

## Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 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 6:10 p.m.
  - a. Roll Call  
Present: Marcus Austin, Ryan Goldman, Abdulkadir Husein (High School Student), Natasha Inniss, Laila Kitchen, Larry Szeliga (Arr. 6:15 p.m.), and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, Nataly Miguez, Sustainability Intern, and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Absence Excused: Bradette Jepsen, N. Skye McCloud, and Arun Raghubir.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2024, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, Laila Kitchen, and it was seconded by Vice Chair, Derric Tay. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- C. Events and Announcements
  - a. The Sustainability Officer reported on the Community Greening Tree Giveaway which was held on May 4, 2024, at Nob Hill Soccer Club Park. It was a successful event, and they gave away 125 trees which included a mixture of fruit and native trees to the residents.
  - b. The Sustainability Officer reminded the Board about the Annual Sunrise Gardening for Wildlife Workshop which was scheduled for May 11, 2024, at the Flamingo Park Hall from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.
- II. Public Open Discussion
  - a. There were two residents in attendance from the public. The first resident, Gabriel Clarke, spoke about having a mulch program within the City of Sunrise. The second resident, Vivi Assidon, attended only to observe the meeting, but did not have any topics to discuss.
- III. Presentation  
*Energy Basics*, William Tokash and Sofia Garcia-George, C2C: Clean Energy to Communities Program, National Renewable Energy Laboratory. They presented the following information to the Board:
  - a. The Clean Energies Program has three components which are:
    - i) In-Depth Partnership wherein local governments, community-based organizations and electrical utilities work together with their staff to apply robust modeling and analysis tools, and conduct testing of solutions.
    - ii) Cohorts which are multi-community engagements that convene regularly for approximately six months to exchange strategies and best practices.
    - iii) Expert Match which are short-term, no cost technical assistance for communities seeking answers for clean energy solutions. This was the program they were supporting with the City of Sunrise.

- b. The first meeting with the Board was about Energy Basics which included the introduction of how energy was used and supplied throughout the United States and Florida.
  - c. There will be additional meetings with the Board during the remainder of the year to discuss different aspects of renewable energy.
  - d. Discussion ensued amongst the Board about the presentation given. The Board members were also given homework assignments which had to be on either energy use or energy renewables, and were asked to either watch a video or a documentary, review a website, or read a report, which they had to report on at the June meeting.
- IV. Board Reports
- a. Board member, Laila, reported there was an employee challenge at her job for the employees to ride their bikes to work. The incentive they offered was that each person had to sign up with the Love to Ride application, be a part of the team, and whoever rode their bike to work the most during the month of May would be winning a prize. She has only ridden her bike once to work.
  - b. Board member, Abdul, noted that he would be graduating from high school, and the June meeting would be his last meeting. He reported that they have already selected the President for their Environmental Club, and he was hoping to bring the individual to the June meeting.
  - c. Vice Chair, Derric, reported about the City's Nature Challenge at Oak Hammock Park was held on April 27, 2024. The participants included Dr. Corey Callaghan, from UF/IFAS, Nataly Miguez, and Donna Moore. There were approximately 20 people who attended the event, who were instructed on how to use the iNaturalist application, and how to record the information which they saw throughout the park.
  - d. Vice Chair, Derric, also reported that he attended the City of Plantation's Earth Day celebration, and he noted they had a volunteer business certification program for businesses. However, it was noted that the City of Sunrise did not have any business as yet who have taken the Pass Up Plastics Pledge.
- V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – June 12, 2024
- a. Presentation by NREL on Renewable Energy 101
- VI. Adjourn
- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chair, Derric Tay, and it was seconded by Board member, Larry Szeliga. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Transcribed by: Donna Moore, Board Secretary

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