

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
September 26, 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	A	2	1
<b>2</b>	Douglas Brinkley	I	P	4	0
<b>3</b>	Robert Daoust	II	P	2	0
<b>4</b>	Kelly Charles	IV	P	7	0
<b>5</b>	David Blattner, Chair	I	A	6	1
<b>6</b>	Matthew McIntosh (at 6:23 p.m.)	-	P	1	1
<b>7</b>	Whitney Dutton	IV	A	5	2
<b>8</b>	Carolann Mazza	III	A	5	2
<b>9</b>	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
<b>10</b>	Carol Tamburry, Vice Chair	III	P	7	0
<b>11</b>	Vacant Position	M	-	-	-

**Staff Present**

Public Works Department

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Stefan Perritano, Sustainability Coordinator, Temporary Staff Liaison

Carla Blair, Prototype, Inc.

**Guests Present**

None

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Tamburry at 6:09 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was not yet present.

*Approval of Meeting Minutes was addressed following presentations.*

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A **motion** to approve the June 27, 2022, minutes as presented was made by Ms. Charles and seconded by Mr. McIntosh. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**Staff Liaison Report**

**Solar Co-Op Resolution**

Mr. Hadwen explained that as a result of the Board's communication to the City Commission regarding the Broward Solar Co-Op, staff has drafted a Resolution committing to the City's support of the program. He stated the Resolution would be presented to the Commission on October 4, 2022.

### New Liaison

Mr. Hadwen introduced Stefan Perritano, Sustainability Coordinator, and stated he would be serving as temporary Staff Liaison. Mr. Perritano and the Board members introduced themselves and their backgrounds briefly.

### Race to Zero

Mr. Hadwen explained the City's Fiscal Year 2023 budget included funding for the Roadmap to Zero planning effort. He stated early in 2023, staff would be working with the Procurement Department to hire a consultant for the project.

Mr. Hadwen provided an update on the rain tree, noting the Urban Forester was monitoring the tree several times a week and it was currently in good health. He stated it was partially relocated, but there were issues with the seawalls at the future location, so permits were being sought to strengthen the seawall. He noted the contractor was responsible if the tree does not survive.

*Matthew McIntosh joined the meeting at 6:23 p.m.*

### **Presentations**

#### Past EECBG Project

Mr. Hadwen shared a *PowerPoint* presentation regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). He explained the background of the grant program, which was originally created in 2009 to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and improve energy efficiency. He stated funding is distributed to cities and states based on a formula. He discussed past EECBG projects in Fort Lauderdale and Miami and potential projects for this year's funds. Continuing, he reviewed additional opportunities for Federal funding related to sustainability.

A question-and-answer segment ensued.

***Presentation is attached.***

#### Federal Grants Update

Item included in EECBG presentation.

### **New Business**

#### Meeting Location

Mr. Hadwen noted that prior to COVID-19, the Board had met in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. He asked whether there was interest in returning to that space. He outlined the benefits of the room, including space for 20 around the table.

A **motion** to move future meetings to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room was made by Ms. Charles and seconded by Mr. Daoust. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### Electric Vehicle Charging

Mr. Hadwen provided a brief update on electric vehicle charging in the City. He stated two (2) chargers at City Hall were replaced, and he noted the City budget allocated \$100,000 per year for electric vehicle charging and infrastructure.

Vice Chair Tamburri asked whether the City was considering additional charging stations. Mr. Hadwen stated the plan was to add additional stations. He noted there are a number of City facilities, and he was not sure which was next on the list.

### **Proposed Communication**

Vice Chair Tamburri stated the Board was waiting for the new Commission prior to presenting any further communications. Mr. Hadwen explained the new City Commission would be seated the second week in November.

### **Comments**

Mr. McIntosh

### **Items for Next Meeting**

Vice Chair Tamburri called for any additional items for the next meeting. Mr. Hadwen outlined the items previously discussed for the October meeting, including a presentation from Lee Ann Barber regarding urban farming and a potential presentation regarding a revision to the Seawall Ordinance to bring it in line with the County requirements.

Vice Chair Tamburri reviewed the items on the list of 2022 SAB subjects listed on the agenda and discussion ensued on the status of each.

- Urban Farming
  - Presentation scheduled for October
- Net-zero/Carbon Neutrality
  - Ongoing discussion
- Citywide Vulnerability Assessment
  - Grant was awarded to fund vulnerability study, the consultant and staff will engage with the SAB with updates as the process goes forward.
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
  - Ongoing discussion
- Renewable Solar Energy
  - Communication to the Commission regarding co-op
- Environmental Performance Metrics
  - Ongoing discussion
- Joint Meeting with Other Cities Planning
  - Discussion ensued regarding specific topics to discuss, logistics, and keeping track of what other sustainability boards are discussing
- Wildlife Corridors Along Canals
  - Discussion ensued as to what control the City has over the canals and other waterways, living seawalls, and wildlife topics

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting of the SAB will be held on October 24, 2022, on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor.

*Note: Subsequent, to completion of this meeting it was determined that a quorum was not present because not all Board members had completed their Oath of Office. Therefore, any Board votes would need to be repeated at the next meeting when a quorum was present.*