

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Location/Address: City Hall –Everglades Room (10770 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise, FL 33351)

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, N. Skye McCloud, Larry Szeliga, and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Absence Excused: Marcus Austin, Abdulkadir Husein (High School Student), Laila Kitchen, and Arun Raghbir.
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2024, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, Bradette Jepsen, and it was seconded by Board member, Derric Tay. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- III. Events and Announcements
 - a. The Sustainability Officer noted that World Health Day was April 5, 2024, and the City was coordinating an event at the Civic Center. The Good and Green booth would be participating at this event.
 - b. The Earth Day Festival was scheduled for April 6, 2024, at Sawgrass Sanctuary Park.
 - c. The Sustainability Officer related to the Board that she would be doing a Storytime event at the City Park facility with the children on April 20, 2024.
 - d. The Sustainability Officer added that on May 4, 2024, the City would be hosting the Community Greening organization for a Tree Giveaway event at the Nob Hill Soccer Club Park from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - e. The Sustainability Officer noted that the Sunrise Gardening for Wildlife Workshop was scheduled for May 11, 2024, at the Flamingo Park Meeting Hall from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. She added that she was trying to get teachers from area schools within Sunrise involved in the event, especially the ones who may have already installed a garden within their schools.
 - f. The Sustainability Officer announced a presentation was scheduled with the Dan Pearl Library for to celebrate Pollinator Week on June 14, 2024.
 - g. The Sustainability Officer announced that the home of two City employees (who live in Dania Beach) won an Emerald Award at the 2024 Broward County Water Matters Day event.
- IV. Public Open Discussion
 - a. There was no one in attendance from the public at the meeting.
- V. Sunrise Earth Day Festival Logistics and Preparation
 - a. The International theme for Earth Day 2024 was “Planet vs. Plastics”, and the localized City’s theme was “Pass Up Plastics” with a educational focus on protecting the Florida Everglades.

- b. The passport was no longer being used at the festival. Instead, it would be an educational scavenger hunt game, and there would be different clues and signage which would answer the scavenger hunt questions.
 - c. Dahoon Holly, recommended by the Sustainability Advisory Board members, was the tree selected as the Arbor Day Tree for 2024, which would be planted at the Arbor Day Tree Ceremony to kickoff the Earth Day Festival, and followed by the acknowledgment of the Sunrise Drop Savers Poster Contest Winners.
 - d. There was discussion about the layout of the park, event logistics, the different vendors and displays, the fruit trees and native trees being given out as giveaways, and the kids crafts.
- IV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – April 10, 2024
- a. Presentation by Urban Forester, Gary Worthington
 - b. Elevation Marker activity
- V. 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 7 :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.