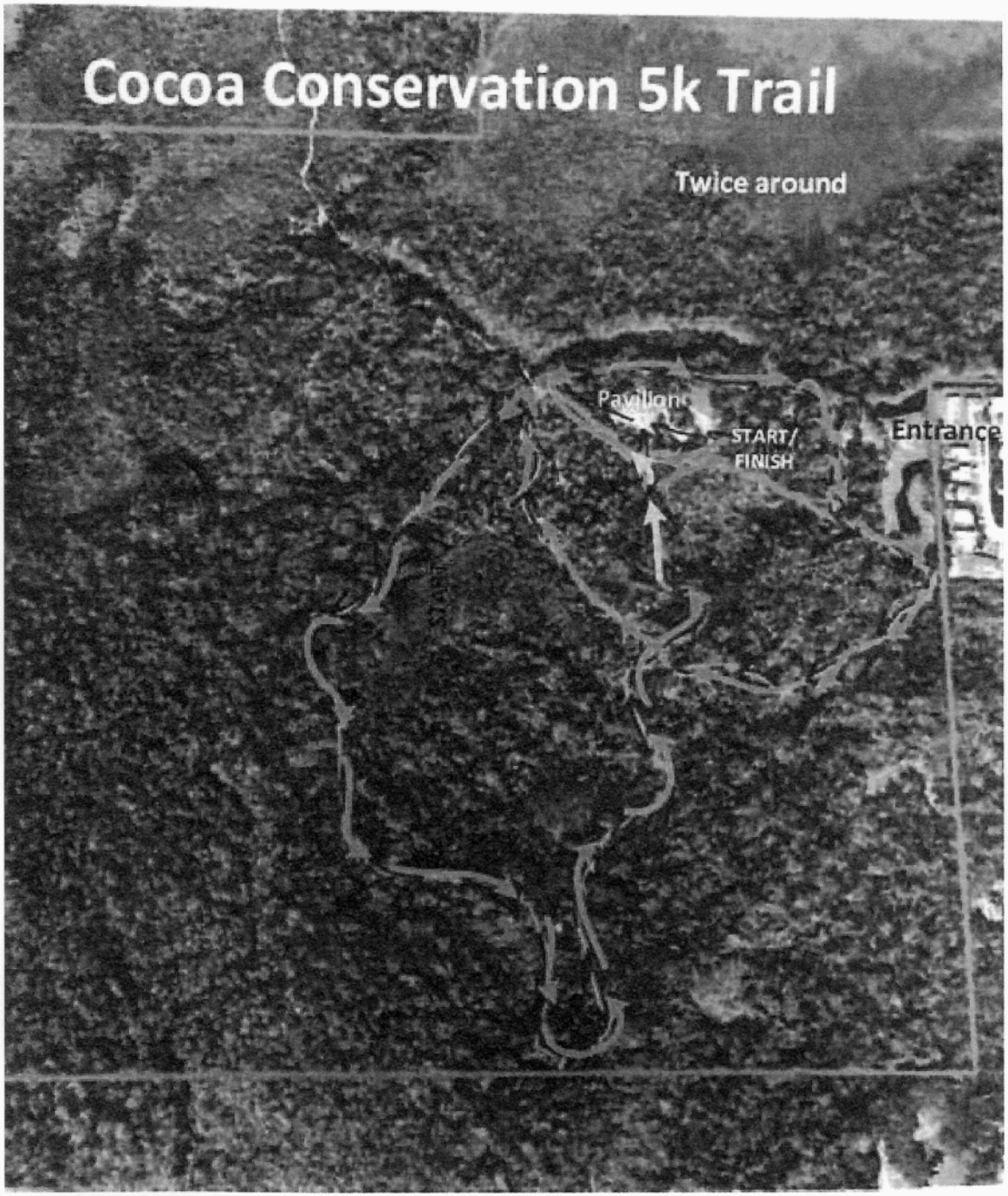
Mike Knight
Gregg Stoll
Jill Bond

First New
Trail Head



Day Two
Elijah and Todd

First XCTRY
Team Volunteer,
First Cocoa
Resident
Volunteer



Green Trail
About 2/3 Cut

Next is Red!

