

FINAL

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE – 1ST FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
March 26, 2013 – 6:30 PM

				Cumulative Attendance 1/2013 through 12/2013	
MEMBERS	APPT BY	ATTENDANCE	PRESENT	ABSENT	
1. Valerie Amor, Chair	M	A	2	1	
2. Alena Alberani, Vice Chair	II	P	3	0	
3. Robert Caine	M	P	2	1	
4. Steven Cook	I	P	3	0	
5. Vicki Eckels	IV	P	3	0	
6. Darin Lentner	IV	P	3	0	
7. Jim Moyer	III	P	3	0	
8. Mate Thitisawat	C	P	2	1	
9. Vacant (previously William Goetz)	I				
10. Vacant (previously Dana Politte)	II				
11. Vacant (previously Cathy Curry)	III				

Also Present

Joshua Nichols, Staff Liaison – Office of Sustainability
Heather Steyn, Sustainability Specialist – Office of Sustainability
Stewart Robertson, Kimberly Horne & Associates

1. Call of Order/Roll Call

Vice Chair Alberani called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm, roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 2013

Vice Chair Alberani noted corrections to the minutes. She also noted that last meeting she had asked that Assistant City Manager, Susanne Torriente be invited to a SAB meeting to focus on money-saving projects. She wants Ms. Torriente's guidance on where the SAB might help staff further meet that criteria.

Motion made by Vice Chair Alberani and seconded by Ms. Eckles to approve the noted corrections to minutes of the February 25, 2013. In a voice vote, the Board motion passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report – Presented by Joshua Nichols

Link for backup to budget attached. Make sure that any e-mails that come back from you go through Mr. Nichols or Ms. Heather Steyn. Do not want to have responses to go beyond the immediate question.

Earth Hour – March 23rd

The City of Fort Lauderdale participated in Earth Hour and shut off all non-essential lighting in City Hall and other facilities for an hour. This action made a news article in the Sun-Sentinel.

Solid Waste Contract

Still ongoing and the intent is to award Waste Management nearly all of the contracts except for construction debris (going to WSI). The ILA is set to expire on July 3, 2013. The City is hoping to take advantage of the WM loyalty program to obtain additional funds for the City. There was some discussion about once-a-week garbage pickup, pros and cons.

Neighborhood Survey

Ms. Amor wanted to share this study, page 17 discusses survey results as they relate to sustainability.

Retail Bag Resolution

The City Commission Conference Agenda approved in part the resolution and did send it forward. The City did not want to regulate what type of plastic bags stores used. They modified this resolution and it will go on the City Agenda for May 7, 2013.

4. New Business

Complete Streets Presentation {Robertson}

Stewart Robertson, Traffic Engineer at Kimley Horn & Associates presented Complete Streets. It is a way of incorporating sustainable design into streets that encourage and provide access for the use of alternative modes of transportation. He notes that some communities are designing from a sidewalk point of view and then fitting in the car lanes. Land use context interaction with the street plays into how people perceive a street. Complete Streets is a roadway that accommodates all travelers (bicyclists, bus users, etc.).

There is also discussion about a curbless street where storm drainage occurs in the middle of the street and there are bollards at the sides of the street for pedestrians. Traffic usually travels at a slower speed in these areas (i.e., 20 mph). He discusses street “diet” where car lanes are reduced for added bike lanes (example Galt Ocean Mile).

Green Streets incorporates some Sustainability principles into street design helping to reduce carbon emissions with slower speeds, more trees, healthy alternatives promoted through wider sidewalks, bioretention swales, etc. Green Streets exhibit similar characteristics to Complete Streets. Green Streets uses a natural systems approach to reduce stormwater flow including permeable pavement (used in parking lots and alleys and slow speed areas). Roundabouts keep cars moving at a slower speed which is a benefit to reducing carbon emissions.

In most communities, street rights-of-way take up the largest portion of public spaces and having Complete Streets allows the public to use these areas.

WAVE Project, {Nichols}

A question was brought up at the February meeting concerning the proposed route for the WAVE. The proposed route starts on 6th Avenue and goes west on Broward and south on Andrews and

east on 6th Avenue. It's a mile and a half so far but will eventually extend to SE 17th Street providing access to the Hospital.

Rain Tree, {Alberani}

There is a request to move the rain tree as seen in the attachment. This tree has already been protected (by City Commission in 1987) and the Commission is going to renege on the previous protection to allow for a development to take place (Marina Lofts). The thought is that if Commission feels that this move is necessary, that the City requires the developer to provide a large number of trees to replace this particular tree.

Tortuga Music Festival

April 13 & 14th Tortuga Festival. Mr. Moyer feels we should be involved in it. He attended the Mayor's press conference. Mr. Nichols indicated that the event is not run by the City and the Board was not informed of the event in a timely manner to organize participation this year. He feels that SAB should have some presence there next year. Volunteers get free tickets for volunteering their time. No discount for students.

April 27-28 is the Renourish Florida event with Earth Day celebrated on the 27th.




Lauderscape has been moved to October 12th.

5. Upcoming Events

The following events were announced to the group:

-  April 13th- 14th: Tortuga Music Festival
-  April 19th- 21st: RePower Florida Mini-Conference
-  April 20th & 27th: Renourish Fort Lauderdale 2013. 27th is the Earth Day event
-  October 12th: Lauderscape (details yet to be provided)

Webinars:

-  March 27th: FPL New Lighting Technologies Turn on the Savings
-  March 28th: Adaptation, Emergency Management, and Hazard Mitigation in SE Florida
-  March 28th: EcoVillage

6. Communications to the City Commission

Rain Tree Communication:

Motion made by Ms. Eckels and seconded by Jim Moyer that the Sustainability Advisory Board recommends that the City Commission respect the protection that was granted to the Rain Tree in 1987 (Resolution #87-318). That Resolution gives the present Commission the power over the future of the tree. At a time when the City is implementing more sustainable practices, the protection of this tree demonstrates a furtherance of commitment of building a sustainable community for future generations. In a voice vote, the Board motion passed four in favor and two against.

7. Items for Next Meeting:

Items for the next meeting: Rain Tree, Dark Skies, establish policy for guests, invite Sea Turtle people back to discuss turtle nesting and the Tortuga Music Festival.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Committee Comments:

Mr. Cook provided a sample of City of Sunrise Parks and Rec. Advisory Board agenda for discussion of Board protocol.

10. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Motion: Vickie Eckles

Second: Darin Lentner

Next meeting date: April 22, 2013

[Minutes prepared by Mary Ann Johnston]

