

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
Fort Lauderdale Fire Station 2
Third Floor Conference Room
528 NW 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
December 18, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2023 through 12/2023					
	Members	Appt by	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Sofia Thordin, Vice Chair	M	P	10	1
2	Vacant	I	-	-	-
3	Robert Daoust	II	P	8	2
4	Kelly Charles	IV	P	9	2
5	David Blattner, Chair	I	A	9	2
6	Suzee Bailey	C	P	8	0
7	Whitney Dutton (at 6:09 p.m.)	IV	P	8	3
8	Cameron Steagall	III	A	3	4
9	Jason Kirchhoff	II	P	10	1
10	Vacant	III	-	-	-
11	Vacant	M	-	-	-

Staff Present

Public Works Department

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Bailey asked for an addition to the November 27, 2023, minutes under Fortify Lauderdale stating she had talked about the new project at Oakland Park and asked about the possibility of using the City Parks for temporary water storage, such as Huizenga Park. Discussion ensued regarding the concept and other projects.

Ms. Bailey noted that under Climate Leadership Summit, she wanted to add that she had stressed communication, education, participation, and collaboration. She stated that under new business, she had distributed a picture of a child and a document which contained information that doctors at the hospital had confirmed he had a double infection, Salmonella and E. Coli which could have only been caused by the waterways. She advised that she had asked members of the Board if any of them were aware of the bacteria levels and how many knew where to get the information. She stated it was important to include this in the minutes because she wants to move forward with signage for waterway conditions. Discussion continued regarding water testing, messaging related to waterway safety, and how best to amend the minutes.

Mr. Hadwen stated that the minutes are intended to provide a high-level summary of the Board's discussion and suggested that rather than revise the minutes Ms. Bailey request that these items be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

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

Staff Liaison Report

Net Zero Plan

Mr. Hadwen stated staff had hoped to start working on the Net Zero planning effort in December, but there had been a setback with the financial system, so the funding needs to be reallocated and the project should launch in February.

Vulnerability Assessment

Mr. Hadwen advised that staff had learned earlier in the day that the City is receiving supplemental funding of approximately \$60,000 from the State to expand the analysis and report.

Florida Sustainability Directors' Network Annual Meeting

Mr. Hadwen shared that the Florida Sustainability Directors' Network Annual Meeting was held in West Palm Beach on December 6-7, and he had attended along with Stefan Perritano and Luz Ramirez. He stated about 65 people from across the state with similar roles participated, and much of the discussion was related to Federal grant opportunities and regional collaborations.

Termite Outreach

Mr. Hadwen advised that he and Urban Forester Laura Tooley had a call earlier in the week with Dr. Thomas Chouvenc from the University of Florida, and Dr. Chouvenc had offered to conduct a training for City staff and would be working with Parks and Recreation to set that up in the new year.

Ms. Charles asked if there had been anything other cities were doing that was compelling or interesting to bring back from the Florida Sustainability Directors' Network Annual Meeting. Mr. Hadwen stated there were presentations on transportation, including one by Mr. Perritano on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Ordinance, and there had been a lot of interest in what the City of Fort Lauderdale is doing in that area. He noted there was discussion of energy efficiency, and the potential for a program for improving energy efficiency in low-income communities under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program. Discussion continued on the CPRG timeline, efforts toward a large-scale project, and potential award amounts.

Presentations

None.

New Business

SAB 2024 Plan

Mr. Hadwen shared a document outlining the issues previously identified and the Board discussed its current and planned topics, planned initiatives/topics, and other ideas.

Ms. Thordin asked about a previous discussion the Board had related to funds in the Tree Canopy Trust Fund. Mr. Hadwen provided additional clarification and noted it may be part of a conversation related to

the implementation of the Urban Forestry Master Plan. He noted that if the revised ordinance is passed, it would expand allowable usages of the fund. Discussion continued.

Whitney Dutton arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Consensus was to create a list of potential 2024 topics for further discussion at the January meeting. Following discussion, the list was as follows:

SAB 2024 Planning

1. Current topic list
 - a. Net Zero/Roadmap to Zero
 - b. Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure
 - c. Waterway Quality
 - d. Resiliency
 - e. Increasing Multi-Modal Transportation in the City
 - f. Living Sea Walls
2. Planned initiatives / topics
 - a. Parking requirements (January 2024)
 - b. EV Ready Ordinance
 - c. Vulnerability Assessment
 - d. Net Zero Plan
 - e. Urban Forestry Master Plan
 - f. Termite outreach
 - g. Fortify Lauderdale
 - h. Cool Roof Ordinance
3. Other ideas
 - a. Building Code for resiliency
 - b. Dashboard for drinking water and notifications
 - c. More EVs in City fleet
 - d. South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
 - e. Fill Board vacancies
4. Planned topics
 - a. January – parking, finalize topics, elections, review calendar
 - b. February – Waterway quality – Michael Lambrechts, Broward County Chapter, Coastal Conservation Association Florida (CCA), Communication to the Commission related to adding waterway quality warnings to signage

Ms. Bailey asked about the process for inviting people to speak on a topic. Mr. Hadwen explained she should reach out to Mr. Perritano.

Mr. Daoust asked if there was an update on City Hall. Mr. Hadwen advised of temporary arrangements and stated he believed at this point the old City Hall would be demolished, but the long-term plan had not yet been resolved.

Old Business

None.

Comments

None.

Items for Next Meeting

At its January meeting, the Board planned the following:

1. Presentation on City parking requirements
2. Old business – finalization of 2024 topics
3. Review of 2024 meeting calendar
4. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. The next meeting of the SAB will be held on January 22, 2024.