School
Volunteer Days
Coming Soon

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Truth In Millage (TRIM) Presentation

Regular Council Meeting
July 27, 2021

EXHIBIT D: Truth in Millage (TRIM) Presentation

Objectives

❖ **Approve a resolution establishing the Rolled-Back Rate**

❖ **Adopt a Proposed Millage Rate**

To be in compliance with FS 200.065, the City must establish a proposed millage rate by August 4th (within 35 days of valuation, per TRIM Compliance Process) for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

- Minimum Requirement – 3 of 5 Votes

❖ **Set 1st Public Hearing – Sept. 14, 2021 at 6:00p.m. (City of Cocoa City Hall, Council Chambers)**

❑ **REMINDER**

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Historical Review
Ad Valorem Tax Base

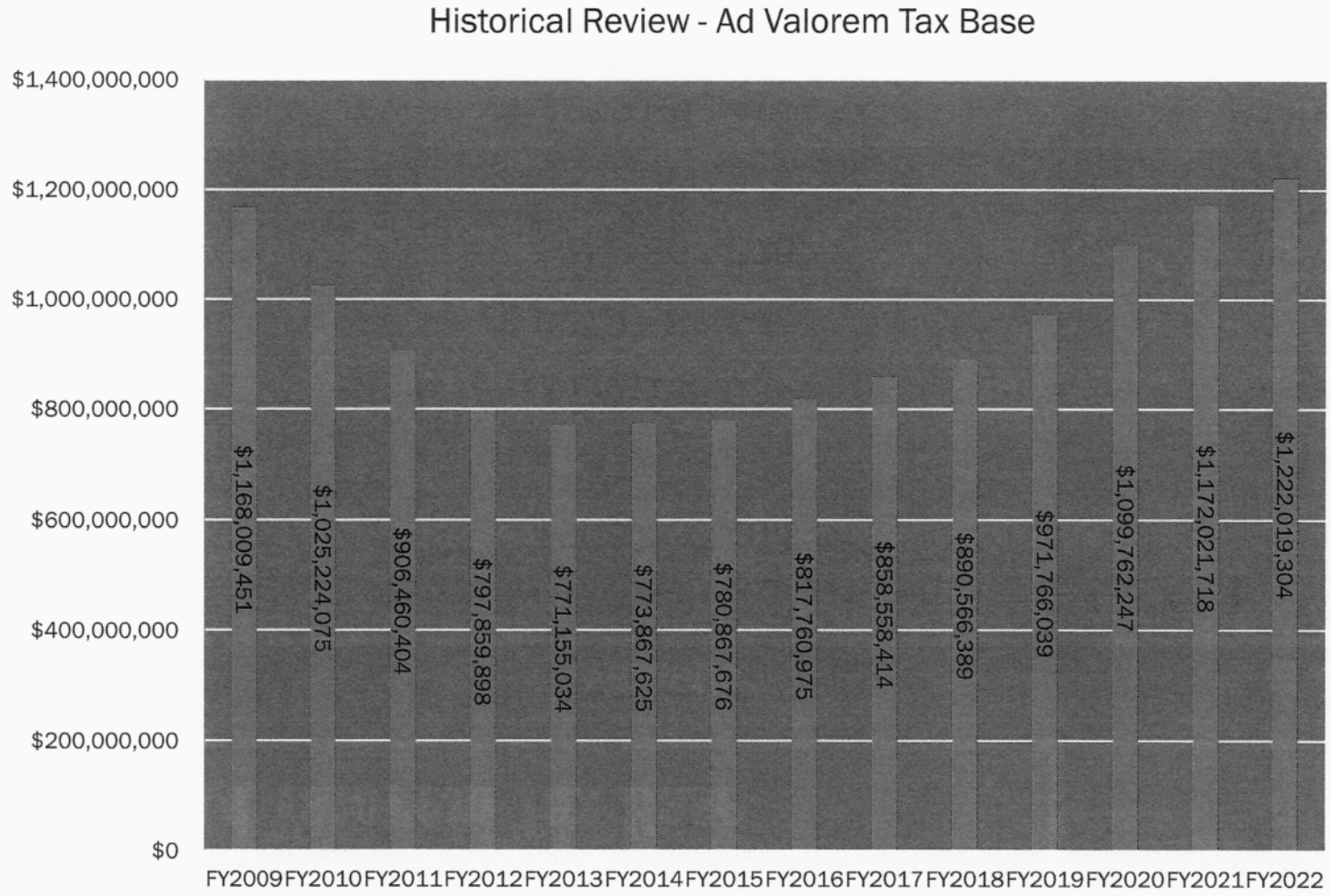


Fiscal Year	Valuation	% of Change
FY2010	$1,025,224,075	(12.2%)
FY2011	$906,460,404	(11.6%)
FY2012	$797,859,898	(12.0%)
FY2013	$771,155,034	(3.3%)
FY2014	$773,867,625	0.4%
FY2015	$780,867,676	0.9%
FY2016	$817,760,975	4.7%
FY2017	$858,558,414	5.0%
FY2018	$890,566,389	3.5%
FY2019	$971,766,039	8.8%
FY2020	$1,099,762,247	13.2%
FY2021	$1,172,021,718	6.6%
FY2022	$1,222,019,304	4.3%

FY2009-FY2021 is based on the Final Taxable Value.

