

## Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 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 6:05 p.m.
  - a. Roll Call  
Present: Ryan Goldman, Natasha Inniss, Bradette Jepsen, N. Skye McCloud, Brianna Concepcion (High School Student), Lawrence Szeliga, and Derric Tay.  
Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Absence Excused: Marcus Austin and Laila Kitchen. Absence Not Excused: Stephen Baughan.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2022, Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting was made by Board member, Bradette Jepsen, and it was seconded by Board member, N. Skye McCloud. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- C. Events and Announcements
  - a. The BioBlitz Event was scheduled for September 17, 2022, at the Oak Hammock Park from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. It was noted the iNaturalist application was being used to record the observations in the park, and additional board volunteers were needed to assist with the event. Activities would include nature walks, bingo cards, and craft stations.
  - b. It was reported that Board member, Marcus Austin and his family completed an Adopt-A-Street cleanup on 44<sup>th</sup> Street during the previous month, and there was a new Adopt-A-Street sign which was installed on that street.
  - c. There were requests for the Board to generate interest from organizations or groups for the available Adopt-A-Street locations within the City. Board member, N. Skye McCloud, will be inquiring within the CERT Program.
  - d. The Florida Master Naturalist Program would be having the Land Steward Classes which would be taught by Kristen Hoss from Youth Environmental Alliance, and Dr. John Pipoly from Broward County Parks and Recreation, at Miramar Pineland Park. The first class about Habitat Evaluation was scheduled for late September, while the second class was scheduled for early October.
- II. Public Open Discussion
  - a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.
- III. A. Presentation – *Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) Cycle 7 Project Submittal Outreach*, Max Bravo, Engineer II, and Philip Chorath, Engineer I, Sunrise Utilities Department, Public Works Division. They presented the following information to the Board:
  - a. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) CSLIP provides funding for small local transportation projects that will improve the safety and mobility for all transportation users in Broward. The program could fund projects such as complete street projects, traffic calming, and intersection improvements.

- b. It was noted that the CSLIP began in 2016, and City staff has consulted with MPO annually, but only a maximum of 2 projects were allowed to be submitted each year.
- c. Previous Projects which were funded were the following:
  - i. Cycle 3 – 2018
    - NW 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bicycle Lanes – Tamarac/Sunrise – Funded
  - ii. Cycle 5 – 2020
    - NW Citywide Bus Shelters – Sunrise – Funded
- d. Current Projects for Submittal included:
  - i. Cycle 7 – 2022
    - NW 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue/NW 42<sup>nd</sup> Street/NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Josh Lee Blvd.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board members after the presentation, and they were very vocal about their concerns for the proposal for these projects, and their preference for wider, multiuse bicycle pathways.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. *CSLIP Letter of Support - Motion by Board*

***The Board strongly recommended the implementation of multiuse pathways separated from roads of travel where ever possible in the implementation of the complete streets, and to make it a priority of the CSLIP grants, other grants, and redevelopment moving forward within the City.***

The Board voted unanimously to support the letter addressed to Broward County in agreement for the CSLIP Cycle 7 Grant Application.

There was a Motion made by the Chair, Ryan Goldman, and seconded by Co-Chair Derric Tay. The Motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### V. Old Business

- A. Member Reports and Updates: Members report on any Good and Green Stewardship activity in the past month in Sunrise.
  - a. Board member, N. Skye McCloud, reported she gave a tour of the butterfly garden to children in her neighborhood.
  - b. Board Co-Chair, Derric Tay, attended the City of Plantation’s BioBlitz Event the previous weekend, and noticed they included the entire City of Plantation for their BioBlitz event.
  - c. Board member, Brianna Concepcion, spoke about the first meeting the Environmental Club had at her school.
  - d. There was an inquiry about the recycling issues within the City, and the Sustainability Officer responded that the Solid Waste Coalition had different options, but agreed to an Interlocal Agreement (ILA). She added there was a consultant who was working on the waste study, and many of the cities have opted into the ILA based on the decisions of their City Commissioners.

- B. Increasing Tree Canopy Discussion
  - a. Board Chair, Ryan Goldman, reported that the Landscape Master Plan would be submitted to the City Commission in October 2022, after which it would be presented to the Board in November 2022.
  - b. The Chair reiterated that he would like the Board to attend the meeting in November with suggestions of locations they felt would be areas to install trees within the City.
  - c. There were inquiries and discussions about the status of the City's Residential Landscape Beautification Program, and suggestions were made for the Community Development's budget to be increased so that the program could be expanded for the residents. The Sustainability Officer responded there would be funding available for the program for the next fiscal year as of October 1, 2022.
  - d. There were discussions about educating the residents with programs about increasing the Tree Canopy within the City. The Sustainability Officer suggested the Board members seek out information as to how to increase the education about trees, and for them to bring their suggestions to the next meeting.
  - e. The Board suggested that they would like to continue working on the Year of the Trees in 2023.

VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – October 12, 2022

- a. Discussion about The Year in Review of the Sustainability Board.

VII. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Szeliga, and it was seconded by Natasha Inniss. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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.