

## Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 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 6:55 p.m.
    - a. Roll Call  
Present: Marcus Austin, Ryan Goldman, Natasha Inniss, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Lawrence Szeliga, and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant and Lexi Smith, Sustainability Intern. Absence Excused: Brianna Concepcion (High School Student), and Bradette Jepsen.
  - B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2022, Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting was made by Board member, Co-Chair, Derric Tay, and it was seconded by Board member, N. Skye McCloud. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
  - C. 2023 Board Appointments and Meeting Schedule
    - a) The Sustainability Officer told the Board they were all re-appointed to the Board by the City Commission at the December 13, 2022, meeting. The Board were informed they would have to retake their Oath of Office at the City Clerk’s office prior to the January 11, 2022, Board meeting.
    - b) A new Board member, Arun Raghubir, was appointed by the City Commission at their December 13, 2022, meeting. He has an Adopt-A-Street Project that he has been actively looking after on one side of 44<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - D. Events and Announcements
    - a. Chair, Ryan Goldman, reported to the Board that he along with the Sustainability Officer, Carrie Kashar, and the Sustainability Intern, Lexi Smith, all attended the 2022 Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, which was a 2-day Conference held the previous week at the Broward County Convention Center. The theme of the Conference was “To Act” and it involved four Mayors from four different counties who reinstated their commitment to Climate Changes.
    - b. The Sustainability Officer added that at the Conference it was announced that Royal Caribbean would be launching a new carbon neutral cruise ship known as the “Silver Seas”, which would be sustainable in nature. She added that the ship would have a waste energy plant built within the cruise ship along with having hydrogen power.
    - c. The Sustainability Officer noted that the Resident Leadership Academy (RLA) Summer Cohort and Winter Cohort would be offered in 2023, and the applications should be distributed shortly.
- Public Open Discussion
- a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.

- II. A. New Business – SAB Priority Planning for 2023:
  - a. Accomplishments for 2022 were discussed and these included:
    - i. Increase the Tree Canopy
      - One Tree Planted
      - Plant It Forward
      - Nob Hill Right of Way
    - ii. Tree and Plant Giveaway
      - Cultural Festival
      - Earth Day
      - Gardening for Wildlife
    - iii. Completed the removal of Invasive plants from the City’s plant listing
    - iv. Completed the BioBlitz Event
  - b. Discussions about Ongoing Programs included:
    - i. Tree Walk Program
    - ii. Tree Donation Fund
    - iii. Tree and Plant Giveaways
    - iv. BioBlitz Project
    - v. Butterfly Garden Installations
    - vi. Development Standards – Checklist for Sustainability
    - vii. Solar Workshop
    - viii. Drainage Markers
    - ix. Decrease Pesticides Use
  - c. Discussions about Programs to be removed from the listing included:
    - i. Mulch Program
    - ii. LED Bulb Swap
    - iii. Restaurant Waste Oil
  - d. The Sustainability Officer handed out to each member a Good and Green Sunflower Grow box for them to test it, which was the product the Board voted to give away at the 2023 Earth Day Festival.
- III. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – January 11, 2023
  - a. Discussion about LEED for Cities for 2023
- IV. Adjourn
  - a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marcus Austin, and it was seconded by Larry Szeliga. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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.