



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023 at 11:45 a.m.

City Hall, Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Ben Ellis, Becky Distad, John Page, Stephen Pategas, and Kay Hudson; Virtually: Laura Gustafson-Hullinger, and Mark Yonker.

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby; Sustainability Manager Sara Miller; Sustainability Specialist Mia Brady; Natural Resources & Sustainability Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor; Virtually: Board Coordinator Tatia Ghviniashvili.

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

2) Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting July 18, 2023

Motion made by John Page to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Stephen Pategas.

Mr. Ellis noted that an amendment needs to be made under item 6(a), clarifying that staff presented the current balance, not the year-to-date balance of the budget.

Kay Hudson arrived at 11:47 a.m.

Motion amended by John Page to include the amendment to the minutes as suggested; seconded by Stephen Pategas. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

3) Public Comments (for items not on the agenda):

There were none.

4) Action Items

There were none.

5) Non-Action Items

There were none.

6) Staff Updates

a. Zero Waste Update

Staff is moving the Zero Waste Campaign along, with the rollout likely by the end of the holiday season, and continue to work closely with Waste Pro USA for multifamily recycling options.

Mr. Pategas asked about a recycling update, specifically about the 'recollect' tool on the city website. Staff noted that they are working with Waste Pro USA to provide educational material on what goes inside a recycling bin – which will be a part of the Zero Waste Campaign. A brief discussion followed and the board agreed to test the website and narrow down weak points that might need adjusting.

b. Energy Efficiency Study Update

Staff has received reports from 15 lightyears and are in the process of reviewing them. The Library and Event Center reports are finalized, and will be distributed. Staff is also looking to host 15 lightyears to attend a joint meeting between this board and the Utilities Advisory Board to give a presentation related to the work done- the board will be kept updated.

c. Quanta Update

The purchase order has been executed and Quanta Technology is starting work on tasks to further enhance the IRP Study. Staff is also conducting interviews for the Integrated Resource Planner role and evaluating candidates.

d. Grant Updates

Staff spoke about a new grant opportunity through Solar United Neighbors – the Solar for All Grant. A letter of support will be provided from the city, and if awarded, will work to provide solar energy to lower income communities of Winter Park. An additional grant might become available in September, through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in relation to greenhouse gas implementation funds.

e. 2022 Green Schools Grant- Final Project Deliverables

Staff presented the various projects that were submitted by schools, which included videos and photo essays.

f. KAB Tree Planting Day 10/13 9am @ Howell Branch Preserve

Staff gave brief background on the event, noting that its part of a grant received through Keep America Beautiful, and the board is invited to attend.

g. Upcoming Events

Lakes Osceola and Maitland Dock Party Neighbor Engagement Event is scheduled for August 26, 9a.m. – 11a.m., at Kraft Azalea Park.

Fix it, Don't Pitch It – community repair workshop will be hosted on September 9, 10 a.m. – 12p.m., at the Winter Park Events Center.

The EV Car Show & Sustainability Fair will be on September 23, 9a.m. – 11a.m., at the Central Park West Meadow.

Get Hooked Family Fishing Event is on October 7, 8a.m. – 10a.m., at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Lake Island. The bait and poles for this event are provided.

A wood duck box building workshop will on September 30, 9a.m., at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, and a bat box building workshop will be held on October 28 at Mead Botanical Garden.

A composting class will be held on October 12, and the Florida Friendly Landscaping class on November 9 – both hosted through UF IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences).

7) Board Comments

a. Green Minutes

Staff shared that proclamations will be made for climate week in partnership with various organizations. The board will be updated on the exact date of the proclamation.

Ms. Hudson spoke about recycling campaign signs, and noted that she spoke with a contact at PureCycle who is in conversation with Keep America Beautiful to implement the recycling program nationwide.

b. New Business / Announcement

Ms. Eby spoke about the previous meeting when the board voted on EV charging rates, and noted that it isn't in the purview of the board to set the rates- rather- have an influence on incentives. She also highlighted that the Utilities Advisory Board will be the ones to set the rates.

8) Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

Ms. Hudson spoke about the Comprehensive Plan and if there might be room for improvement in green space throughout the city- specifically the ratio between green and grey space. She highlighted that it would be beneficial for a presentation to be made from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on the current status of the ratio between green and grey space.

Motion made by Kay Hudson to allow Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Michael Perelman to present; seconded by Becky Distad. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Pategas brought up the peacock signage around the city, noting that they are in poor condition, and asked about the status for improving them. Staff explained that City Management did a neighborhood by neighborhood inventory of items that need to be taken care of, and a detailed update will be provided at the next meeting. Mr.

Pategas also spoke about streetlight conditions and staff gave updates about replacements/modifications. Another update will be provided at the next meeting. A discussion followed about the Green School Grant and the possibility of awarding a

larger amount of money than previously awarded, as well as this board funding pollinator signs.

Motion made by Stephen Pategas to add street lights, signage, Green School Grants and pollinator signs to next months agenda; seconded by Becky Distad. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

9) Adjournment

Motion made by John Page to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Becky Distad. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Minutes approved by the board on September 19, 2023.

/s/ Tatia Ghviniashvili, Board Coordinator