

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 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 – Co-Chair, Derric Tay, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
 - a) Roll Call
Present: Marcus Austin, Bradette Jepsen, Natasha Inniss, Laila Kitchen, Arun Raghbir, Larry Szeliga, and Derric Tay. Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer. Absence Excused: N. Skye McCloud. Absence Not Excused: Ryan Goldman
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) A motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, Laila Kitchen, and it was seconded by Board member, Larry Szeliga. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- C. Events and Announcements
 - a) The Sustainability Officer reported that the Cultural Festival would be held on November 9, 2024, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at City Park. The giveaways could include fruit trees such as mangoes, soursop and sweetsop. The Sustainability Officer requested that if the Board had any suggestions they should email them to her.
- II. Public Open Discussion
 - a) There was no one in attendance from the public.
- III. Presentation
 - A. *On-site Renewable Energy Evaluation*, William Tokash and Sofia Garcia-George, C2C: Clean Energy to Communities Program, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
 - a) The presentation started with the Project Development Steps which were to:
 - i. Develop a Team
 - ii. Site Identification and Screening
 - iii. Feasibility Funding RFP
 - iv. Design & Construction
 - v. Operations and Maintenance
 - b) Two options reviewed that are available through FPL:
 - i. Solar Together Community Solar Program which allowed customers under Rate Schedule STR did not have to install solar on their own properties. However, the program was currently fully subscribed, but capacity would likely be added over time.
 - ii. Solar Vantage offered a Rider SPF-1 which allowed for an on-site, financed, FPL-owned solar option that provided renewable energy.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board about the presentation given. The Board members were given homework assignments from the Sustainability Officer, which was to review the NREL PVWatts web-based calculator and use it along with a map of the different facilities buildings within the City. The Board would receive the map

via email from the Sustainability Officer, and they had to report their research results at the September 11th meeting.

IV. Board Discussion

- a) The Sustainability Officer reminded the Board that the Sunrise BioBlitz was scheduled for September 14, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Welleby Park. She noted there would be different educational activities during the event, and requested the Board to volunteer for the event.
- b) Prior to the event, there would be a scheduled Family Fishing Derby in the park, and it was felt that hopefully the participants would also be willing to attend the BioBlitz event.
- c) Board member, Arun, spoke about composting while other members discussed different ideas that could also be used for composting. The Sustainability Officer would be emailing the composting information to the Board, which was provided by Board member, Arun.

V. Board Reports

- a) Co-Chair, Derric, attended the webinar presented by the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy who released their 7th Annual Solar in the Southeast Report. The webinar was about the progress of solar adoption in the southeast United States. It was noted that Florida continued to be a leader in Solar and FPL was getting more solar capacity online. It was noted that Tampa's Municipal Utilities was still the top ranked city in the entire southeastern area.
- b) Co-Chair, Derric, also attended the Sustainability Advisory Committee Coalition on July 25, 2024, and represented the Board. The committee members had to complete a survey as to what their city was doing pertaining to sustainability. The City of Coral Springs did not have anyone in attendance, but submitted their survey with their topics. The other cities who participated and were in attendance were Hollywood, Plantation and Ft. Lauderdale.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board about different ideas as to how to approach different businesses within the City of Sunrise about completing the Pass Up Plastics Pledge.

VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – September 11, 2024

- a) Presentation by NREL on Florida Municipality Case Studies

VII. Adjourn

- a) A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board member, Bradette Jepsen, and it was seconded by Board member, Larry Szeliga. 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.