

Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 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 6:04 p.m.
 - a) Roll Call
Present: Marcus Austin, Marley Brooks (Arr. 6:08 p.m. - High School Student), Ryan Goldman, Bradette Jepsen (Arr. 6:11 p.m.), Natasha Inniss (Arr. 6:35 p.m.), Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Arun Raghubir, Larry Szeliga (Arr. 6:08 p.m.), and Derric Tay (Arr. 6:05 p.m.). Staff: Carrie Kashar, Sustainability Officer, Nataly Miguez, Sustainability Intern, and Donna Moore, Administrative Assistant.
- B. Welcome of New Board Member
 - a) Ryan, the Chair, introduced new Board member, Marley Brooks, who was a high school student.
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) A motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2024, Sustainability Advisory Board meeting was made by Board member, Marcus Austin, and it was seconded by Board Co-Chair, Derric Tay. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
- D. Events and Announcements
 - a) The Sustainability Officer noted that the BioBlitz event would occur at Welleby Park on September 14, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. There would be different activities being presented, and the Sustainability Officer requested the Board members to volunteer and assist at the event.
 - b) Broward Coastal Cleanup was scheduled for September 21, 2024. There would be multiple coastal cleanup locations which were listed in the Good and Green Newsletter.
 - c) NatureScape Broward was accepting applications for the Habitat Steward Training in October 2024. The trainings would be held for 2 days in the beginning of October, and then 2 days at the end of October.
 - d) The Veterans' Park was currently open to the public, and the grand opening was scheduled for October 5, 2024. The Sustainability Officer noted that a memorial brick program was being organized for the park.
 - e) The Sunset Strip Passive Park bid opening was scheduled for September 23, 2024.
- II. Public Open Discussion
 - a) There was one person in attendance from the public whose name was Chester Brooks.
- III. Presentation
 - A. *Renewable Energy in Broward County*, Jennifer Jurado: Deputy Director and Chief Resilience Officer, Resilient Environmental Department, Broward County. She presented the following information:
 - a) Evolution of Climate Policy in Broward County history of climate action planning overview:

- i. Developed Climate Change Action Plan in 2010
 - ii. Climate Action Plan was revised in 2015 and 2020
 - iii. Broward County would like to reduce their CO₂ by 80% by 2050
- b) Climate Policy Commitments
- i. 80% Emissions Reductions Goal
 - ii. 20% Renewable Goal
 - iii. 100% Solar Together Now Enrollment
 - iv. 2021 Race to Zero
 - v. 2050 Net Zero Commitment
 - vi. 50% Reduction and Clean Fleet Goal by 2035
- c) Emissions Reduction Actions

County

- 132 MW Solar Offset through FPL program, 100% solar together enrollment
- 4.2 MW Solar Installations
- 0.5 MW Solar Pending
- Electric Vehicle Investments

Community

- Solar Co-ops
- PACE – 16 MW Solar
- PACE Energy Efficiency savings – 114 M Kwh

- d) EV and Solar Specifics
- e) Strategy for Expanded Solar
- f) Climate Action Plan Update
- g) Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan
- h) County-wide Net Zero Plan
- i) Carbon Conscious Business Program Kick-off
- j) Building Benchmarking Program
- k) Compact Collaborative Opportunities

Discussion ensued amongst the Board about the presentation given by Jennifer Jurado.

Board member, Arun, enquired if it was possible to have a presentation about the program outline for the carbon conscious business program. He also enquired if there were opportunities for the City of Sunrise to piggy back on the Broward County contracts for some of these community programs and receive funding, especially since the leg work has already been completed by Broward County.

IV. Presentation

- B. *Florida Municipality Case Studies*, William Tokash, and Sofia Garcia-George, C2C: Clean Energy to Communities Program, National Renewable Energy Laboratory. William spoke about studies on different cities which included:

- a) Solar Installations
- b) Lease Agreements with FPL by other cities
- c) Brief information was provided about Ft. Lauderdale, Sarasota, and Tampa.

Board Discussion

- a) The Chair, Ryan, requested that the documentation which has been collected for this energy project should be data entered into a GIS system, which would then allow the Sustainability Officer to retrieve pertinent information when needed.
 - b) The Sustainability Officer reported that the Bike and Pedestrian Greenway Masterplan was being developed, and there should be a draft distributed soon.
 - c) Board member, Bradette, suggested that the Sustainability Advisory Board should have a float at the next July 4th Parade, as there was a Board who won an award at the parade earlier in the year.
- V. Board Reports – There was no reported activity
 - VI. Other Business
 - a) Board member, Marcus, noted that the blue recycle bins would be removed from the residents' homes by the City in February 2025.
 - VII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – October 9, 2024
 - a) Presentation by NREL on SAP Brainstorm.
 - VIII. Adjourn
 - a) A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board member, Marcus Austin, and it was seconded by Board member, Larry Szeliga. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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.