

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Location/Address: Flamingo Park – Meeting Hall (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 6:03 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call

Present: Marcus Austin, Ryan Goldman, Natasha Inniss, Bradette Jepsen, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Arun Raghubir, and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Absence Excused: Brianna Concepcion (High School Student). Absence Not Excused: Lawrence Szeliga.
 - B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, Laila Kitchen, and it was seconded by Board member, Natasha Inniss. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
 - C. Events and Announcements
 - a. The Sustainability Officer reported to the Board that the Brush with Nature event was held earlier that day at Oak Hammock Park was a success. There were 25 Welleby Elementary 5th grade students who participated in the event, along with local artist, Pat Anderson. During a tour of the park there were about four different invasive species of plants which were discovered along the pathway. Approximately 150 invasive plants were removed along with the help of the children.
 - b. The next Brush with Nature with the Seniors and Pat Anderson was scheduled for February 15, 2023, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Sawgrass Sanctuary Park.
 - c. The Board meeting has been cancelled for the month of March.
 - d. The Sustainability Officer requested assistance from the Board via a sign-up sheet for the Earth Day Festival which was scheduled for March 25, 2023, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Sawgrass Sanctuary Park. This year the Sustainability Officer added that she would be giving away approximately 500 trees versus plants, and the attendees would also be receiving Sunflower grow boxes. There would be informational cards attached to the trees to educate the attendees about the trees they received.
 - e. The Sustainability Officer added that she would be giving away fruit trees for the Cultural Fest later in the year.
- II. Public Open Discussion
 - a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.
- III. Presentation
 - A. *Sunrise Capital Projects Update*, Alan Gavazzi, Capital Projects Director, City of Sunrise. He presented the following information to the Board:
 - a. Sunset Strip Park – The location of this park was in the right-of-way of adjacent to the residential property. The City previously tried to vacate the

right-of-way, but the residents were not willing to give up their rights to the vacated right-of-way. Some residents did not think the park was a good idea, while others did not want to turn over the vacated property to the City once the right-of-way was vacated. The City currently has the project on hold until a decision is made regarding how to proceed with the matter.

- b. Oscar Wind – Intermediate Phase – The location of this park was in the Weston area which was previously owned by the Broward school board. The estimated completion of the park would have been by Earth Day 2023. A roadway would be built to connect both the Sawgrass Sanctuary Park with Oscar Wind Park. A playground and fitness center were built so as to modify the park. The playgrounds have rubberized surfaces, and were separated into two divisions wherein one side was for children younger than 5 years old, and the other side was for children 5 years old and older. On the older children’s side there are shaded canopies and ramp structures which made it wheelchair accessible for someone with a disability. On the younger children’s playground there are a lot of musical instruments which were built into the panels such as a drum and a guitar. The City received a grant to build a fitness area, and there are built-in directions as to how to operate it. This park has only one pavilion, but does not have a gas grill for barbecuing.
- c. 25.5 Wetland Remediation – This was a 25.5-acre parcel of land and Baptist Health Hospital was interested in purchasing it and building a hospital with a parking garage and emergency facilities. However, their decision was currently pending to determine whether they would like to proceed with the purchase of the property or not. It is important to note that all the invasive plants were removed from the property, but no final decisions were made as yet about maintaining the wetlands.
- d. Veterans Park – The previous contractor was discharged from the project by the City due to the problems they experienced with the completion of the project. A new contractor will have to be re-hired in order to fix the problems which were left behind. The City was currently working on the scope of the project so as to send it out for rebidding.
- e. City Hall – The new building was approximately 80% complete and the exterior was approximately 95% complete. They expected a temporary certificate of occupancy by the end of May 2023. Alan discussed different stages of the construction of the new City Hall building, which was approximately 95,000 square feet, and noted there were some change orders that have been processed due to the inflation of prices for construction materials.

IV. Board Reports

A. 1. Carbon Offset – Plan It Green

Chair, Ryan Goldman, reported on the calculations he had done to offset the carbon foot print of the Board Meetings for the year 2023. He explained his

calculations included guests, speakers, and ranged from approximately \$30 to \$60. He finally calculated \$62.10 as the amount it would cost annually to carbon offset the Board meetings. The Board recommended considering using the Good and Green budget to offset the Board meetings. The Sustainability Officer noted she would seek approval for the budget to be used in this manner.

Strong Recommendation:

Motion: Chair, Ryan Goldman, made a motion requesting the City Commission to consider using the Sustainability budget to offset the Sustainability Advisory Board meetings annually for the Plan It Green calculations. The motion was seconded by Board member, Marcus Austin. The Board unanimously agreed to the motion.

2. P3 Eco Challenge

The Sustainability Officer reported to the Board that she had submitted the challenge to the Education Board, and information about sustainability programs in schools.

Failed Motion: Board member, Laila Kitchen, made a motion requesting the City Commission support and sponsor the P3 Eco Challenge this year. However, the motion failed because there was no one who seconded the motion.

V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – April 12, 2023

A. Increasing Tree Canopy

VI. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Derric Tay , and it was seconded by Bradette Jepsen. 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.