

## Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 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 6:05 p.m.
  - a. Roll Call  
Present: Marcus Austin, Ryan Goldman, Natasha Inniss, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Arun Raghubir, and Derric Tay. Staff: Mayor Michael Ryan, Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, Alan Gavazzi, Capital Projects Director, and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Absence Excused: Abdulkadir Husein (High School Student), Bradette Jepsen, and Larry Szeliga.
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, N. Skye McCloud, and it was seconded by Board member, Natasha Inniss. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- III. Discussion by Mayor Michael Ryan  
Mayor Ryan addressed the Board and discussed the following:
  - a. Solid Waste plans and concerns for the City.
  - b. Recycling and reuse concerns for the City.
  - c. He would like the Board to research and look to see what the City of Coral Springs and other cities may be doing about composting, as he would like to see how changes could be made within Sunrise.
  - d. The Mayor also added that he would send information to the Sustainability Officer about Food Waste Week, so that she could distribute the information to them.
- IV. Events and Announcements
  - a. The Sustainability Officer related to the Board that Water Matters Day was scheduled for March 9, 2024, at Tree Tops Park. She added that NatureScape was doing a Pre-Water Matters Day meeting on February 27, 2024.
  - b. The Sustainability Officer noted the applications for the Resident Leadership Academy was available for the Winter Cohort, and has encouraged the Board members who had not taken the class to do so.
  - c. The international renowned climate artist, Xavier Cortada, would be working with the Broward Resilient Division. They had created a workshop scheduled for March 1, 2024, wherein they would speak with students from local schools about sea level rise. It would be done in a creative and artistic manner, and the students would be able to create their own art. The schools which were selected would be able to have a mural the size of 9 ft. by 6 ft. painted inside the school by the artist. Westpine Middle School was one of

the schools which applied and was selected to participate as one of the 10 schools in Broward County for this workshop. The students would learn about the elevation level where they live, they would be able to create their own art, and they would be receiving a sign to display in their own yards. Additionally, the Sustainability Officer noted that she would like to see if she would be able to encourage Xavier Cortada to become a vendor at the upcoming Earth Day Festival.

II. Public Open Discussion

- a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.

III. Presentation

- D. *Capital Projects Update*, Alan Gavazzi, Capital Projects Director, Sunrise Utilities Department. He presented the following information to the Board:  
 Alan spoke about the current City Hall and the lights which they have installed and tested to reflect on the building. He noted that they had the capability to change the colors of the lights which were reflecting onto the building.
- a. City Hall – Phase 2 – Alan showed the Board a time lapse of the old City Hall building as it was being knocked down. The video was presented at the City Hall opening the previous month. He added that the Amphitheater was being rebuilt with a wider canopy and a redesigned lawn area.
- b. Sunset Strip Park - Alan reported that not all the homeowners wanted to agree to vacate the right-of-way for the park. The City would still like to build a park, but due to the lack of agreement for the right-of-way they would not be able to build any type of building or playground onto the park, neither would there be any parking installed. However, they can plant trees and install benches along the pathway. He added they had modified the pathway, they were about 60% complete with the design, and that there would be trash pickup. They would have to complete the permit review by July 2024, and anticipated they would be able to send the project out to bid in August 2024, while construction was anticipated to begin in January 2025.

**Strong Recommendation:**

**Motion:** Board member, Marcus Austin, made a motion requesting the City to add more trees and larger trees to the Sunset Strip Park plan. The motion was seconded by Board member, Laila Kitchen. The Board unanimously agreed to the motion.

- c. Springtree Water Treatment Plant Maintenance Building - Alan reported that they would be building a new maintenance building, but would not be tearing the old one. Instead, they would be keeping the old building and would use it as a storage unit. He added that the City had received a grant and would be installing solar panels onto the roof of the new building.
- d. Veterans Park – The City hired a different contractor to redo the playground and other aspects of the park which included the shrubbery, landscaping, and the roof of the restroom. It was anticipated to be completed by May 2024.
- e. Oscar Wind – Phase 2 – The City added a fitness area and a playground onto this park. They had a public forum and completed a survey as to what the residents wanted in the park such as a splash pad, etc. After the completion of the survey a programmatic plan was created for the park, which included ideas such as a splash pad, tennis courts, pickleball area, volley ball, restrooms, pavilions, and covered basketball court.
- f. Village Art Plaza – The City was building a plaza that could host art shows, farmer’s market, businesses, and murals. It was currently under construction with colorful benches and should be completed by July 2024.

There were additional questions which ensued between the Board and Alan about the projects he discussed.

#### IV. Board Discussion

##### a. Composting

The Board discussed the request the Mayor had posed to them about composting. They discussed ideas about composting and recycling, and the the feasibility of the ideas that may work for the City. Chairman, Ryan Goldman, volunteered to speak with someone at UF/IFAS about composting.

#### V. Board Reports

- a. Board member, Arun, reported that he and his group completed an Adopt-A-Street cleanup on February 17, 2024, and he added that he had about 2 to 3 students who came out from Piper High School to help with the clean-up.
- b. Board member, Marcus, also reported that his group completed an Adopt-A-Street cleanup as well.

#### VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – March 13, 2024, City Hall, Everglades Conference Rm.

- a. Discussion about the Earth Day Festival

#### VII. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N. Skye McCloud, and it was seconded by Marcus Austin. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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.