

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

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2023 through 12/2023					
	Members	Appt by	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Sofia Thordin, Vice Chair	M	P	2	0
2	Douglas Brinkley	I	P	2	0
3	Robert Daoust	II	A	1	1
4	Kelly Charles	IV	P	1	0
5	David Blattner, Chair	I	P	2	0
6	Matthew McIntosh (at 6:04 p.m.)	C	P	2	0
7	Whitney Dutton	IV	A	0	1
8	Vacant	III	-	-	-
9	Jason Kirchhoff	II	P	2	0
10	Vacant	III	-	-	-
11	Jason Hignite	M	A	1	1

Staff Present

Public Works Department

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Stefan Perritano, Sustainability Coordinator, Temporary Staff Liaison

Carla Blair, Prototype, Inc.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A **motion** to approve the January 23, 2023, minutes as presented was made by Ms. Thordin and seconded by Mr. Brinkley. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Staff Liaison Report

Tidal Barrier Ordinance Update

Mr. Perritano explained the Tidal Barrier Ordinance would be going before the City Commission on March 23 for second reading and final approval.

Electric Vehicle (EV)-Ready Communication

Mr. Perritano explained staff would be presenting to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on March 9 to outline trends in electric vehicles (EVs) with a developer focus and to obtain feedback on a potential ordinance requiring EV charging infrastructure. He stated plans are to then present to a smaller group of developers before bringing the input gathered back to the City Commission.

Virtual Presentation Communication

Mr. Hadwen stated the Board's communication regarding virtual presentations would be presented to the City Commission on March 8.

LEED for Cities Update

Mr. Perritano stated the City had gotten its first review back in the LEED for Cities process. He explained staff planned to resubmit at the end of the week for official review and expected to receive 62 points.

Presentations

Sarasota County Sustainability Initiatives

Presentation deferred to March.

New Business

Mr. Hadwen provided a brief overview of a summary on flooding incidences in the City recently prepared by Assistant Public Works Director Dr. Nancy Gassman. He shared flood tracking data going back to 2018, and explained the thresholds utilized. He explained flooding varies seasonally. Mr. Perritano provided additional detail on contributing factors.

Discussion ensued regarding King Tides, storms, and methods.

Old Business

Mr. Perritano led a discussion regarding presenters the Board would like to see at future meetings.

Ms. Charles suggested revisiting the issue of termites, and reworking the previous communication sent to the City Commission in a compelling way. She provided a brief overview of the issue of subterranean termites for those new to the Board since the information was originally presented.

Mr. Hadwen stated the City was working toward an Urban Forestry Master Plan to look holistically at the City's forests which would consider termites along with all other issues that might impact the urban forest. He noted the position of Urban Forester was currently vacant, and staff in other departments with background in forestry have been contributing to fulfilling those duties. He added that he saw termites as an important issue, but one among many issues impacting the health of the urban forest. Discussion ensued regarding urban forestry master planning, issues of funding, and development concerns related to trees.

Mr. Kirschoff asked for clarification on the EV ordinance. Mr. Perritano explained the direction from the City Commission was to explore incentives.

Mr. Kirschoff inquired as to the conversation regarding transitioning the City fleet to EV. Mr. Perritano provided a brief update on the status of transitioning fleet vehicles to electric and discussed issues with infrastructure and charging stations. He noted a staff member working to convince the Police Department to make the transition. Discussion continued regarding EV infrastructure, budget concerns, availability of EV models, the approach in other municipalities, and impacts on development.

Mr. McIntosh noted he would be stepping down from the Board due to a move to Plantation.

Proposed Communication

None.

Comments

None.

Items for Next Meeting

Mr. Hadwen stated there would be updates available on the presentation to the DDA and direction regarding an EV ordinance.

Mr. Perritano stated he would also report back on the Communications to the City Commission.

Ms. Thordin asked whether the City has ordinances on yard maintenance law equipment. She noted she had read about emissions related to lawn equipment. Mr. Hadwen stated the City had spent a year looking at leaf blowers and made minor adjustments to the hours of operation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next meeting of the SAB will be held on March 27, 2023.