

## Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 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 6:07 p.m.
    - a. Roll Call  
Present: Marcus Austin, Ryan Goldman, Abdulkadir Husein (High School Student), Natasha Inniss (Arr. 6:34 p.m.), Bradette Jepsen, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Arun Raghubir, Larry Szeliga, and Derric Tay (Arr. 6:14 p.m.). Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, Meryl Girard, Assistant City Clerk, and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant.
  - B. Oath of Office by the Board
    - a. The Oath of Office was officiated by Meryl Girard, Assistant City Clerk, from the City Clerk's office. Meryl reiterated the attendance policy, and noted that if a Board member had 3 unexcused absences then that Board member's appointment would be automatically rescinded. She related to the Board that there was a new policy which was being implemented about punctuality to the meetings. Beginning in 2024 the City Clerk's office would be posting all Board minutes onto the City's website. If a Board member arrived after the Roll Call was done then their arrival time would be reflected on the minutes.
  - C. Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, N. Skye McCloud, and it was seconded by Board member, Marcus Austin. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
  - D. Events and Announcements
    - a. The Sustainability Officer reported that the Grand Opening of City Hall was scheduled for January 20, 2024, at 10 a.m., and the first 500 people would be receiving a give-away gift.
    - b. The Sustainability Officer reported the City received a notice that they were successful in receiving the financial Resilient Florida Planning Grant.
    - c. The Sustainability Officer enquired and the Board agreed to have the meeting at City Hall on March 13, 2024, so that it would be more feasible for members who wanted to attend the Taste of Sunrise event would have an opportunity to do so at the Civic Center.
    - d. The Sustainability Officer that the City has hired consultants to help them with the Sunrise Strategic Plan, in order to help them develop the Imagine Sunrise 2041 Vision Plan. A flyer related to the Strategic Plan was distributed to the Board with a QR code to an online survey. The Sustainability Officer also indicated there was a Town Hall meeting scheduled for January 25, 2024, at the Nob Hill Soccer Club Park so as to discuss the vision.
- II. Public Open Discussion
    - a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.

### III. New Business

- a. The Board re-elected Ryan Goldman as the Chair, and re-elected Derric Tay as the Vice Chair.
- b. The Board members were given the City's public art survey and were given a few minutes to complete it within the meeting.

### IV. Board Discussion

#### a. 2024 Board Planning

The Sustainability Officer noted the theme for 2024 was that they would take one of the environmental awareness days which resonated with them personally from the listing which was sent to them from a previous email. The Board member would then write, in a personal manner, a story for the Good and Green Newsletter about the activity they selected.

The following were the activities the Board decided to write about:

- a) March – Bradette (International Day of the Forests)
- b) April – Skye (International Dark Sky Week)
- c) May - Arun (National Train Day)
- d) June – Larry (National Trail Day – Oak Hammock Park)
- e) July – Ryan (World Mangrove Day)
- f) August – Natasha (National Honeybee Day)
- g) September – Marcus & Arun (World Cleanup Day)
- h) October – Derric (International Day of Climate Action)
- i) November – Arun (World Vegan Day)
- j) December - Laila (Eco Holiday)

The Board members completed an exercise wherein they wrote down the ideas they were interested in for 2024 and wanted to see discussed. They wrote the ideas on big post it notes, and then placed them on the wall for all to view. The members voted and the topic the majority voted on was the Renewable Energy in City Facilities.

The Sustainability Officer instructed the Board to research and provide at least 3 to 5 ideas which could be discussed on renewable energy. Discussion ensued amongst the Board about different ideas for renewable energy. The Sustainability Officer added that educational information from expert organizations would be the main priority for them to obtain before any recommendations would be able to be made by the Board.

### V. Other Discussions

Chair, Ryan Goldman, suggested that interested individuals from Piper High School who would like to serve on the Board, should attend a couple of meetings prior to Abdul's end of term, so that they can observe the meetings. Discussion ensued amongst the Board members and suggested service hours should be provided for the students who attended the meetings. The Sustainability Officer added that Earth Day was scheduled for April 6, 2024,

at the Sawgrass Sanctuary from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., and volunteers would be needed for the event, and would be able to receive service hours.

VI. Board Reports

- a. The Sustainability Officer asked the Board whether they had completed the Bike and Pedestrian survey, and they all responded that they had completed it. The Sustainability Officer then distributed a gift to all the Board members for their participation in the survey.
- b. Both Board members Marcus and Arun noted that they had completed their Adopt-A-Street clean up prior to the Board meeting.
- c. Board member, Bradette, reported that her HOA was currently working on a project to repair and upgrade one of the two pools that was in their common areas. The other pool would be removed and replaced with a grassy area surrounded by a butterfly garden. The lighting around the pool would be solar.
- d. Board member, Derric, noted that he made several observations in the evening of insects coming to the path lights where he lived. He recorded some moths, and other types of insects.
- e. Board member, Natasha, reported that her son recycled a box which was received during the holidays, so as to store his Pokemon cards in them.
- f. Board member, Arun, noted that he had scheduled an Adopt-A-Street clean-up which was scheduled for January 20, 2024.

VII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – February 21, 2024

- a. Education on Renewable Energy

VIII. Adjourn

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