

FINAL
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE – 8th FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
March 24, 2014 – 6:30 PM

				Cumulative Attendance 1/2014 through 12/2014	
MEMBERS	APPT By	ATTENDANCE	PRESENT	ABSENT	
1. Valerie Amor, Chair	M	P	3	0	
2. Alena Alberani, Vice Chair	II	P	2	1	
3. Daniel Ayers	M	P	3	0	
4. Steven Cook	I	P	3	0	
5. Vicki Eckels	IV	P	3	0	
6. Darin Lentner	IV	P	1	2	
7. Jim Moyer	III	P	3	0	
8. Mate Thitisawat	C	P	3	0	
9. Jim Hetzel	I	P	3	0	
10. Vacant	II	-	-	-	
11. Cheryl Whitfield	III	P	3	0	

Also Present

City Commission

Commissioner Dean Trantalis

City Manager's Office

Susanne Torriente, Assistant City Manager
 Samantha Timko, Office of Structural Innovation
 Sarah Saunders, Office of Structural Innovation

City Attorney's Office

D'Wayne Spence, Assistant City Attorney

Sustainability Division of Public Works

Julie Leonard, Assistant Director
 Dr. Nancy Gassman, Sustainability Manager
 Heather Steyn, Sustainability Specialist

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.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Amor, Ms. Alberani and Mr. Cook noted edits to the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Eckels and seconded by Mr. Ayers to approve these minutes with the corrections. In a voice vote, the Board motion passed unanimously.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Steyn provided highlights of the following announcement/events:

- Liveability.com – Fort Lauderdale was number seven in a survey of best downtowns.
- Movato Realty Survey – Fort Lauderdale was also number seven in a survey of most exciting mid-size cities.
- Better Meeting Workshop for Board members is tomorrow (3/25).
- April's Board meeting will be held in the First Floor Chamber room.
- WAVE Street Car – The City has received an additional \$50 Million from the Federal Government in addition to the Tiger grant. All grants total \$68 Million for the project.
- Inductive Reactor Technology Communication Update – The Commission had a few questions and the communication has been revised to discuss potential fiscal impacts. It will be resubmitted to Commission on 4/15.
- National Climate Assessment Membership – The City will not be participating due to restraints on City resources at this time.

New Business [Not in Sequence/Agenda]

City Manager Office Presentation

- Ms. Torriente along with Ms. Timko and Ms. Saunders from Structural Innovation presented on the City's Strategic Framework. Ms. Torriente discussed how the Vision Plan and Strategic Plan and Sustainability Action Plan all tie together. In 2013, the Vision Plan and the Strategic Plan were approved by Commission.
- Ms. Timko presented graphics on the Commission Annual Action Plan (CAAP), Strategic Plan and Vision Plan aspects as well as the final Vision statement. Ms. Saunders discussed the metrics for the initiatives and scorecards for the initiatives.
- Ms. Torriente discusses the CAAP which began two years ago and has a facilitator to assist in setting the Commission's priorities. She presented the timeline for the CAAP and budget planning. Sustainability is being woven into all their plans.

Stormwater Financing

- Ms. Torriente talked about a Stormwater Financing Event on February 28th. It was a facilitated discussion with members of some of the advisory boards and homeowner associations along with City staff and outside engineering and finance firms on what our stormwater program and financing options would potentially look like in the future. She noted that the Stormwater Management Program is a priority this year.

- Chair Amor suggested that the Board perhaps could look at what the City doesn't currently allow (such as capturing rainwater to flush toilets) and make recommendations to the City to help reduce stormwater impact.
- Ms. Torriente asked Ms. Steyn to share the stormwater presentation that she and Mr. Anand gave to Commission in February.

ICMA/Durban Delegation Visit

- Ms. Torriente spoke about the City Links program through ICMA (International City Managers Association) which sponsored the pair-up of an American city with Durban, South Africa. The Durban delegate chose to work with the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County to discuss our climate adaptation efforts.

