

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm

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

Board Secretary: Donna Moore

Board Liaison: Tim Welch, Director of Utilities

- I. A. Welcome – Co-Chair, Derric Tay, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.
 - a. Roll Call
Present: Marcus Austin, Natasha Inniss, Bradette Jepsen, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Lawrence Szeliga, and Derric Tay. Staff: Tim Welch, Director of Utilities, Alan Gavazzi, Capital Projects Director, Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant, and Lexi Smith (Intern). Absence Excused: Stephen Baughan, Ryan Goldman, Raven Osborne (High School Student).
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2022, Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting was made by Board member, Bradette Jepsen, and it was seconded by Board member, Larry Szeliga. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- C. Updates and Announcements
 - a. Lexi announced to the Board there would be a collaboration with Broward NatureScape to present a Gardening for Wildlife Workshop and Plant Giveaway Event on June 15th. It will be held at the Sunrise Senior Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- II. Public Open Discussion
 - a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.
- III. Presentations – *Sunrise Capital Projects Update*, Alan Gavazzi, AIA, Capital Projects Director, Sunrise Utilities. He presented the following information to the Board:
 - a. Sunset Strip Park – This park was a bond project located in the back of residents' property from Sunset Strip to Hiatus Road, and was going to be used as a park. However, due to the right-of-way laws, structures cannot be built on the property without the permission of the residents. All the homeowners were contacted, but there were 3 homeowners who were unwilling to give up their rights to their property. This resulted in the plans being changed, and the City is now reviewing other options such as a passive park.
 - b. Lakeside Park – This park was recently opened and is located at the end of Sunrise Lakes Drive. It has a walking path and a seating area near the lake.
 - c. Oscar Wind Park (Intermediate Phase) – This park is near New River Circle and Sawgrass Sanctuary Park, and was purchased through the Bond program. There are plans to build a roadway which connects to the Sawgrass Sanctuary Park, expand the playground, build an exercise pad with a shade over it, damaged concrete sidewalks will be repaired.
 - d. 25.5 Wetland Remediation – This area is near the Sawgrass Expressway and has a wetland area on the property. It was noted that invasive plants were previously removed but the property was not maintained, and so the property has to be cleaned again. It was noted that Baptist Health Hospital is in the process of purchasing the property, and has proposed to build a hospital on it.

The City will be maintaining the property until the sale goes through, and then Baptist Health Hospital will be responsible for maintaining it afterwards.

- e. Roarke Hall – This park is off of Sunset Strip near 17th Street on the east side of the City. The landscaping was restored on this property, and additional parking was installed as there was a problem with the parking. The pool and the bathrooms were renovated, and a fence separates the pool and the small splash pad which was installed but only turns on when someone is there and touches a specific device. It was noted that a life guard has to be on duty for the pool. The park is scheduled to be open within the next 3 – 4 weeks, and also has an indoor space which is available to rent for meetings.
- f. Sunrise Athletic Complex (SAC) - The project for this park will be ending soon. An underground drainage system was placed in the soccer field. The building has a gymnasium within the building, a concession area on the ground floor, and the restrooms in the back of the building were renovated. The playground was renovated, the tennis courts are now completed with LED lights. This park has 2 softball fields, a multipurpose building with an indoor gymnasium.
- g. Welleby Park – This park was almost two years behind schedule. The City was in litigation with the contractor and terminated the contract with them due to the problems they were having with the park. The new contractor for the project was MBR who said they would be able to complete the project by mid-July 2022.
- h. Veteran’s Park – This park is near Nob Hill Road and Commercial Blvd. It is a passive park and was designed similar to Oak Hammock Park. The City has different quality control issues with the park, and the contractor has stated they would address and fix these issues. It was noted some of the issues were the rubberized surface of the park which was in poor condition, and the discoloration of the concrete. The American flag and flags from different branches of the military will also be hoisted within the park. A memorial plaza will be installed, and the labyrinth is a meditative space that will allow the visitor to have a place to walk along the pathway and meditate, and that a shade will be placed over the playground after the contract has completed the project.
- i. City Hall – Alan described the layout of the new City Hall building to the Board and reported that the parking garage will be built on the southern side of the building, and a dome will be a part of the roof. The installation of a green room for the Commissioners and the Commission Chambers will be to the southeast side of the building. There will be two entrances into the Commission Chambers which will be able to seat 200 individuals, and an overflow room which will be to the right of the Chambers will be able to seat between 60 – 70 people. They will have a big screen television which will televise as to what is happening in the Commission Chambers. The main lobby area will have the security on the first floor, and the public will be able to have access to Public Service to pay their water bills, and Code Enforcement to pay their business taxes, and the Building Department which will be separated by a wall. There will be a Sunrise History Museum in the space that is under the stairwell in the lobby which was requested by the Historical Advisory Board. The stairwell will lead to the Community Development, Planning, Grants and Redevelopment, and

Engineering Departments. The first and second floors will be accessible to the public without having to have a security pass, but the third through fifth floors will only be accessed with a security badge, and anyone from the public will have to be escorted up to those floors.

- j. Additional Projects - Alan reported to the Board there were additional projects which Capital Projects was undertaking included the Springtree Water Treatment Plant Maintenance building which will have solar panels on the roof, and will be the first building within the City with this feature. The Sawgrass Water Treatment Plant will have a storage building designed with solar panels so as to store the generators.

Alan related to the Board that a portion of the old City Hall will be the space for the parking garage which will be over 500 spaces, and the remainder will be for the Amphitheater. He reported that 90% of the trees from the property was relocated to other parts of the campus, and additional trees will be planted on the new property. The Board ensued with additional questions about different projects.

IV. Old Business

A. Feedback on Sunrise Earth Day 2022 Festival – Lexi Smith

- 1) Lexi related to the Board that only two people signed up for the Good and Green Newsletter during the Earth Day Festival using the QR code flyers which were scattered around the event.
- 2) The leftover trees and plants were distributed around the City, while some of them were planted during the tree planting event at Fire Station #92.
- 3) 569 plants were distributed to 374 residences in and around the City from the festival.
- 4) The results of the survey noted the following:
 - a) Pineland Lantana was the most popular plant
 - b) Nearly 70% of the responses were from the Sunrise residents
 - c) Nearly 70% of the responses request the Butterfly Gardening Workshop while Edible Gardening was the second most requested event
 - d) Creating a green Tunes N' Trucks event received the greatest number of responses, followed by Drive-In Movie, Art Gallery Showcase, and Theater Production respectively.
- 5) Renewable energy and more available green space were the two sustainable initiatives with the highest number of votes. The other responses included composting, edible public landscaping, and water conservation initiatives.
- 6) More than 50% of the total responses selected email as being the best form of communication.

The Board made suggestions as to changes which would have been more feasible at the festival such as to scan one bulletin board for people to sign up for the newsletter. They also suggested for the volunteers to ask people to sign up for the newsletter for future festivals.

- B. Adopt-A-Street Cleanup Report – Derric Tay, Co-Chair
Derric, Co-Chair, reported to the Board the Adopt-A-Street Cleanup occurred on April 23, 2022. There were two volunteers and 12 pounds of trash were picked up in two hours. The unusual trash which were picked up were 6 masks, McDonald food trash, numerous cables, and other types of trash.
- V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – June 8, 2022
 - a. Landscape Architect – Have someone from the Community Development to speak about landscape within the City.
- VI. Adjourn
 - a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Szeliga, and it was seconded by Board member, Laila Kitchen. The 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.