

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
June 27, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

<b>Cumulative Attendance</b>					
<b>1/2022 through 12/2022</b>					
	<b>Members</b>	<b>Appt by</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>1</b>	Sofia Thordin	M	P	1	0
<b>2</b>	Douglas Brinkley	I	P	2	0
<b>3</b>	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
<b>4</b>	Kelly Charles (via Zoom)	IV	P	5	0
<b>5</b>	David Blattner, Chair	I	P	5	0
<b>6</b>	Vacant Position	-	-	-	-
<b>7</b>	Whitney Dutton (at 6:08 p.m.)	IV	P	4	1
<b>8</b>	Carolann Mazza	III	P	4	1
<b>9</b>	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
<b>10</b>	Carol Tamburly, Vice Chair	III	P	5	0
<b>11</b>	Luis Castillo-Olivera	M	A	0	1

**Staff Present**

Public Works Department

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Sandy Leonard, Fleet Manager, Sustainability

Drew Newstrom, Automotive & Equipment Engineer, Sustainability – Fleet Services

Melissa Doyle, Program Manager, Solid Waste and Recycling (via Zoom)

Dr. Nancy J. Gassman, Assistant Director of Public Works (via Zoom)

Valentina Padron-Risenes, Sustainability Division Intern

Carla Blair, Prototype, Inc.

**Guests Present**

Alessandra Stivelman, Esq., Eisinger Law

Amy Dobrikova, Blink Charging

Andy Kinard, Blink Charging

Vanessa Balta, Broward County

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blattner at 6:06 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

A **motion** to approve Ms. Charles’ participation via Zoom was made by Vice Chair Tamburly and seconded by Ms. Mazza. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. Hadwen introduced Sofia Thordin, new member to the Board, and the Chair invited the new Board member to introduce herself. Ms. Thordin shared that she holds LEED GA certification and is a practicing transportation planner with experience in electric vehicles and mobility. She stated she was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale and holds degrees in sustainability and urban planning.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A **motion** to approve the May 23, 2022, minutes as presented was made by Vice Chair Tamburri and seconded by Mr. Dutton. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

*The Staff Liaison Report was addressed following Presentations.*

### **Staff Liaison Report**

#### **Landscape/Tree Ordinance**

Mr. Hadwen explained the second reading of the Landscape/Tree Ordinance with revisions was heard by the City Commission on Tuesday, June 7 and the Ordinance did not pass. He noted the vote was a 2-2 tie. He stated that at its June 21 meeting, the Commission had requested staff revise the Ordinance to reduce the requirements for modular suspended pavements in residential areas. Next steps were still being determined and noted the item may have to go back to the Planning & Zoning Board and then the City Commission.

#### **Termite Education Ordinance**

Mr. Hadwen reported the Board's communication related to termite education was also presented at the Commission meeting on June 7. He played video of the presentation and discussion. The Board discussed the conversation held and next steps.

#### **LEED for Cities**

Mr. Hadwen provided an update on the LEED for Cities program and introduced the Board to the Sustainability Division's summer intern, Valentina Padron-Rasines, a Junior at University of Florida who would be helping with the effort. Ms. Padron-Rasines introduced herself and Mr. Hadwen noted she had already done a deep dive on the City's demographics in working toward the LEED certification.

### **Presentations**

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging**

Sandy Leonard, Fleet Services Program Manager, introduced the presenters and began a *PowerPoint* presentation regarding electric vehicle charging. He discussed the infrastructure requirements and challenges of deployment of electric vehicles and chargers. Attorney Alessandra Stivelman shared her background in representing condominium and homeowners' associations and spoke regarding changes in laws for multi-family dwellings associated with charging stations, issues with capacity and availability of parking, and other challenges.

Drew Newstrom, City Automotive & Equipment Engineer, continued the presentation with a review of the benefits of electric vehicles. He discussed the commitment of manufacturers to advance availability. He reviewed the city's current electric fleet of four (4) vehicles and the charger levels. Continuing, Amy Dobrikova, Blink Charger, discussed the demand for electric vehicle charging and opportunities available. She shared details of the company's partnerships and major projects throughout the country.

A question-and-answer segment ensued.

***Presentation is attached.***

#### **New Business**

##### **2022 SAB Calendar Review**

Mr. Hadwen discussed the Board calendar and inquired as to whether the Board wanted to take a summer break as previously discussed or to reschedule for holidays in November and December. Discussion ensued regarding the Board's preferences.

A **motion** to cancel the July meeting and move the December meeting to December 19 was made by Vice Chair Tamburly and seconded by Ms. Mazza. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. Hadwen shared that he had been approached by Leann Barber who was interested in presenting to the Board regarding urban farming in October. Consensus was to add the presentation to the agenda.

Mr. Dutton asked whether the Board needed to act regarding the failed Tree Ordinance. Mr. Hadwen stated he would keep the Board informed as the item moves forward. Mr. Dutton confirmed the existing Tree Ordinance would remain in effect until a change was made. Mr. Hadwen verified this was correct and provided further explanation.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **Proposed Communication**

#### **Support for Broward Solar Co-Op**

Chair Blattner shared a draft of the proposed communication regarding the Broward Solar Co-op written by Vice Chair Tamburly and Mr. Hadwen. The Board discussed the specifics of the wording and drafted the following:

*The Sustainability Advisory Board recommends that the City of Fort Lauderdale partner with Solar United Neighbors (SUN), to help promote its Broward Solar Co-op program. In 2021, the City of Fort Lauderdale set Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions goals for government operations and the community. One of the cornerstones of any net zero effort will be a substantial increase in the use of solar power.*

*SUN is a 501(c)3 nonprofit Solar Co-op Program based in Washington, D.C. and has been coordinating solar co-ops nationally for over 15 years. Since 2016, SUN has run 70 solar co-ops in Florida and five in Broward County, helping over 2,100 state residents switch to solar. The Co-ops provide education, outreach, and an opportunity to install solar as part of the co-op. In the Co-ops homeowners bundle their buying power to secure competitive pricing and high-quality offerings for rooftop solar equipment for their homes. Co-ops focus on education, consumer protection, advocacy, and ongoing support in switching to solar power. There is no fee or obligation for homeowners to sign up and they can join online at [Solarunitedneighbors.org/Florida](http://Solarunitedneighbors.org/Florida).*

*A City of Fort Lauderdale partnership with Solar United Neighbors of Florida could entail the following:*

- *Share/publicize the programming in the community through a variety of communication channels;*
- *Provide City locations for solar information meetings; and*
- *Share an event on social media or assist with an event.*

*Partnership is free and informal and is a mutual show of support. A partial list of the following municipalities and local governments that have already partnered with Solar United Neighbors of Florida include Miami, Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Sunrise, Boynton Beach, Boca Raton, Coral Gables, St. Petersburg, and Delray Beach.*

A **motion** to submit the Communication to the Commission was made by Vice Chair Tamburri and seconded by Ms. Mazza. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**Comments**

Ms. Mazza asked for clarification on Ms. Padron-Rasines' LEED for Cities project. Mr. Hadwen provided detail on the program and the scope of the research being conducted.

**Items for Next Meeting**

Chair Blattner called for any additional items for the next meeting. Consensus was to place electric vehicle charging stations under old business. Mr. Hadwen suggested potential presentations regarding the LEED for Cities data collected to date and an update on the greenhouse gas emissions inventory.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.