Old Business

Agriculture Ordinance

- Commissioner Trantalis attended the SAB discussion regarding the Agriculture Ordinance. Chair Amor discussed the process used by the SAB to revise the Ordinance. She provided Commissioner Trantalis with the revision document to review during the discussion.
- Chair Amor talked about the several groups involved in the revision as listed in the document. The second part of the document was a synopsis of recommendations that Commission asked SAB to do after their initial communication was presented at a Conference meeting. The third section showed a line-by-line revision of the Ordinance.
- Mr. Spence defines what an Urban Farm is. This definition is located in the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). When the code is amended, it is changed in the ULDC.
- Mr. Hetzel pointed out various aspects that he had concerns with such as changing zoning or revamping the permitting process which was one area where a City could have some control.
- Ms. Eckels agreed that the SAB recognized that it will take time to revamp the Ordinance and they want to get it on next year's books to be included in the work plan for the City. Ms. Torriente will do a summary memo of this meeting to inform Commission on what has transpired.
- Chair Amor read the original communication to the Board. Ms. Eckels summarized the new communication. She stated: "In response to our communication of September 23, 2013, the Commission requested that we provide a synopsis of recommendations and to what we are providing the attached document." The Board discussed the revisions to the document.

Motion made by Ms. Eckels that the synopsis of recommendations have the one minor change included – to add the pilot program to allow for domestic fowl

(per Orlando's Urban Chicken Pilot Program) – and Mr. Thitisawat seconded it. It was unanimous.

Motion made by Ms. Eckels to submit the document with the communication. It is not unanimous – Mr. Hetzel and Mr. Cook dissent. Mr. Hetzel did not agree with all the strikethroughs on the revised document.

Donation Box Ordinance

The Board decided to put this issue on hold until they received feedback from the City Attorney's office.

Global BEM Conference

Ms. Whitfield had not heard back from the City about participating in the Global BEM Conference and will not move forward on it.

Mark Your Calendar (Events)

There is a very brief discussion of upcoming events: Eco-Couture Recycled Fashion Show, Earth Hour, Telephone Town Hall with Commissioner Roberts, two Naturescape workshops.

Communication to Commission

As discussed in Old Business under the Agriculture Ordinance topic.

Items for Next Meeting:

Potential Presentation(s)

- Adaptation Action Area.

Forthcoming Discussions

- Mr. Ayers asked that they have a discussion about communications to Commission.
- Mr. Ayers and Mr. Cook would like to discuss solar panels including ground-based solar panels. Mr. Cook asked that someone from the Code Department be present at the next meeting to discuss why there is no code for ground-based solar panels.
- Ms. Whitfield would like to submit a resolution about geoengineering (aerial spraying) at the next meeting.
- Mr. Cook would like to discuss sidewalks and bike lanes for downtown and how SAB can help with funding.
- Mr. Cook would also like to discuss small business recycling policy.
- Mr. Cook would like to discuss why business owners still receive paper bills for their water when they are on autopay.

Public Comment:

None.

Committee Comments:

Ms. Alberani

She mentioned that the second BuyLocal event will be tomorrow (3/25) from 3-5pm at the Funky Buddha Brewery.

On April 11-12, Sustainatopia will take place in Miami.

Mr. Thitisawat

He asked Ms. Johnston to put the link for the Fayetteville Urban Farming Ordinance that he handed out in today's meeting on the Facebook page for Board members.

Mr. Moyer

He attended a presentation at the Broward League of Cities and sent an e-mail to their Sustainability group to discuss the possibility of catching rainwater in Broward and Palm Beach counties. Ms. Leonard believed this deals with the C-51 reservoir and discussed what this project would entail.

No Comments

- Chair Amor
- Ms. Eckels
- Mr. Ayers
- Ms. Whitfield
- Mr. Cook
- Jim Hetzel

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Next meeting date: April 28, 2014

[Minutes prepared by Mary Ann Johnston]