Historical Review
Ad Valorem Tax Base





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Historical Review of Millage and Ad Valorem Revenue History

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Fiscal Year	Valuation	Millage	Ad Valorem Revenue at 95%	Revenue Variance from Previous Year	% of Rev. Change
FY2010	$1,025,224,075	4.4891	$4,066,536	($475,588)	(10.5%)
FY2011	$906,460,404	4.9660	$4,040,240	($26,296)	(0.6%)
FY2012	$797,859,898	5.5813	$4,022,601	($17,639)	(0.4%)
FY2013	$771,155,034	5.9811	$4,173,108	$150,507	3.7%
FY2014	$773,867,625	5.9811	$4,235,127	$62,019	1.5%
FY2015	$780,867,676	5.9790	$4,275,054	$39,927	0.9%
FY2016	$817,760,975	5.9790	$4,454,795	$179,741	4.2%
FY2017	$858,558,414	5.9790	$4,768,944	$314,149	7.1%
FY2018	$890,566,389	5.9790	$4,947,188	$178,244	3.7%
FY2019	$971,766,039	5.9790	$5,496,736	$549,548	11.1%
FY2020	$1,099,762,247	5.9790	$6,216,058	$719,321	13.1%
FY2021	$1,172,021,718	5.9790	*$6,626,904	*$410,846	*6.6%
FY2022	$1,222,019,304	6.4532	*7,491,637	$864,733	*13.04%

*FY2021 and FY2022 are budget projections. All other years reflect actual ad valorem revenue collected.

FY2022 TRIM Rate Options

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	Valuation	Rate	Gross Tax Revenue	Tax Revenue @ 95%	FY2021 – FY2022 Revenue Variance
FY2021 *Adopted Rate	$1,166,698,204	5.9790	$6,975,689	$6,626,904	

FY 2022 Millage Options

Current Rate-Proposed	$1,222,019,304	6.4532	$7,885,934	$7,491,637	$864,733 ← Proposed Rate
Rolled-back Rate	$1,222,019,304	5.8749	$7,179,241	$6,820,279	$193,375
Majority Rate	$1,222,019,304	10.000	$12,220,183	$11,609,183	$4,982,279

City Council may adopt any rate up to 10 mills.

Certified Gross Taxable Value $1,018,177,697 / Certified Construction Taxable Value $27,549,562

*The adopted rate using the valuation available at the time of adoption.

Reduction To Ad Valorem Due To Required TIF Payments To The CRAs From The General Fund



CRA	MILLAGE 5.9790 FY2021 CURRENT ADOPTED RATE	MILLAGE 6.4532 FY2022 CURRENT PROPOSED RATE	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FY2021 AND FY2022 @ PROPOSED MILLAGE	MILLAGE 5.8749 FY2022 VALUATION AT THE ROLLED-BACK RATE	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FY2022 PROPOSED MILLAGE AND THE ROLLED-BACK RATE
COCOA	$811,297	$943,299	**$132,002**	$815,828	**$4,531**
DIAMOND SQUARE	$167,263	$196,497	**$29,234**	$169,944	**$2,681**
TOTAL TO CRAs	$978,560	$1,139,796	**$161,236**	$953,748	**$7,212**

What Does This Mean To The Single Family Property Owner?

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	Valuation	FY 2021 5.9790	*Valuation With 1.4% Increase	FY 2022 6.4532	Increase	FY 2022 Max. 10.0000
Single Family Residence	$100,000		$101,400			
Less: Homestead	($50,000)		($50,000)			
= Taxable Value	$50,000	$299	$51,400	$331	$32	$514
Single Family Residence	$150,000		$152,100			
Less: Homestead	($50,000)		($50,000)			
= Taxable Value	$100,000	$598	$102,100	$658	$60	$1,021
Single Family Residence	$200,000		$202,800			
Less: Homestead	($50,000)		($50,000)			
= Taxable Value	$150,000	$897	$152,800	$986	$89	$1,528
Single Family Residence	$300,000		$304,200			
Less: Homestead	($50,000)		($50,000)			
= Taxable Value	$250,000	$1,495	$254,200	$1,640	$145	$2,542

* The Save Our Homes, as provided in Section 193.155(1), F.S. limits the annual increase in homestead exempt properties assessments to either 3% or the CPI change, whichever is less. For 2021 the CPI cap IS 1.4%, even though the City overall has a 4.3% increase in value.

