

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 1/2012 through 12/2012	
		Present	Absent
Valerie Amor , Chair	P	8	0
Alena Alberani, Vice Chair [6:32]	P	8	0
Steven Cook	P	7	0
Cathy Curry	A	5	3
Vicki Eckels	P	7	1
William Goetz [6:32]	P	7	1
Dana Pollitt	A	4	4
Rebecca J. Walter	P	7	1
Robert Walters	A	4	3
Anthony Olivieri	A	0	1
Jim Moyer	P	1	1
Robert Caine	P	1	0

Also Present

Todd Hiteshew, Staff Liaison
D'Wayne Spence, Assistant City Attorney
Heather Steyn, Administrative Assistant I
Jolie Reed, Public Works Utilities

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Amor.

2. Roll Call – Introductions

Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present. Because there are new members to the board, everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 2012

The Board noted corrections to the minutes.

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

4. Staff Liaison Report

Bob Walters has missed three (3) meetings in a row and Dana Pollitt has missed four (4) meetings in the calendar year. As a result, there are now two (2) additional vacancies.

Communication to Commission for the September 18th meeting for all solid waste service, including multifamily recycling, was tabled to be discussed at a special workshop to be held September 27th at 7 p.m.

Mr. Hiteshew sent the board the latest initiatives spreadsheet with the city contact information.

Mr. Hiteshew gave an update on ESCOs. City staff is currently still doing marketing research and having one-on-one meetings with City Commissioners, the City Auditor's office and the City Attorney's office to discuss the merits of energy performance contracting. This is scheduled to go on October 16th conference agenda for Commission consensus to draft a request for proposal (RFP).

Mr. Hiteshew also reported there is a Community Investment Plan outlining what the City is going to fund through 2017. Each champion for an initiative on the project spreadsheet should look at this plan to check if there is any funding by the City for any of their initiatives.

5. New Business

- Inclusionary Housing Ordinance – Rebecca Walter

Ms. Walter championed the Inclusionary Housing Feasibility Study.

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee has been working on a funding source for affordable housing. Because there is a great need for affordable housing in the City, this ordinance would require all new developments of at least ten (10) units to include ten percent of affordable housing in their development. If the development chooses not to include affordable housing, they would be required to pay \$100,000 for each unit of that requirement. Affordable housing would be offered to households below 80% of the area median income. The \$100,000 per unit covers the hard cost of building an affordable housing unit.

The board has been asked to look at the information provided and to attend the workshop regarding this to be held either October 23rd or October 25th. Ms. Walter will notify Mr. Hiteshew with the exact date of the workshop. Board members are to provide feedback to Mr. Hiteshew by the end of the month. The next step will be for the comments to be summarized and go back to a Commission meeting to present for the public.

Dr. Goetz requested a review article summarizing literature on the pros and cons of inclusionary zoning. Ms. Walter will provide this to Mr. Hiteshew to be distributed.

- Styrofoam Ban Ordinance – Alena Alberani

Ms. Alberani presented this initiative.

Jill Horwitz of Broward County, sent out an e-mail to ban Styrofoam. Ms. Horwitz sent two articles in August about what Styrofoam is composed of and the effects it has on the ecology, environment and health. Cities in Broward County are interested in banning plastic bags and doing a letter campaign educating the legislature as to why. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) prepared a report on plastic bags and would be a contact for anyone interested in championing this initiative. In the report there are two options: sustainability stewards can have a letter campaign to the legislature and/or a public outreach education campaign can be done to educate the public and retailers who can, in turn, help educate the legislature. Ms. Alberani will send the information to Mr. Hiteshew who will add the information to the initiative spreadsheet.

6. Old Business

- Sea Turtle Communication – Rebecca Walter

Ms. Walter, with Mr. Whitecloud, put together a communication to the Commission. Revisions to the communication were discussed.

Motion made by Ms. Eckels, seconded by Ms. Alberani to forward the sea turtle communication to the Commission. In a voice vote, Board unanimously approved.

This will be on the Commission agenda for October 16th. Ms. Walter may not be able to attend that meeting.

Ms. Walter received communication about a property in violation. The board decided any communication as such should be forwarded to Mr. Hiteshew who can forward it to Dick Eaton from Building Services.

- Introductory Solar Initiative Discussion – William Goetz

Dr. Goetz submitted a report to the board on solar energy. He would like to jump start solar energy use as a research project instead of a grant because research projects do not generally require matching funds. Dr. Goetz would like to see if solar rays can be placed on fire stations, etc., to see if they can meet certain needs during normal and emergency hours. Ultimately, Dr. Goetz would like the City to take the lead in developing partnerships with higher learning institutions to bring together a group to share the cost of funding. The board agreed this should be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

There was discussion a green purchasing ordinance should be added as an item to the initiative spreadsheet to be championed to become part of the Procurement division.

7. Communications to the City Commission

8. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Next meeting date: October 22, 2012

Attachments:

Minutes – August 2012

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