

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Location/Address: Flamingo Park – Meeting Hall (12855 NW 8 Street, Sunrise 33323)

Board Secretary: Donna Moore

Board Liaison: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer

- I. **Welcome** – Chair Ryan Goldman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call

Present: Marcus Austin, Ramon Colon, Ryan Goldman, Natasha Inniss, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Lawrence Szeliga, and Derric Tay. **Absence**
Excused: Bradette Jepsen.
 - B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2021 Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting was made by Board member, N. Skye McCloud, and was seconded by Board member, Laila Kitchen. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
 - C. Updates and Announcements
 1. The Fall Harvest Festival will be held on October 16, 2021 at the Sunrise Sportsplex.
 2. The Cultural Festival will be held on November 13, 2021 at City Park.
 3. The Sustainability Officer is tentatively seeking re-certification with the National Wildlife Federation.
 4. The Sunrise Winter Wonderland will be held on December 11, 2021 at the Sunrise Sportsplex.
 5. The Sustainability Officer indicated she was notified that the City Manager has submitted an invitation wherein he was making himself available to attend advisory board meetings, so as to answer any concerns or questions which they may have or need clarified.

II. Public Open Discussion

There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.

III. Presentation

- A. Request for Support for City of Sunrise Cycle 6 Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) Application for the Complete Streets Initiative – Casey Graham, Engineering Manager

Casey reported the following to the Board:

1. The CSLIP is administered by the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization, wherein it is federally funded.
2. It is a program to which the City has submitted applications in the past.
3. The municipality is limited to 2 applications per cycle or per year.
4. Funding allocations have varied from year to year for the past 4 years.
5. Projects are capped at \$3 million for construction costs.

6. A recent change in the process was that the municipality submitting the application must cover the design and the construction engineering inspection costs.
7. There is no funding allocated for the purchase of the right-of-way.
8. If the project was selected for funding in 2021, then the design funding would occur approximately 5 years after the project was selected, because of how funding is programmed by the Department of Transportation.
9. There is an annual budget, but the funding changes from year to year.
10. The two projects which are being submitted for this cycle are:
 - a. NW 94th Ave., NW 42nd St., and NW 50th Street for inter-connected bike lanes
 - b. Transit Mobility Improvement Project

There were additional discussions which were ensued by the Board members about their concerns for the projects which were being submitted this cycle.

A motion was made by Board member, Marcus Austin, and was seconded by Board member, Lawrence Szeliga, to submit a letter in support for the CSLIP projects funding application. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

IV. New Business

- A. BioBlitz Recap - The BioBlitz event was held on September 18, 2021, and the Sustainability Officer reported the following:
 - a) Number of participants who attended the event - 39
 - b) Number of total observations - 161
 - c) Number of total species identified - 65
- B. Tree Walk Event - The Sustainability Officer distributed a listing of 25 different tree species which were observed during the BioBlitz event. Each Board member selected either one or two numbers from an envelope which correlated to the tree species on the Tree Walk Species listing. The members were requested to complete their research on their assigned trees which would be the information that would be used for the Tree Walk Event. There was discussion amongst the Board members about different types of trees which were on the listing, and the information for the type of care they would need to maintain them. The Sustainability Officer also added she would send them a template which would help them data enter the information about the species they selected.
- C. LED Bulb Swap - The Sustainability Officer reported the City was not awarded the grant for the LED Bulb Swap, and wanted to know if the Board would like to continue with this program, or would they prefer to change the specifications and the cost of the program which would include more residents receiving the bulbs. The Board supported to submit for approval for funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the LED Bulb Swap Program for fiscal year 2022-2023.

V. Old Business

Adopt-A-Street – Board member, Marcus, noted to the Board that the next Adopt-A-Street cleanup event was scheduled for October 9, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Hammock Park.

VI. Other Business

Board member, Marcus, reported to the Board that Amazon had purchased the property in Sunrise which has been finalized, and it will be another Fulfillment Center for them.

The Sustainability Officer related to the Board that the cities in Broward County have decided to enter into an ILA Agreement for recycling, but there was no formal information as to the cost of the program because it depended on how many cities were willing to decide to be a part of the Agreement.

There was an inquiry by a Board member about the Resident Leaders Academy. The Sustainability Officer responded that no one from the Board had applied for the Fall Cohort.

The Sustainability Officer noted that she would send out some information about the IPCC Climate Change Report, and the Broward Leaders Roundtable Report.

She also indicated that she would like to revisit the recommendations from the Energy Star Portfolio data, and would like to see what the Board would prioritize from those recommendations.

VII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 10, 2021

No discussion.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board member, Marcus Austin, and the Board unanimously approved the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Transcribed by: Donna Moore, Board Secretary

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S.S. 286.0105.