FY2022 Comparative City Rates



Ranking	City	Current	Rolled-back	Proposed
1	Satellite Beach	8.6312	8.1872	8.6312
2	Titusville	7.2145	6.8586	8.2461
3	Palm Bay	7.8378	7.4142	7.8378
4	Indialantic	7.0923	6.8211	7.0923
5	Melbourne	6.8685	6.6501	6.8685
6	**Cocoa**	**5.9790**	**5.8749**	**6.4532**
7	Rockledge	6.0500	5.8758	5.9900
8	Cocoa Beach	5.8294	5.5431	5.9544
9	Melbourne Beach	4.2885	4.5151	4.9264
10	Cape Canaveral	3.6396	3.5755	3.5755

City of Cocoas FY 2021 Millage Rate Verses FY 2022 Proposed Rate .4742 greater.

Note: Ranking is established using the Proposed Rate. (As of 7/22/21)

FY2022 Staff Proposed Rate & 1st Public Hearing

	*Valuation	Rate	Gross Tax Revenue	Tax Revenue @ 95%
Current FY 2021 Millage Rate	$1,166,698,204	5.9790	$6,975,689	$6,626,904
Staff Proposed FY2022 Millage Rate	$1,222,019,304	6.4532	$7,885,934	$7,491,638
FY2022 Revenue Difference			$910,245	$864,734

1st Public Hearing on September 14, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at Cocoa City Hall

*At adoption



FY2022 Tentative Proposed Budget

FY 2022 General Fund Revenues by Funding Source

Funding Source	FY 2022 Recommended Budget	% of Budget
Charges for Service (Water Billing Services, Garbage Collection Services, Allocation for Services and Culture/Recreation Fees)	$13,423,625	31.7%
Taxes (Ad Valorem, UST and CST)	$10,984,587	26.0%
Other Non-Revenue (Inter-fund transfers, Water/Sewer ROI and 6% PILOFF, Debt Proceeds, Revenues from Unassigned FB (Reserves)	$10,220,607	24.2%
Other Permits & Fees (Building Permits, Franchise Fees, Fire Assessment, and Planning & Zoning Fees)	$4,489,885	10.6%
Intergovernmental (Local, State & Federal Grants, Housing Authority Payments in Lieu of Taxes, and State Shared Revenues)	$2,541,263	6.0%
Miscellaneous (Interest Earned, Rent and Royalties, Disposition of Fixed Assets, Contributions, Police & Fire State Pension Revenues, Insurance Proceeds, etc.)	$636,258	1.5%
Fines & Forfeitures	$14,000	-
TOTAL FY 2022	**$42,310,225**	**100%**

FY 2022 Water/Sewer Revenues

Funding Source	FY 2022 Budget	% of Budget
Charges for Service (Water, Sewer and Reuse Sales, Connection Fees, Hydrant Fees, Fireline Fees, Backflow Device Checks, Grease Trap Permits and Connection Fees)	$66,527,478	94%
Other Non-Revenue (Revenues from Unassigned FB (Reserves))	$4,032,857	6%
Miscellaneous (Interest Earned, Rent and Royalties, and Scrap Metal)	$191,992	-
TOTAL FY 2022	**$70,752,327**	**100%**

Note: FY 2022 Budget has 0% utility rate increase built in.

