

DRAFT
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting
January 23, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2023 through 12/2023					
	Members	Appt by	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Sofia Thordin, Vice Chair (at 6:19 p.m.)	M	P	0	1
2	Douglas Brinkley	I	P	1	0
3	Robert Daoust	II	P	1	0
4	Vacant	IV	-	-	-
5	David Blattner, Chair	I	P	1	0
6	Matthew McIntosh	C	P	1	0
7	Vacant	IV	-	-	-
8	Vacant	III	-	-	-
9	Jason Kirchhoff	II	P	1	0
10	Vacant	III	-	-	-
11	Jason Hignite	M	P	1	0

Staff Present

Public Works Department

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Stefan Perritano, Sustainability Coordinator, Temporary Staff Liaison

Luz Ramirez, Sustainability Analyst

Carla Blair, Prototype, Inc.

Guests Present

Kelly Charles

Whitney Dutton

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A **motion** to approve the December 19, 2022, minutes as presented was made by Ms. Charles and seconded by Mr. Daoust. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Staff Liaison Report

Tidal Barrier Ordinance Update

Mr. Perritano explained the Tidal Barrier Ordinance was going before the City Commission on January 24 during their conference meeting. He stated the meeting would be live on YouTube for those interested.

Mr. Hadwen provided a brief history of the discussion.

Electric Vehicle (EV)-Ready Communication

Mr. Perritano shared a video of the presentation of the EV-Ready Communication at the January 10 City Commission meeting.

Following the video, Mr. Perritano explained the City Commission had directed staff to look into incentives and ordinances in other municipalities. Staff would request an opportunity to make a presentation to the Commission, which would include clarifying regarding potential preemptions.

Ms. Ramirez introduced herself and stated she had joined the team two (2) weeks prior. She shared her experience working with Sarasota County and discussed that county's EV incentives.

Mr. Dutton arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. Daoust suggested that providing free parking and incentivizing EV stations is in conflict with creating a walkable City, and noted there are underlying questions which require additional review. Discussion ensued regarding encouraging walking and biking as well as supporting EV and alternative transportation methods.

Ms. Thordin arrived at 6:19 p.m.

Landscape and Tree Preservation Ordinance Update

Mr. Hadwen shared a brief update on the progress of the Ordinance. He stated there was a stakeholders meeting scheduled for later in the week, and the Planning & Zoning Board would be reviewing the Ordinance at their February meeting. He explained there had been minor changes since it was last presented to Commission in June 2022, including removing requirements for modular suspended pavement near single family residential properties.

Presentations

Urban Heat Islands

Mr. Perritano presented regarding urban heat islands, including definitions and impacted populations, followed by information on what the City of Fort Lauderdale is currently doing to mitigate the impacts of urban heat islands and what can be done in the future. He reviewed study data related to roofing materials and discussed environmental and health impacts. Mr. Hadwen provided additional detail regarding initiatives in other municipalities.

A question-and-answer segment ensued, and discussion continued as to next steps for communication from the Board. Mr. Perritano stated he would send sample ordinances along with the presentation to the information exchange the following week. Consensus was to maintain urban heat islands as a priority subject over the coming months.

Presentation is attached.

New Business

Mr. Hadwen explained the Board needed to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the new year.

A **motion** to nominate David Blattner as Board Chair was made by Ms. Thordin and seconded by Mr. Daoust. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

A **motion** to nominate Sofia Thordin as Vice Chair was made by Mr. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Hignite. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Perritano noted the Board's Communication regarding virtual presentations would be going before the Commission on February 7.

Ms. Charles stated she had noticed a lot of trash along the side of the highway and expressed concern with the lack of a cleaning program. Mr. Hadwen explained there are several parties responsible for streets, including FDOT, Broward County, and the City. He stated street sweeping is done on an ongoing basis to protect the waterways.

Mr. Perritano shared a slide regarding canal cleaning, noting 159 tons of trash were pulled out of the City's waterways in 2022. Discussion continued.

Proposed Communication

None.

Comments

None.

Items for Next Meeting

Mr. Hadwen stated he had asked Ms. Ramirez to present at the next SAB meeting regarding what Sarasota County is doing in their sustainability efforts. He confirmed the Board wanted to keep cool roofs on the agenda and noted staff would again provide updates on the ordinances. He stated Neighbor Support Night was scheduled for February 16, and reviewed the February SAB agenda briefly.

Mr. Hignite asked about information sent to the Board regarding recycling programs across Florida. Mr. Perritano provided a brief background on the trend to scrap recycling programs across the state due to increased cost and reduction in demand for product. Mr. Hadwen stated the City had recently awarded its curbside recycling contract for a period of seven (7) years.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next meeting of the SAB will be held on February 27, 2023.