

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 6:00 pm

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

Board Secretary: Donna Moore

Board Liaison: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer

- I. A. Welcome – Chair, Ryan Goldman, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
 - a. Roll Call
Present: Marcus Austin, Ryan Goldman, Bradette Jepsen, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Raven Osborne (High School Student), Lawrence Szeliga, and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant, and Lexi Smith (Intern). Absence Excused: Stephen Baughan, and Natasha Inniss.
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2022, Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting was made by Board member, Derric Tay, and it was seconded by Board member, N. Skye McCloud. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- III. Updates and Announcements
 - a. The report for the One Tree Planted event which was held on April 9, 2022, was distributed to the Board.
 - b. The Gardening for Wildlife Workshop will be held on June 15, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Senior Center. Plants would be given out to the attendees.
 - c. Butterfly Garden in a Pot Presentation will be held on June 30, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Sunrise Senior Center.
 - d. The Back to School Round-Up will be held on August 6, 2022, and craft ideas will be available for the children along with giveaways that has been selected for them.
 - e. The 2nd Annual BioBlitz will be held from September 1 – 30, 2022, at Oak Hammock Park which will be an in-person bingo scavenger hunt event.
 - f. The Sustainability Officer reported there were no changes with the development of the Amazon property, except that the property was owned by Amazon, and the application for the site plan had expired.
 - g. The Sustainability Officer also reported that the Gulf Course property located in East Sunrise was currently moving forward through the zoning process, but due to the size of the property it was likely to be a year-long process.
- IV. Public Open Discussion
 - a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.
- V. Presentations – *Discussion and Prioritization for identified Tree Planting Locations*, Ryan Goldman, Board Chair. He presented the following information to the Board:
 - a. The Board met in March 2022, and 23 sites were identified as capable of hosting additional plantings.
 - b. It was noted that of the 23 sites the breakdown was as follows:
 - i. 42% were located in the City’s Transportation Right of Way
 - ii. 21% were located in Parks
 - iii. 17% were located in Private Properties

- iv. 12% were City owned land but was not a Park
- v. 8% were owned by other agencies such as SFWMD
- c. This resulted in the following breakdown of planting locations:
 - i. Transportation Right of Way – 10 locations
 - ii. City of Sunrise Parks – 5 locations
 - iii. Private Properties – 4 locations
 - iv. City owned land not a Park – 3 locations
 - v. Other Agencies (SFWMD) – 2 locations

Discussion ensued amongst the Board members about the Flamingo Road Linear Park, Welleby Park, Sunrise Golf Village Park, Shotgun Road Linear Park, and other properties which were researched.

It was noted that the original intent of this research was to avoid planting in City Parks, and find new locations for Canopy Replacement projects. There were only three (3) areas which were identified as feasible, but the sites were limited in size and posed complications towards increasing the City's tree canopy. One of the site was for sale, the second site was only 0.39 acres, and the last site was 3.0 acres.

There was continued discussion amongst the Board as to how to proceed with the information which was researched, as to whether they wanted to regroup and change from new places, or go back to existing parks. There was also discussion as to whether to change their focus from municipal to private property with incentive programs, and whether to find grants for citizens and businesses.

The Board decided to wait until after they saw the presentation about landscape within the City by the Community Development Department, before deciding to make any strong recommendations about future planting of trees within the City.

IV. Old Business

A. Adopt-A-Street Cleanup – Marcus Austin

- a. The next Adopt-A-Street cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2022, at NW 44th Street. Marcus remarked that if none of the Board members came to participate in the clean-up then it would be discontinued as a Board venture.

V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – July 13, 2022

- a. Sunrise Landscape Master Plan – Presentation by the Community Development to speak about landscape within the City.

VI. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Derric Tay, and it was seconded by Chair, Ryan Goldman. 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.