FY 2022 Stormwater Fund Revenues by Funding Source

Funding Source	FY 2022 Budget	% of Budget
Special Assessment & Tax Certificates	$1,830,148	100%
Storm Mitigation Application Fee	$400	0%
TOTAL FY 2022	**$1,830,548**	**100%**

Note: The Recommended FY 2022 Budget was built with a 4.5% increase to stormwater rates

FY 2022 Recommended Budget VS. FY 2021 Adopted Budget

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FUND	FY 2021 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY 2022 Recommended BUDGET	$ Difference	+/-
General	$41,351,033	$42,310,225	$959,192	2%
Special Revenue	$3,046,572	$5,259,011	$2,212,439	73%
Building Permit	$536,646	$620,060	$83,414	16%
Debt Service	$1,745,706	$1,749,088	$3,382	-
Capital Projects	$91,628	$671,968	$580,340	633%
Water/Sewer	$75,186,987	$70,752,327	($4,434,660)	(6%)
W/S Impact Fees	$2,233,605	$2,232,899	($706)	(.03%)
W/S Renewal and Replacement	$11,484,879	$5,753,371	($5,731,508)	(50%)
W/S Restricted Assets	$9,792,610	$9,535,205	($257,405)	(3%)
Stormwater	$1,811,269	$1,830,548	$19,279	1%
Workers Comp	$1,208,944	$1,252,392	$43,448	4%
Health Insurance (Self Insured)	$6,827,260	$78,889	($6,748,371)	(99%)
TOTAL	**$155,317,139**	**$142,045,983**	**($13,271,156)**	**(8.5%)**

Questions?

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Action Requested



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Florida Statute

Florida Statute 200.65 provides that at the time of the adoption of the proposed tentative millage rate, the municipality shall set the date, time and place for a public hearing to consider the proposed tentative millage and the tentative budget.

Next Steps

- 1ST Public Hearing – **Sept. 14, 2021** at 6:00 pm
  - Vote for a Tentative Millage Rate
  - Vote on the Tentative FY2022 Budget

- 2nd Public Hearing – **Sept. 28, 2021** at 6:00 pm
  - Adopt a Final Millage Rate
  - Adopt the FY2022 Budget

Brevard County Budget Hearing Dates: 9-13-21 and 9-21-21
School Board Budget Hearing Dates: 7-29-21 and 9-9-21

