

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
MAY 23, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 1/2011 through 12/2011	
		Present	Absent
Jon Albee, Chair	P	5	0
Alena Alberani, Vice Chair	A	4	1
Anthony Abbate	P	5	0
Alexandra Anagnostis	A	2	3
Jaime Castoro	P	4	1
Vicki Eckels	P	5	0
William Goetz [6:36]	P	5	0
Donna Guthrie	A	1	4
Dana Pollitt	P	3	1
Rebecca J. Walter	P	4	1

Also Present

Todd Hiteshow, Staff Liaison, Environmental Services Manager
Albert Carbon, Public Works Director
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, ProtoType, Inc.

Communications to the City Commission

None

Communication to the City Manager

By unanimous consent, the Board invited incoming City Manager Feldman to attend one of their meetings at his earliest convenience.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Albee.

2. Roll call – Introductions

Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 2011

Ms. Eckels and Mr. Hiteshew noted changes to the minutes.

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the minutes of their April meeting as amended.

Dr. Goetz arrived at 6:26.

4. Staff Liaison Report

- Action Items

Mr. Hiteshew said the adoption of the revised ordinance language the Board had discussed was scheduled for a Commission Conference item. He and Dr. Goetz were working on having the City Attorney's office revisit this.

- EECBG

Mr. Hiteshew remarked this was going well; the Home Energy Saver workshops were successful.

- Other items

Mr. Hiteshew advised Board members to put their recommendations for changes to the SAP in writing. He said the second version should be prepared by July.

Mr. Hiteshew announced Ms. Anagnostis had resigned from the Board and Ms. Guthrie had missed four meetings. The Board discussed replacing these Board members. Ms. Eckels noted that Commissioner DuBose had two vacancies on the Board, and wanted to encourage him to consider the person Mr. Abbate had referred, even though he was not in Commissioner DuBose's district.

Mr. Pollitt said at the Mayor's State of the City speech the previous week, Ms. Eckels had been recognized as a champion of recycling in the City.

5. New Business

- ISO 50001 (Dr. Robert Farmer) – Tony Abbate

Mr. Abbate had received an email from Robert Farmer, President of a non-profit called Third Planet, asking if the Board was interested in hearing how the ISO 50001 international standard for energy management fit in with their work.

Dr. Goetz explained the principles of the ISO 50001 and said it would complement what the Board was doing. Ms. Eckels agreed, and wanted to be sure the Board invited Heike Naigur from Carbon Solutions to attend when Mr. Farmer addressed the Board. Mr. Abbate agreed to contact Mr. Farmer.

- Energy Disclosure Law (City of San Francisco) – Vicki Eckels

Dr. Goetz said this would need to be modified a bit for the City, and he felt it was a great idea.

Motion made by Dr. Goetz, seconded by Ms. Eckels, to ask Ms. Naigur from Carbon Solutions to evaluate the Energy Disclosure Law for implementation in Fort Lauderdale. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Goetz asked Mr. Hiteshew to forward to Board members a copy of the slide show, "Where are California's Green Jobs?" Mr. Hiteshew agreed to put this on the Board's June agenda.

6. Old Business

- Air Quality update - Alexandra Anagnostis-Irons

Ms. Anagnostis had resigned from the Board and Mr. Hiteshew asked if the Board wished to assign this to another Board member.

Dr. Goetz thought the most important thing was to publicize the fact that FPL's Port Everglades plant was among the top ten polluting plants in the United States.

Ms. Walter stated there were two goals: Define a City-wide goal for greenhouse gas reduction and urge a State-wide ban on on-board incineration on cruise ships within a specific distance from the coast. Ms. Walter said their original goal had been to reduce greenhouse gas levels 7% below 1997 levels by 2015, which was consistent with Broward County. Mr. Hiteshew thought Carbon Solutions would have a recommendation regarding targeted reductions in the Sustainability Action Plan II that they would present in July.

Chair Albee wanted to pursue the FPL issue because this was a big target, but said he had been told to leave it alone. He felt they had the opportunity to expand this issue, and he thought Carbon Solutions could offer direction on it.

Dr. Goetz said the Utilities Advisory Committee [UAC] had been tasked with evaluating the proposed FPL contract but their specific suggestions had not been included in the contract. Chair Albee believed that a lot of the information they had a long time ago was very relevant but nothing had happened, and he felt this fell within the Board's purview. Chair Albee wondered if the fact that two of his neighbors had been diagnosed with leukemia were connected to the power plant and thought this needed to be talked about. Dr. Goetz said systematic studies tended to debunk this, but finding evidence of any effect was very difficult.

Dr. Goetz wanted the Board to review the information the UAC had developed for their presentation to the Commission to determine if it was appropriate. Chair Albee stated the information on undergrounding utilities was not germane, but other information would be. Dr. Goetz agreed to look for that information and submit it to Mr. Hiteshew to

provide to Board members. Chair Albee said after reviewing the information, the Board could decide whether or not to take on this issue.

Mr. Abbate pointed out that the FPL power generator was actually in Dania Beach. The City had no jurisdiction over the power plant but it did have a contract with FPL as a power provider.

Chair Albee said this discussion would be on the Board's June agenda.

- **SAB Ordinance – William Goetz**

Mr. Carbon said the new City Manager, Lee Feldman, had a tentative start date of June 13. Dr. Goetz thought Mr. Feldman's experience in Palm Bay with Green initiatives meant he would have a lot to offer and the Board could work with him. Dr. Goetz suggested they invite him to attend one of the Board's meetings at his earliest convenience.

Dr. Goetz wanted to invite Ms. Naigur to attend as many of their meetings as possible. He noted she was a tremendous resource and he felt this would improve communication between the Board and staff. Mr. Hiteshew pointed out that Ms. Naigur was currently working on the Sustainability Action Plan II and the Board also wanted her to review the ISO 50001. Mr. Carbon said he would check to see how much money was left in Carbon Solution's contract budget.

7. Communications to the City Commission

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8. Public Comment

Other Items and Announcements

Dr. Goetz agreed to submit a list of suggested issues the Board might want to consider. The most important issue was they needed to develop, in consultation with Carbon Solutions, a standardized methodology for ranking and ordering initiatives. This would apply to how they evaluated every initiative and program.

Dr. Goetz wanted the Board to consider adopting an integrated environmental management system.

Dr. Goetz suggested they recommend to the Commission that the City hire more grant writers, and noted that the City's senior grant writer had left the City. Mr. Carbon explained that the Grants Department was administrative; individual departments had

their own grant writers. Mr. Carbon said the City had anticipated that the Energy Manager's salary would be recouped over the 12-month period through cost savings or revenue. He did not feel hiring many grant writers at once would afford the City an adequate return.

Ms. Walter said another Board on which she served had noted the lack of grant writers for housing grants. She thought the issues might get more attention if they submitted it along with other boards or committees. Chair Albee suggested they discuss this when the City Manager was in attendance because this was a staffing issue.

Dr. Goetz said he had developed a pilot proposal for the use of solar energy to power critical infrastructure in the event of an emergency. He had included over 50 references and more than 50 available sources of funding. Dr. Goetz felt there was probably enough information in this proposal so that it could be adapted to most of the grants. He agreed to distribute this.

Ms. Eckels reported that two weeks ago, the City's first windmill had been activated. The student who had initiated this project would create a website for it, and Ms. Eckels agreed to notify the address of the site once it was up and running.

9. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Next meeting date: June 27, 2011

Attachments:
Minutes – April 2011

[Minutes prepared by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]