

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 22, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 1/2012 through 12/2012	
		Present	Absent
Valerie Amor , Chair	A	8	1
Alena Alberani, Vice Chair	P	9	0
Steven Cook	A	7	1
Vicki Eckels	P	8	1
William Goetz [6:40]	P	8	1
Rebecca J. Walter	A	7	2
Jim Moyer	P	2	1
Robert Caine	P	2	0
Vacant			
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Also Present

Todd Hiteshew, Staff Liaison
Loretta Cronk, Recycling Program Coordinator
Heather Steyn, Administrative Assistant I
Jolie Reed, Public Works Utilities

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Vice Chair Alberani.

2. Roll Call – Introductions

Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was not present. It was explained to the board although items can be discussed at the meeting, no items can be voted on at this time.

Because there are vacancies on the board, it was explained each Commissioner may select two board members city-wide.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 2012

The Board noted corrections to the minutes, however, because no quorum was present, the minutes could not be approved at this time.

4. Staff Liaison Report

- ESCO Update

This did not go to the City Commission conference on October 16, 2012, so there is no update at this time.

- Inclusionary Housing Workshop – 10/23/12

This workshop will be conducted in the Commission Chambers Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

- Sea Turtle Communication Update

At the City Commission meeting, October 16, 2012, this topic was tabled mainly due to length. Mr. Hiteshew will prepare a staff summary report for the initiative. It is advised for further initiatives, a staff summary is prepared as a cover sheet with the rest of the information provided as backup.

- Climate Leadership Academy

This was an academy in Portland, Oregon the City was selected to participate and hosted by the Institute for Sustainable Communities. Mr. Hiteshew attended with Ms. Susanne Torriente, Assistant City Manager, Mr. Albert Carbon, Public Works Director, Ms. Jenni Morejon, Deputy Director of Sustainable Development, and Ms. Diana Alarcon, Transportation and Mobility Director.

- Initiatives Spreadsheet

Regarding the Green Procurement discussed at the last meeting, an intern from the University of Miami, is working on this.

A column will be added to the spreadsheet providing updates on each initiative.

- Better Meetings Academy

The Clerk's office is going to be holding a Better Meetings Academy in November at the same time the SAB will be meeting. The Clerk's office offers this twice a year and Mr. Hiteshew advised new members to attend.

The City is preparing a letter for Community Resilience Innovative Challenge for FEMA for 2012. FEMA wants a letter for support and Mr. Hiteshew suggested getting this letter from the SAB. This goal is to have the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Green Your Routine volunteers partner together to hold workshops to get the community disaster prepared and educate them on climate change. Mr. Hiteshew will work with Ms. Amor to prepare the letter.

5. Old Business

- Solar Initiative Discussion (Cont'd) – William Goetz

Dr. Goetz presented a summarized version of his solar initiative he initially presented. The idea behind the proposal is to make a research proposal to attract money from different places and attract higher education institutions interested in different aspects of this diverse project. Mr. Caine would prefer if this report would not recommend using

these forms of energy during a disaster because the technology is not there for storage and the storage is not environmentally friendly rendering it non-sustainable. Dr. Goetz said that is why the first section of the report is an exhaustive research aspect to find out what the best technologies are currently available.

After much discussion, Ms. Eckels agreed to prepare a written communication based on Dr. Goetz's report to go to the Commission.

- Plastic Bag Resolution Update – Valerie Amor

Ms. Amor was not present at the meeting to discuss this item. Mr. Hiteshew sent a link to the board from Ms. Amor regarding a resolution passed by the Town of Davie's Sustainability Board. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

- 9/29/12 – Solid Waste Workshop Report – Vicki Eckels

The interlocal agreement with 26 cities in Broward County will expire July 2013 and will be going out to bid.

6. New Business

- Clothing Recycling – Jim Moyer

Mr. Moyer presented this as a new initiative he will champion to be added to the spreadsheet. After much discussion, Mr. Moyer would like to propose to the Commission an increase in recycling clothing.

7. Communications to the City Commission

There was no Communication to the City Commission as a quorum was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Hiteshew informed the board the Climate Change Action plan with the County is scheduled October 23rd at 10 a.m.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next meeting date: November 26, 2012

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