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Outdoor Dining

July 27, 2021

EXHIBIT E: Outdoor Dining Presentation

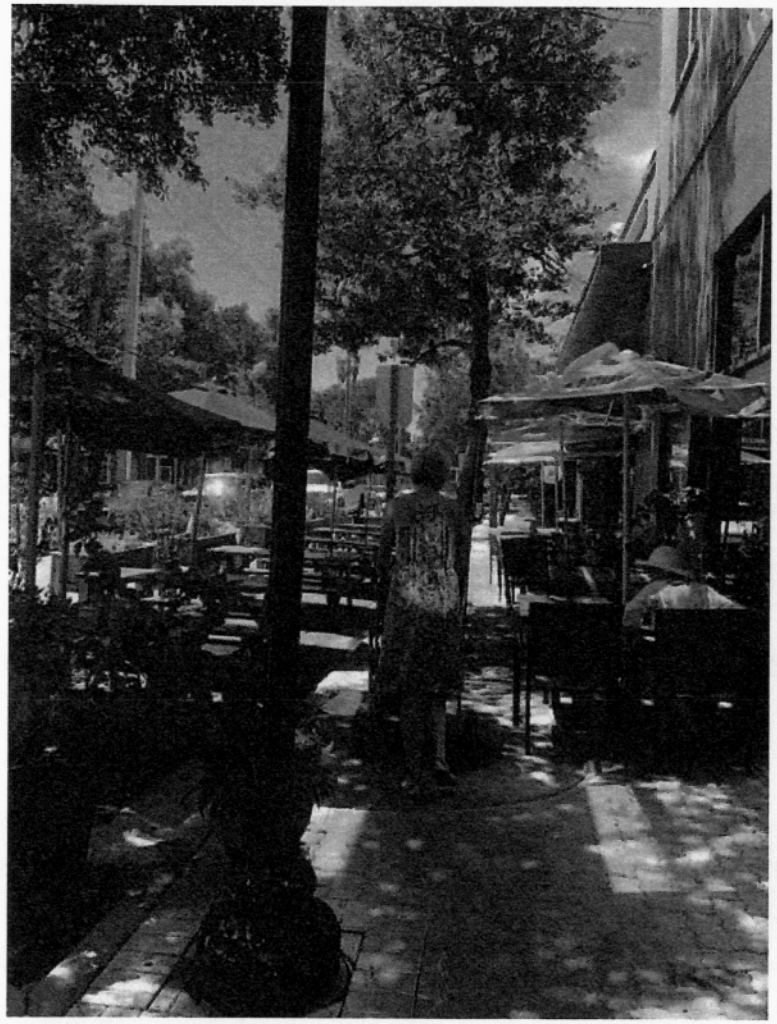
Project Summary

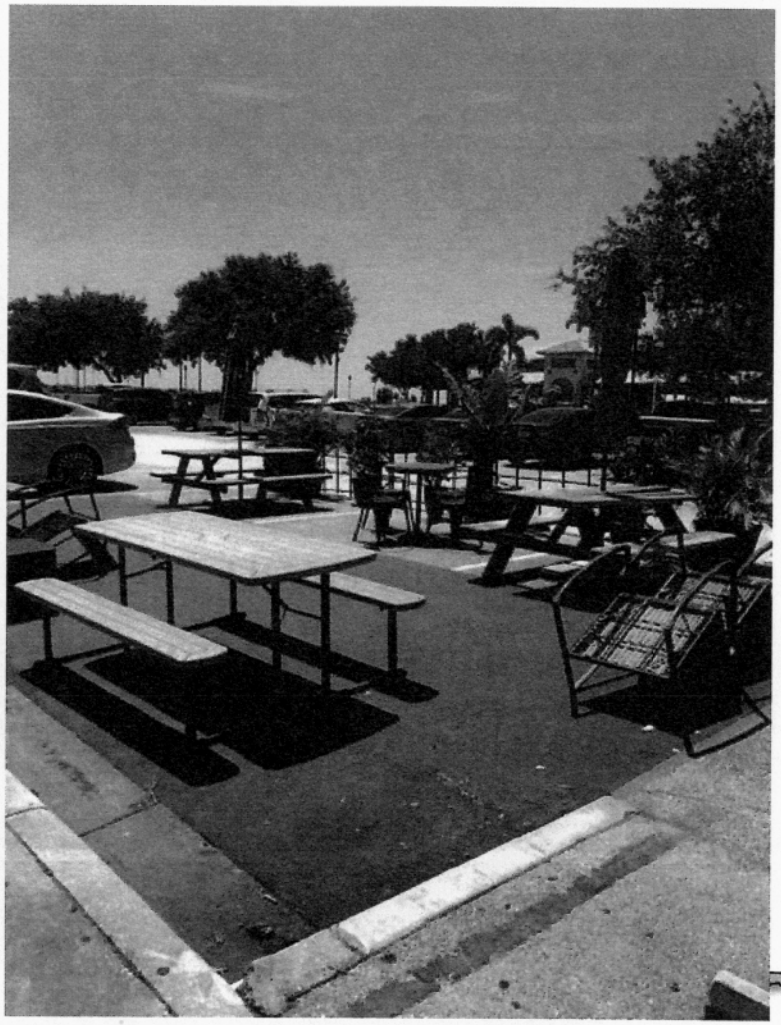
During the pandemic, the City allowed for outdoor dining in an effort to support the local restaurant industry. A variety of different establishments took advantage of this opportunity. Since that time the temporary outdoor dining ordinance that the City established has sunset. There are still a few businesses that would like to continue to utilize City Right of Way, more specifically the parking in front of their businesses on a permanent bases for outdoor dining.

Project Summary

Cocoa's Sidewalk Café ordinance was implemented in 1999 and revised in 2008, this ordinance is already very liberal in contrast to other communities that have similar ordinances. The businesses that have made the requested already have an active sidewalk café permit.

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Options

Here are the options moving forward:

- Have sidewalk cafes only
- Continue with outdoor dining during special events only
- Continue with outdoor dining

Sidewalk Cafes

The third option is to have sidewalk cafes only

Sidewalk cafes are currently an allowed use by permit. There are currently 14 business in Cocoa Village that have the ability to have sidewalk cafes.

Continue with Outdoor Dining

In examining the idea of continuing with outdoor dining there are several different factors. While supporting the local restaurant industry during the height of the pandemic was important to help increase utilization of the village. One must consider the loss of parking, pedestrian safety (patrons are actually sitting in parking spaces). The City must them look at closing off parking spaces to all businesses in an effort to be fair and equitable to the entire business community.

Special Events

Another option is to have outdoor dining only during special events, when the streets are closed to vehicle traffic.

This option will allow for restaurants and other businesses to expand their outside display or sitting/eating area to the sidewalk in front of their establishment when the streets are closed to motor vehicles, this will help the local businesses entice more people into their establishments.

Recommendation

Staff is requesting approval of option one in regards to outdoor dining with three options listed below: (1) return to offering sidewalk cafes only, (2) continue with outdoor dining or (3) continue with outdoor dining during special events only.