

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
Fort Lauderdale Fire Station 2
Third Floor Conference Room
528 NW 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
October 23, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

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

Staff Present

Public Works Department

Dr. Nancy Gassman, Assistant Director Public Works - Sustainability

Luz Ramirez, Sustainability Analyst

Jamie Opperee, Prototype, Inc.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A **motion** to approve the September 18, 2023, minutes as presented was made by Ms. Charles and seconded by Mr. Daoust. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Staff Liaison Report

Termite Communication

Ms. Ramirez played the video of the City Commission discussing the Board’s termite communication at their regular meeting. Mr. Dutton presented the communication and he and Sustainability Manager Glen Hadwen responded to Commission questions.

Dr. Gassman explained that Mayor Trantalis has asked the City Manager to request funding in the next budget cycle for Parks and Recreation to develop a program for Fiscal Year 2025. Discussion continued regarding the process and availability of resources.

Mr. Dutton stated he sees the intent as beginning with identification and taking baby steps toward solutions. He noted bringing Dr. Thomas Chouvinc from the University of Florida back to speak to the Board again might be helpful.

EV-Ready Standards

Ms. Ramirez provided a brief update on the electric vehicle (EV) ready standards. She stated Dr. Gassman and Sustainability Coordinator Stefan Perritano had recently met with the Development Services Department regarding developing an ordinance aligning with the Commission direction on EV-ready standards. She explained the consensus was to develop a point-based systems for new developments, mandating specific thresholds based on the total number of parking spaces provided.

Chair Blattner asked about the timing of the ordinance. Dr. Gassman explained the process briefly and noted public vetting would also take place.

Ms. Ramirez shared that the City's Strategic Communications Department was sharing information regarding the 2023 Broward Solar Co-op, which is open for Fort Lauderdale residents.

Presentations

Algal Blooms in City Coastal Waterways

Dr. Gassman provided a presentation regarding issues related to the City's coastal waterways, specifically focusing on the concerns brought up at previous Board meetings, including the City's adoption of the sea level rise projections recommended by the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact in 2019, current requirements for seawalls, and comments related to the County's future groundwater mapping.

A question-and-answer segment ensued. Dr. Gassman responded to questions regarding fill allowances, height regulations, affordability impacts, differing challenges of storm surge versus sea level rise, hardscape usage, the concept of managed retreat, and education of stakeholders.

Dr. Gassman continued the presentation with a review of blue/green algae versus harmful algal blooms, impacts on wildlife, the City's position and actions, and education efforts.

Dr. Gassman answered questions and discussion continued regarding bubble curtains, various plants of concern, and the logistics of seabins.

Presentation is attached.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Comments

None.

Items for Next Meeting

Mr. Daoust mentioned parking regulations had been previously identified as a topic for the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting of the SAB will be held on November 27, 2023.