

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
JULY 23, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

| Members | Attendance | Cumulative Attendance 1/2012 through 12/2012 | |
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| | | Present | Absent |
| Valerie Amor , Chair | P | 6 | 0 |
| Alena Alberani, Vice Chair | P | 6 | 0 |
| Steven Cook | P | 5 | 0 |
| Cathy Curry | P | 5 | 1 |
| Vicki Eckels | P | 5 | 1 |
| William Goetz [6:40] | P | 5 | 1 |
| Dana Pollitt | A | 3 | 3 |
| Rebecca J. Walter | P | 5 | 1 |
| Robert Walters | P | 4 | 1 |
| Vacant | | | |
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Also Present

Todd Hiteshew, Staff Liaison
Heather Steyn, Administrative Assistant I
Jolie Reed, Public Works Utilities

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Alberani.

2. Roll call – Introductions

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 2012

The Board noted corrections to the minutes.

Motion made by Ms. Eckels, seconded by Ms. Amor, to approve the minutes as amended. In a voice vote, Board unanimously approved.

4. Staff Liaison Report

Mr. Hiteshew reported on water conservation initiatives. The Broward Water Partnership of which the City is partnering can be found at www.conservationpays.com. Residents can go online to fill out applications for rebates and other conservation

initiatives. As of July 13, 2012, the program had 217 rebates approved just with high efficiency toilets saving 900,000 gallons per year.

Broward County Naturescape performs inspections on irrigation systems and helps users find ways to conserve water. Through our partnership with the County. Inspections, from April 2010 to 2011, 117 million gallons were saved and from 2011 to 2012, 120 million gallons were saved.

Ms. Alberani reported Smart Watts is coming to an end. 78 Home Energy Saver workshops were given over the past 16 months, 1,701 people attended and 1,356 tool kits were distributed. All the rebate money, approximately \$235,000 has been allocated.

5. New Business

- Election of a Chair

John Albee has resigned as chair.

Motion made by Ms. Walters for Ms. Amor to become new chair while Ms. Alberani remains vice chair, seconded by Ms. Eckels. Dr. Goetz moved for unanimous consent. In a voice vote, Board unanimously approved.

- Initiatives Report

Mr. Hiteshew compiled the 18 initiatives into a spreadsheet. After much discussion, each initiative had a champion assigned to it. The champion will be responsible for researching their topics and giving a presentation to the board.

Any board member who has yet to submit an initiative may still do so and will automatically be assigned as the champion to that initiative.

Suggestions made to be included on next month's agenda are Sea Turtle Oversight Protection and for Ms. Eckels to present on the multi-family recycling initiative.

6. Old Business

- MOU

Motion made by Ms. Eckels to revisit the MOU presented by Dr. Goetz at the January 28, 2013 meeting while reserving the right to approach it sooner if needed, seconded by Ms. Amor. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-1 with Dr. Goetz opposed.

- FPL – Early Cost Recovery

Ms. Eckels read to the board, communication she would like send to the City Commission opposing early cost recovery.

Mr. Cook informed the board the public hearing regarding the base rate increase has been rescheduled and will be held August 8, 2012 at 9 am in Plantation and 4 pm in Pembroke Pines.

7. Communications to the City Commission

At their July 12th meeting, the Broward League of Cities (BLOC) passed a resolution opposing what is commonly referred to as “early cost recovery”. The City of Fort Lauderdale’s representative to the BLOC, Commissioner DuBose, voted in favor of the resolution. The SAB, having duly considered this matter at prior meetings including a presentation by FP&L and in support of this vote by the BLOC, respectfully resubmit for Commission consideration. We request that the City, as the largest in the County, take a direct position and join the other voices calling on the Public Services Commission (PSC) to: 1) deny further approval of “early cost recovery” charges, and 2) urge the Florida Legislature to repeal the “early cost recovery” statute that allows electrical utilities to charge customers for nuclear expansion expenses in advance of successful operation of said facilities. Please refer to Broward County League of Cities, Inc. Resolution No. 2012-S-03 for content. After passage of an equivalent City specific resolution, please submit it through appropriate channels to the PSC.

This request is aligned with our “Purpose and Duties” as detailed in Section 4, subsections 1, 2 (as amended by Ord. # C-11-37) and 3.

Motion made by Ms. Eckels, seconded by Ms. Amor. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Next meeting date: August 27, 2012

Attachments:
Minutes – June 2012

[Minutes prepared by Jolie Reed, City of Fort Lauderdale]