

Sustainability Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2021

I. **Welcome**

A. Roll Call

**Present:** Marcus Austin, Ramon Colon, Bradette Jepsen, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Lawrence Szeliga, and Derric Tay. **Absence Excused:** Ryan Goldman and Michelle Polanco (High School Student). **Staff:** Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer; and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the month of May 12, 2021 meeting was approved by the Board.

C. Updates and Announcements

- 1) The Sustainability Officer related to the Board that Doug Tallamy will be speaking via webinar which was being hosted by National Wildlife Federation on June 21, 2021.
- 2) Southeast Florida Regional Climate **Compact's Climate Indicators** Update (2020) was recently released.
- 3) The LED Lightbulb swap was the winning idea submitted by the Board members. Approval was achieved from the City Manager for this idea, and it was submitted for a Catalyst grant. However, the City will not know until August 2021, as to whether the City will be awarded the grant. If the City was awarded the grant then it will probably be October 2021 before the lightbulb swap was implemented, as October will be Energy Awareness Month.
- 4) The City's Resident Leadership Academy (RLA) will be taking place this summer from July 7th through August 4th.
- 5) The Broward Solar Co-op 2021 will launch mid-July, and they have expressed a desire to host a Sustainability workshop.
- 6) The Sustainability Officer attended the Broward Water Advisory Board workshop which occurred on June 2, 2021. A presentation from the US Army Corps of Engineers was on the new resilience of stormwater management in the South Florida Water Management District. The notes from that meeting will be shared.
- 7) The City's Landscape Tree Program has been on pause due to COVID. However, due to the stabilization of the City, they were ready to begin installation of these trees. It was reported that the vendor was sold, and so the City was in the process of changing the procurement process, and the City expects to be installing trees this August.
- 8) The Landscape Masterplan is currently being finalized with the consultant.
- 9) Amazon was still a current and active application, but there was no public hearing scheduled as yet.

## II. Public Open Discussion

There was one resident in attendance to the meeting whose name was Erin Emmons. She introduced herself to the Board, but did not participate with any questions in the meeting.

## III. Presentation

- A. Sunrise Capital Projects Update – Alan Gavazzi, Capital Projects Director  
Alan reported to the Board updated information about different on-going projects within the City:

### *City Hall Project*

There was discussion about the roof plan for City Hall and Alan indicated to the Board that due to financial constraints it was not feasible to have solar on the roof of the new building. Also, due to the cost of the new building the project was more than they had initially anticipated. He also showed them the plans for the remainder of the building, and mentioned there is a doorway which are in the plans for the building, which allows access to the roof of the building.

He noted the building will be energy efficient, and he showed the Board different aspects of the building. He informed the Board that the lake was enlarged as part of the changes they were making to the property. There will not be any water park constructed at City Hall.

### *Welleby Park*

There were problems with this park being completed on time because the contractor was behind on the project. This park has a water park, additional parking, and a walking trail was added. It is important to note that a dog park was added to this park which will allow dogs of different sizes to roam and enjoy the park.

### *Veterans Park*

The contractor is behind schedule on this park as well, and there is not timeframe as to when the project will be completed.

### *Sunrise Athletic Complex*

This park is currently closed due to renovation work being done. Drainage improvements at the ball fields will ensure that the fields will be ready for play much sooner after a rainy event. The park is expected to partially re-open on July 1, 2021. It will have a covered basketball court, with one of the courts designed specifically for children. A multipurpose building will also be built on the property, and the walking trail is being expanded as well. There is a new concession and restroom building in the center of the park, but it will not be ready for the July 1 reopening.

### *Roake Hall*

This is a building which was built in the late 1990's with an existing pool with one room interior space, but it was under-utilized by the community due to the demographics of the neighborhood. A splash pad is being added to this facility, and additional parking is being installed, while the roof is being repaired due to termite damage.

#### *Senior Center*

The new center was re-opened during the week of June 2, 2021, and Alan showed the Board different aspects of the building which has been updated due to renovations. These renovations include additional parking, a banquet space, a commercial kitchen which will be used for teaching cooking classes, a computer training room, a game room with pool tables, the lobby was remodeled, and there is a covering on the patio allowing programming on the outdoors protecting which will protect them the elements such as the sun and the rain.

#### *Other Projects*

- a) There was discussion about the status of the right-of-way developments to the Sunset Strip and Hiatus Road area.
- b) Oscar Wind Park was a project that the City was currently working on in phases as the City bought the school from Broward County, and demolished some of the portables which were on the property, but the School Board had some programs they were conducting within the portables. The City will be demolishing the remaining portables which were left by the School Board which moved out October 2020. The new renovations will include a playground, and the City will fence in the property.
- c) Sawgrass Sanctuary Park which is located next to the Oscar Wind Park which will be connected via a roadway after the removal of the portables. The masterplan includes a multipurpose building and a splash pad, but the City would like to have the community involvement in the matter.

There was additional discussion about the properties which were discussed during the presentation, and the status of other properties which the City owns.

#### **IV. Old Business**

- A. Adopt-A-Street Report and Cleanup Schedule, Marcus Allen

There was discussion amongst the Board that during the last cleanup there was about 16 pounds which was collected. There have been three clean-up events to-date, and the next cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. The Board members decided to meet at the Oak Hammock Park.

- B. Review 2020 priority actions and discuss 2021 strategy for moving forward Sustainability Items

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2020 priorities they had chosen, and discussed 2021 strategies they would like to work on during the remainder of the year.

The topics discussed and reviewed were:

- a) Promote Pass Up Plastics.
- b) Develop list of cultural facilities to visit and rate the accessibility.
- c) Support Sunrise staff in increasing tree canopy in each zone as outlined in the canopy study.
- d) Set up times to meet with other Advisory Boards to get to collect community feedback on vulnerabilities.
- e) Research if opportunities exist for restaurant waste oil collection.
- f) Review what other cities are doing.
- g) Research out to City of Plantation for information on their City Mulch Program.
- h) Decrease pesticide use.

**V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

- A. Review 2020 Priority Actions 2021 Strategies

**VI. Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed without opposition.

Minutes were prepared by: Donna Moore

Respectfully Submitted by: Carrie Kashar