

## Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 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 6:15 p.m.
  - A. Roll Call

Present: Ryan Goldman, Natasha Inniss, Bradette Jepsen, Laila Kitchen, Larry Szeliga, and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Excused Absence: N. Skye McCloud, and Arun Raghubir, Unexcused Absence: Marcus Austin, and Abdulkadir Husein (High School Student)
  - B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2023, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, Bradette Jepsen, and it was seconded by Board member, Natasha Inniss. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
  - C. Events and Announcements
    - a. The Sustainability Officer noted that Molly Ferch, the Sustainability Intern, last employment day was on November 8, 2023, because she was hired as the Sustainability Coordinator with the City of Oakland Park. The Sustainability Intern position, which was part-time, was posted in order to find a replacement.
    - b. The Cultural Festival which was held on November 4, 2023, at City Park, was a huge success, as 350 fruit trees were given out to only residents within 1 ½ hours.
- II. Public Open Discussion
  - a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.
- III. Presentation
  - A. *Planning for Sunrise Earth Day Festival 2024 “Planet vs Plastics”*, Jennifer Guerrant, Special Events Coordinator, Leisure Services Department. The following information was presented to the Board:
    - a. The Sustainability Officer explained that the International Theme for 2024 was “Planet vs Plastics”, and that they were going to do more promoting of the Pass Up Plastics Sunrise Campaign through educational imagery and themes connecting the Everglades throughout the Sunrise Earth Day Festival.
    - b. During the meeting, the Arbor Day Trees suggested listings were distributed to the Board members to review which included the Slash Pine, West Indian Mahogany, Sweet Bay Magnolia, and the Dahoon Holly. The Board discussed the differences between each tree and recommended the Dahoon Holly as the Sunrise Arbor Day Tree.
    - c. There was discussion about different types of fruit and non-fruit trees which will be distributed at the Earth Day Festival.

- d. Discussion also included logistics for the Earth Day Festival such as the selection of a band or a DJ as the music of choice, the type of giveaway gift for the attendees, tags with instructions as to how to care for the trees and plants, and the display of the poster contest winners. Additional discussion included the scavenger hunt card, which will be used instead of the previously used post card. This scavenger hunt activity card.
  - e. There will possibly be on display the plastic bag monster which is a total of 500 plastic bags, and Board members were asked to collect and bring in the used plastic bags.
- IV. Board Discussion
- Annual Potluck
- a. There was discussion about the annual end of year potluck, and it was decided that each member would bring a dish of their choice to the meeting in December.
- Pass Up Plastics
- a. The Sustainability Officer noted there would be more discussion in January about the Pass Up Plastics program, the pledge, and how to get other Boards and businesses involved with the program.
- V. Board Reports
- a. Board member, Bradette, planted many plants at her HOA.
  - b. Board member, Derric, noted he was able to use the freebie application on his phone which allowed individuals to use the electric vehicle service within the City of Sunrise corporate park with destinations such as IKEA, the Sawgrass Mills Mall and other locations within the corporate park.
- VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – December 13, 2023
- A. Review the Pass Up Plastics Pledge and ideas as to how to promote it to businesses.
- VII. Adjourn
- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Derric Tay, 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.