

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 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 6:02 p.m.
 - a) Roll Call
Present: Marcus Austin (Arr. 6:04 p.m.), Ryan Goldman, Bradette Jepsen, Natasha Inniss, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud Larry Szeliga (Arr. 6:10 p.m.), and Derric Tay (Arr. 6:06 p.m.). Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant. Absence Excused: Abdulkadir Husein (High School Student), and Arun Raghbir.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) A motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2024, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, Bradette Jepsen, and it was seconded by Board member, Laila Kitchen. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- C. Events and Announcements
 - a) The Sustainability Officer mentioned there would be an event on July 19, 2024, at the Dan Pearl Library which would include a workshop, and activities to recognize Pass Up Plastics Month.
 - b) The Sustainability Officer reported that Phase I of Nob Hill Elementary garden was completed the previous week, and that the music teacher was there to help. She showed a brief video of the music teacher with his students singing and dancing about the earth.
- II. Public Open Discussion
 - a) There was no one in attendance from the public.
- III. Presentation
 - A. *CSLIP Grant Proposed Projects for Bicycle Lanes and Multimodal Transportation Improvements*, Maximo Bravo, E.I., Engineer I, Sunrise Utilities - Engineering.
 - a) Max noted these projects were being submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Complete Streets and other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) Cycle 9 Proposed for funding.
 - b) The project construction cost would have a cap of approximately \$4 million.
 - c) Reimbursement would include design, inspection, and construction costs.
 - d) There were right-of-way limitations for these projects.
 - e) It was noted that although it was a five-year funding plan, the budget changes every year, and was dependent on federal appropriations.
 - f) The first project which would be proposed during this cycle would be for bicycle lanes. It would include the following locations:
 - i. NW 50th Street from NW 94th Avenue to N. Pine Island Road
 - ii. NW 94th Avenue from 42nd Street to NW 44th Street
 - iii. NW 42nd Street from N. Nob Hill Road to NW 94th Avenue

g) The second project which would be proposed would include bicycle lanes as well, and it would include the following locations:

- i. Springtree Drive from NW 44th Street to N. University Drive
- ii. NW 84th Avenue from Springtree Drive to W. Oakland Park Blvd.

There was discussion and questions which ensued with the Board about the presentation which was given.

Strong Recommendations:

Motion: Board member, Bradette Jepsen, made a motion to support the CSLIP grant funding opportunity and the pursuing of the finances. However, there was a strong recommendation to try to incorporate vegetation and buffering for pedestrians and bicyclists. Board member, Larry Szeliga seconded the motion.

The Board members unanimously agreed with the motion, and it was noted the Board would be submitting a letter in support of the MPO CSLIP Cycle 9 Grant Application.

Presentation

B. *Establishing Renewable Energy Goals*, William Tokash and Sofia Garcia-George, C2C: Clean Energy to Communities Program, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

- a) There was discussion amongst the Board about the homework which they received at the meeting held on June 12, 2024.
- b) The cities which the Board was given to research were the following:
 - i. **Tampa/St. Petersburg**
 - ii. **Tallahassee**
 - iii. **Miami-Dade County**
- c) Information the Board had to complete research for these cities included:
 - i. The goal setting process of the city they researched
 - ii. The nature and scope of the goal
 - iii. How they selected the city and had to evaluate the project feasibility
 - iv. The approach to the project design and bidding within that particular city
 - v. The FPL options that city had, the funding and the if there were any third-party ownership

Discussion ensued amongst the Board about the information they found for their research for the cities.

IV. Open Discussion

- a) Board Chair, Ryan, reported there was a good turnout from the Board at the City Commission meeting held on July 9, 2024, as the Proclamation for July as Pass Up Plastics Month in Sunrise.
- b) The Board discussed about having a Sustainability float at the next July 4th Parade in 2025, as there was another Board who entered and won in their category.

- V. Board Reports
 - a) Board member, Marcus, reported that his group completed an Adopt-A-Street cleanup in July.
 - b) The Sustainability Officer reported that all the Adopt-A-Street locations were currently adopted except one, which was due to a group leaving the program. There was a total of 13 streets which are in operation in Sunrise with the Adopt-A-Street Program.
 - c) Board member, Skye, stated that she was working on a book, and noted that AEG had developed a video about all the plastics which were given out by vendors at an event. The video would inform all the attendees there would be assigned recyclable bins located at different areas within the facility to dump their used plastic containers before leaving the event.
 - d) Discussion ensued amongst the Board that something different had to be done, so as to educate people more about reducing the use of plastics and recycling.
- VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – August 7, 2024
 - a) Presentation by NREL on On-site Renewable Energy Evaluation
- VII. Adjourn
 - a) A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board member, N. Skye McCloud, and it was seconded by Board member, Bradette Jepsen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Transcribed by: Donna Moore, Board Secretary

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