

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 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 6:10 p.m.
 - a. Roll Call
Present: Marcus Austin, Brianna Concepcion (High School Student), Ryan Goldman, Bradette Jepsen, N. Skye McCloud, Arun Raghbir, Lawrence Szeliga and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Absence Excused: Natasha Inniss, and Laila Kitchen.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion was made by Board member, Derric, to make corrections to the May 10, 2023, minutes and change the verbiage in his board report to reflect the change to state “later that day” when he went to the Earth Day celebration at Volunteer Park in Plantation, FL. Subsequently, a motion to approve the May 10, 2023, meeting minutes with the changes was made by Board member, Derric Tay, and was seconded by Board member, N. Skye McCloud. The Board unanimously approved the minutes with the corrections.
- C. Events and Announcements
 - a. The Sustainability Officer noted to the Board that Tunes and Trucks was scheduled to be held on June 16, 2023, at City Park. The Sustainability Officer mentioned she would be assisting with the art display, as there would be an opportunity for attendees to vote on a new public art installation in East Sunrise.
 - b. It was reported that the ConservationPays Program rebate was increasing from \$100 per toilet to \$125, and to allow 1.6 gallon per flush toilets to be eligible.
 - c. The Back to School Roundup was the next scheduled event for Good and Green was scheduled for August 2023.
 - d. There was a volunteer project to upgrade owl exclosures with Project Perch. The Sustainability Officer also related that the Alexander Landscaping and Plant Farm was reopened on the same property, but on a smaller scale.
 - e. The Sustainability Officer attended a green ribbon cutting ceremony earlier in the month which was held by PPG Industries.
 - f. The Sustainability Officer reported that the Gardening for Wildlife Workshop which was held the previous Saturday had approximately 50 residents in attendance. They were able to take home butterfly garden starter kits which consisted of Firebush, Blue Mist Flower, and Corkystem Passion vine.
 - g. The Sustainability Officer reported that information she received from a webinar hosted by the National Wildlife Federation noted that Tropical Milkweed was becoming a problem for the environment. She added that the National Wildlife Federation was suggesting using native milkweed instead, but that it was difficult to get them. Board member, Bradette, commented that she had found native milkweed at Florida Nursery Mart, but that it was expensive to purchase.

- h. Board member, Derric, reported that the Florida Master Naturalist Program was offering a Conservation Science online class which was scheduled for June 26, 2023 to July 5, 2023.
- II. Public Open Discussion
 - a. There was no one in attendance from the public.
- III. Board Discussion
 - A. Sunrise BioBlitz Planning

There were discussions amongst the Board members about opening up the BioBlitz program citywide, how to educate the community, suggestions for activities such as a scavenger hunt/bingo event, and suggestions were made to use a different park every year. The event was scheduled to be held at Sawgrass Sanctuary Park on September 9, 2023.

There was additional discussion about butterfly garden sites, the NRPA Parks and Sustainability Guidance document/checklist, and whether the Board should look into utilizing those guidelines.
 - B. Other Discussions

Chair, Ryan, commented that Board member, Laila had made a comment about connecting the sidewalk with the road at the western terminus of Sunset Strip by removing the grass and installing asphalt in its place. The Sustainability Officer responded she would contact Alan Gavazzi, Capital Projects Director, to remind him about the comment. Board member, Bradette, also made a comment about using pervious pavement.

Chair, Ryan, reminded the Board about a previous responsibility of calculating how many people were in each advisory board, and figuring out how much money it would cost to offset those board meetings. The Sustainability Officer responded she has already paid for the offset of the Sustainability Advisory Board meetings for 2023 which totaled \$68.00.
 - C. Resident Comment and Request Follow-up

The Board discussed the request by the resident from the May 10, 2023, Board meeting. The area was determined to be owned and maintained by the City of Plantation. There was no recommendation made for any wildlife project at this time.
- IV. Board Reports
 - a. Board member, Derric, reported he attended a NatureScape meeting and shared a map he received of the certified properties within the City of Sunrise and the NWF Certifications. It was noted that the NatureScape leadership of Broward County was passed from Rose Bechard-Butman to Anthony Gross who came from the UF/IFAS organization.
 - b. The Sustainability Officer reported waivers were available for the Gardening for Wildlife Workshop which was held the previous Saturday. She received 1 application without the waiver, and 5 applications with the help of the waivers

from the participants of the workshop. This satisfied the recertifications which were needed for the year.

- c. Board member, Marcus, reported his group collected approximately 45 pounds of debris during his monthly Adopt-A-Street cleanup project on 44th Street from Hiatus to Pine Island.
 - d. Board member, Arun, reported his organization collected approximately 60 pounds of trash from 44th Street during their monthly Adopt-A-Street Cleanup project from Pine Island to University Blvd.
 - e. Chair, Ryan, reported that the South Florida Association of Environmental Professionals (SFAEP) was doing an adopt an island clean-up which was scheduled for June 24, 2023.
 - f. Board member, Brianna, reported that the Environmental Science Club from her school had about 10 people who went to the Fort Lauderdale Beach and picked up trash earlier in the month.
 - g. The Sustainability Officer noted that currently the City did not meet three of the prerequisites to apply for LEED for cities. She added that the greenhouse gas inventory was requested in the budget for FY 2023-2024.
 - h. Board member, Derric, suggested recognizing a high school student for the most observations or for one particular observation at a City Commission's meeting, it would be noted as a part of the community engagement.
 - i. Board member, Skye, recognized Board member, Marcus, for being correct when he indicated in a previous meeting that the trees in a section of NW 120th Way were black olive trees. She added that FPL has since replanted bushes where they had removed the trees.
- V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – July 12, 2023
- a. Aquatic Pesticide and Herbicide Use Follow-up
 - b. Discussion by the Delray Beach Sustainability Director about their LEED buildings.
- VI. Adjourn
- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bradette Jepsen, and it was seconded by Larry Szeliga. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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.