

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 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 6:05 p.m.
 - a. Roll Call
Present: Ryan Goldman, Natasha Inniss, Bradette Jepsen, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Lawrence Szeliga and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, Molly Ferch, Sustainability Intern, and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Absence Excused: Marcus Austin, Abdulkadir Husein (High School Student), and Arun Raghbir.
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2023, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, Bradette Jepsen, and it was seconded by Board member, Skye McCloud. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- III. Events and Announcements
 - a. The Sustainability Officer related to the Board that the theme for Earth Day 2024 was Planet vs. Plastics, and she wanted the Board to focus on the Pass Up Plastics Campaign in correlation with the theme.
 - b. The Sustainability Officer reported to the Board that at the September 12, 2023, City Commission meeting it included the appointment of elected officials to the Solid Waste ILA Board.
 - c. She noted that on NW 94th Avenue would be beneficial with trees and shrubs.
 - d. The Chair spoke about the BioBlitz event which occurred on September 9, 2023, and noted that it was successful as approximately 40 people attended the event. The participants for the event included Dr. Corey Callagan, a professor at the University of Florida, who conducted a nature walk, and Youth Environmental Alliance who had a butterfly display. There was also discussion about other cities who had completed BioBlitz events during that weekend.
 - e. Board member, Derric, noted that Sarah Jarossy was looking for additional volunteers on October 10, 2023, as students from Falcon Middle School would be removing invasive plants at Markham Park.
- IV. Welcome New Sustainability Intern, Molly Ferch
 - a. The Chair introduced Molly Ferch, Sustainability Intern, who was completing her Master's Degree in Environmental Science at the University of West Florida. Molly noted she chose Environmental Science because it encompassed both the science of the environment, and the teaching aspect as well which interested her, since she was a school teacher for about 3 years.
- V. Public Open Discussion
 - a. There was no one in attendance from the public.

III. Presentation

- A. *City of Delray Beach Green Building Ordinance*, John Kent Edwards, MS, MH, LEED Green Associate, Sustainability Officer, City of Delray Beach. He presented the background and milestones on the passing of the Delray Beach Green Building Ordinance and how the Ordinance was passed in November 2022. This was an update to the Green Building Ordinance that was originally passed in 2015 from the Central Business District, and to expand the Ordinance citywide. There were different questions which were posed to the presenter by the Board, and discussions ensued amongst the members.

IV. Board Reports

- A. The Chair, Ryan, reported that he passed his LEED Green Associate Certification exam.
- B. The Sustainability Officer reported that Board member, Derric, the new intern, Molly, and herself attended the Broward NatureScape Meeting and Workshop which was held on August 22, 2023, at Fern Forest Nature Center in Coconut Creek, FL.
- C. Board member, Derric, noted he attended an En-Roads Future presentation online which was a climate solutions simulator website and attended a webinar titled “Sea Level Rise Upper Limit” which was coordinated by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

V. Board Discussions

- A. The Sustainability Officer reported that the Southeast Florida Regional Compact Climate Change (the Compact) recently rewrote the Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) 3.0. The last time they had received commitment from participating cities was in 2013, which was when they had originated the RCAP. They had received participation from Mayors whose cities were involved, and were now requesting a recommitment those cities to repledge their commitment to the Compact. The Sustainability Officer received a letter from Broward County, who was the liaison for the Compact requesting the City of Sunrise to repledge their support via Resolution through the City Commission.

Motion – Climate Pledge to Support RCAP 3.0

The Chair made a motion for a strong recommendation to ask the City Commission to reaffirm their commitment to the South Florida local and Tribunal government Climate Action Plan 3.0.

The Board members unanimously voted and passed the motion for the City of Sunrise’s recommitment of their pledge for RCAP 3.0.

- B. The Sustainability Officer spoke about the Pass Up Plastics Campaign and reiterated that she would like their support and ideas as to how to incorporate the campaign into the Earth Day celebration. She added there were approximately 211 individuals who have completed the Pass Up Plastics Pledge,

but there were no businesses which have pledged to do so. Board member, Bradette, suggested speaking with the Small Business Advisory Board in relation to them assisting us in speaking with businesses about the Pass Up Plastics Pledge. Board member, Skye, volunteered to present the pledge at their Board meeting. Additional discussions ensued among the Board members about presenting the Pass Up Plastics Pledge to businesses.

- VI. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting – October 4, 2023
 - a. The Sustainability Officer requested a change in the date for the Sustainability Advisory Board in October, and the meeting was changed from October 11, 2023, to October 4, 2023.
 - b. Solar Awareness by Arun Raghurir
 - c. Board Members were instructed to read the Pass Up Plastics Business Pledge and make notations with suggestions for the next meeting.
- VII. Adjourn
 - a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chair, Ryan Goldman, and it was seconded by Larry Szeliga. The meeting was adjourned at 7.56 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.