

FINAL

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE – 1ST FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
May 28, 2013 – 6:30 PM

MEMBERS	APPT BY	ATTENDANCE	Cumulative Attendance 1/2013 through 12/2013	
			PRESENT	ABSENT
1. Valerie Amor, Chair	M	P	4	1
2. Alena Alberani, Vice Chair	II	P	5	0
3. Daniel Ayers	M	P	2	0
4. Steven Cook	I	P	5	0
5. Vicki Eckels	IV	P	4	1
6. Darin Lentner	IV	A	4	1
7. Jim Moyer	III	P	5	0
8. Mate Thitisawat	C	P	4	1
9. Jim Hetzel	I	P	2	0
10. Barbara Walker	II	A	1	1
11. Cheryl Whitfield	III	P	1	0

Also Present

Joshua Nichols, Staff Liaison – Office of Sustainability

1. Call of Order/Roll Call

Chair Amor 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 – April 2013

Motion made by Mr. Ayers and seconded by Mr. Moyer to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting. In a voice vote, the Board motion passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report– Presented by Joshua Nichols

New Member Introduction

Introduction of new members: Cheryl Whitfield. Reintroduction of Jim Hetzel and Daniel Ayers to board members not present at last meeting. Office of Sustainability staff members will be attending the June meeting.

Save-A-Tree/Plant-A-Tree

Customers can sign up for electronic billing and the City provides you with a tree for planting on your property outside of the swale. First distribution is on June 8th with over 300 participants

expected. Participants have a choice of trees to pick up (Jamaican Caper, Pigeon Plum and Live Oak) or donate their tree to the City. This project will help with the GIS mapping of tree canopy in the City. There was a question about the Adopt-a-Tree program and whether that program's planting location is similar to that in the Save-A-Tree program. Update to be provided at the June SAB meeting.

4. New Business

Eco-Districts

Chair Amor introduces Eco-Districts. The first presentation is a video from Portland Sustainability Institute.

Chair Amor then gives a PowerPoint presentation on Eco-Districts and Eco-Neighborhoods relating to San Francisco's efforts. The focus is having a public/private partnership to share resources. CRA districts work well as Eco-Districts. She discusses how various aspects can be applied to Fort Lauderdale. She notes that Eco-Neighborhoods are visualized as more intimate than Eco-Districts. New developments should take a look at Eco-District aspects and incorporate as many as possible. Las Olas and FAT Village (Doug McCraw is owner) have expressed interest in elements of Eco-Districts. Flagler Village will be on the Wave, have an FEC commuter connection and is working toward a community garden. They are interested in solar energy but have questions on funding. FAT Village would be an excellent pilot area for an Eco-District. There is a suggestion to reexamine the design/zoning standards of the City to incorporate elements of an Eco-District. The City's Sustainable Development Department would be interested in participating in a pilot area if SAB can develop a plan for it. Discussion about whether to do a presentation to Commission or send a Communication on this subject. Will defer this idea until additional information is reviewed in a future meeting.


Agricultural Ordinance

The Ordinance was passed last year. There will be a revisiting of this ordinance and SAB will have a workshop for the public to address things such as urban farms, etc. The City's Zoning Dept. will be brought back in. Sharon Yego (works with farmer's markets nationally) would be invited to speak if we hold a workshop. Frehendly would also be asked to come in for the workshop. Frehendly are interested in bringing chickens (not roosters) back into the ordinance. Randall Robinson from the Zoning Dept. will be asked to come to the next SAB meeting.

5. Old Business

Marina Lofts

The hearing was on May 14th with the DRC. It is going to the Commission on July 2nd. Discussion about doing another communication regarding the Rain Tree.

 **Sea Turtles** – SAB members to have a discussion with respective Commissioners about going on a sea turtle walk.




6. Communications to the City Commission

 Marina Lofts – Rain Tree

Ms. Eckels would like to do an additional Communication to the Commission to reaffirm to SAB's commitment to protecting the Rain Tree and state in this communication that the City should not move the tree and to reconfigure the garage so that the tree can remain in position. **Motion** to prepare an additional communication to the Commission made by Ms. Eckels and seconded by Mr. Thisisawat. In a voice vote, approved 8-1 with Mr. Cook opposed. Ms. Eckels and Ms. Alberani will finalize the wording of the communication.

7. Upcoming Events

The following events were announced to the group:

-  A Moonlit Affair at Flagler Garden
-  June 18-20 – Rising Seas Summit
-  October 16th – Sea Level Rise Summit

8. Items for Next Meeting:

Agriculture ordinance discussion.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Committee Comments:

Ms. Whitfield has sent a video to Josh regarding edible forests to be posted to the Facebook page. Mr. Ayers would like more information about the City's recycling program and plastic bags.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm. **Motion** made by Mr. Cook. Seconded by Ms. Eckels.

Next meeting date: June 24, 2013

[Minutes prepared by Mary Ann Johnston]