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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 27, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

<b>Cumulative Attendance</b>					
<b>1/2023 through 12/2023</b>					
	<b>Members</b>	<b>Appt by</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>1</b>	Sofia Thordin, Vice Chair	M	P	3	0
<b>2</b>	Vacant	I	-	-	-
<b>3</b>	Robert Daoust	II	A	2	1
<b>4</b>	Kelly Charles (at 6:07 p.m.)	IV	P	3	0
<b>5</b>	David Blattner, Chair	I	P	3	0
<b>6</b>	Vacant	C	-	-	-
<b>7</b>	Whitney Dutton	IV	P	2	1
<b>8</b>	Vacant	III	-	-	-
<b>9</b>	Jason Kirchhoff	II	P	3	0
<b>10</b>	Vacant	III	-	-	-
<b>11</b>	Jason Hignite	M	A	2	1

**Staff Present**

Public Works Department

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Stefan Perritano, Sustainability Coordinator, Staff Liaison

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A **motion** to approve the February 27, 2023, minutes as presented was made by Mr. Daoust and seconded by Ms. Thordin. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**Staff Liaison Report**

LEED for Cities Update

Mr. Perritano stated the City had received word the previous week that they had been certified as LEED Gold with a score of 61 points. He noted Fort Lauderdale was the first city in Broward County to receive Gold certification. He explained plans are in the works to recognize the accomplishment.

Tidal Barrier Ordinance Update

Mr. Perritano explained the Tidal Barrier Ordinance had been approved by the City Commission on March 23 with a vote of 5-0. He stated the ordinance raises the minimum tidal barrier to five (5) feet, putting the City in compliance with the County's updated regulations.

#### Electric Vehicle (EV)-Ready DDA Update

Mr. Perritano explained staff had made a presentation to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on March 9 to outline trends in electric vehicles (EVs) to obtain feedback on a potential ordinance requiring EV charging infrastructure. He stated feedback was mixed and provided a few brief examples of comments. Mr. Perritano noted another presentation to a smaller group of developers is scheduled. He stated based on feedback thus far, staff is considering a lower-level requirement with incentives to go above and beyond that level when reporting on their findings to the Commission.

#### Virtual Presentation Communication

Mr. Perritano stated the Board's communication regarding virtual presentations was presented to the City Commission on March 8. He played video of the presentation and reported that the Commission approved allowing virtual presentations to City Boards.

*Ms. Charles joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.*

#### Landscape and Tree Preservation Ordinance

Mr. Hadwen stated meetings with stakeholders continue to be held. He noted three (3) meetings had been held so far, and a draft ordinance had been sent to the City Attorney's office with the goal of presentation to the Planning and Zoning Board in May. He stated there remain additional items the stakeholders had identified for staff to work on, but it is slowly moving forward.

#### Employee Picnic – Save the Planet

Mr. Hadwen shared details of the City's annual employee picnic, which will be held on April 22 (Earth Day) in 2023. He noted several additions have been made over the years to make the picnic more sustainable, such as reusable cups and reduction of food waste. He stated staff is working to add Earth Day-themed activities to improve engagement with the park.

#### Hendricks Seawall Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Perritano stated the ribbon cutting for approximately 300 feet of the Hendricks Seawall which was previously in disrepair along with addition of the corresponding stormwater infrastructure had been held the prior week.

Mr. Hadwen noted the Board had lost two (2) members, Matthew McIntosh and Douglas Brinkley, due to changes in their residency. Discussion ensued briefly regarding appointments.

#### **Presentations**

##### Sarasota County Sustainability Initiatives

Luz Ramirez, Sustainability Analyst, presented regarding sustainability initiatives in Sarasota County. She reviewed demographics, programs, funding, community outreach and education, and results measured. She discussed recreation projects and water conservation resources, and Mr. Hadwen answered questions regarding comparison to water in Fort Lauderdale.

A question-and-answer segment ensued.

***Presentation is attached.***

#### **New Business**

None.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Charles stated she believed the Board should write another communication addressing subterranean termites. She shared regarding a recent community meeting in Shady Banks on the topic and stated it was an opportunity to revisit the subject. Discussion ensued on bringing the previous communication back for review at the May meeting.

### **Proposed Communication**

None.

### **Comments**

Mr. Perritano stated a panel was planned for March 28 about resiliency and coastal waterways at the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS), beginning with an IMAX movie at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Hadwen shared details of the Heal the Planet event scheduled for April 30 at Esplanade Park.

Mr. Kirchoff asked whether seaweed issues were under the purview of the Board. Mr. Perritano and Mr. Hadwen briefly addressed seaweed and seaweed composting.

### **Items for Next Meeting**

Mr. Hadwen stated a presentation was not yet planned for the April meeting. Discussion ensued regarding ideas for topics, including policies in Coral Gables, living seawalls, termites, solar programs, water quality, and transportation. Consensus was to seek speakers on living seawalls, water quality, and multimodal transportation.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. The next meeting of the SAB will be held on April 24, 2023.