



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023 at 11:45 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

John Page, Becky Distad, Kay Hudson, Stephen Pategas, Mark J. Yonker, Ben Ellis, Sam Stark

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby; Sustainability Manager Sara Miller; Sustainability Specialist Mia Brady; Natural Resources and Sustainability Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor; Board Coordinator Charisma Lowery

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:48 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 14, 2023.

Motion made by Mark Yonker to approve the minutes; seconded by Becky Distad. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

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

4. Action Items

- a. Recommendation to approve Quanta's Target 3 and Scenario 3D Feasibility Study

Staff presented their recommendation for the board to approve Quanta's Target 3 and Scenario 3D Feasibility Study. Quanta displayed a presentation during the City Commission Work Session, which refined the targets and the deadlines. Staff meet with Utilities Advisory Board (UAB) whom approved the Quanta Study and added items as part of their board function. In January 2023 KWPB adopted the Sustainability Action Plan. In May 2023 a work session was held to discuss the cost performance and the plan. Target 3: 80% Renewable by 2035 and 100% by 2050 was selected by staff due to this target being quicker with a more feasible rate. Graphs displaying gas price spikes and road maps/ next steps were shown to the board. The recommendations from UAB board were discussed.

Motion made by Kay Hudson to recommend the approval of Quanta's Target 3 and Scenario 3D Feasibility Study Recommendation; seconded by Ben Ellis. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

b. Choose Board Shirts

Staff presented shirt options to the board to vote upon. Discuss between the board and staff ensued regarding the shirt's logo and verbiage.

Motion made by Stephen Pategas to approve Keep Winter Park Beautiful and Sustainable logo without the Advisory Board text on it; seconded by Kay Hudson. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote. John Page voted no.

Further discussion between the board members ensued.

Motion made by Stephen Pategas to receive name tags from the City that can be attached to the shirts that'll include board members name and advisory board; seconded by Kay Hudson. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Further discussion ensued regarding the shirt style and color preference for the members.

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Feasibility Study Update

b. Zero Waste Update

Staff have scheduled a meeting with waste-pro to discuss multifamily home recycling. An update from the upcoming meeting will be given at a later date.

The food waste pilot continues with composting on Center Street. More than 85,000 pounds of food waste have been diverted with nine restaurants participating in the program.

c. Leaf Blower Update

The gas-powered leaf blower will be phased out in July 2024. Advertisement in press, ads, social media, digital display boards throughout city's public locations, and utility inserts are forms of communication that have been made available to residents as a friendly reminder of the change. City wide mailing soon to be distributed, will contain advisement of blowers and penalty fees to homeowners that do not comply. Further discussion between the board and staff ensued.

Mark Yonker left at 12:45 p.m.

d. Grants Update

Charging and Infrastructure Grant (CFI). No Update was given.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding was not received due to the state canceling funding.

Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Grant funding was received, a successful tree planting event was held in Ward Park. The next tree planting event will be held in February.

The EPA Grant, references the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Staff are attempting to partner with orange County, the city of Maitland and Orlando. The grant is due in April.

The Charging and Infrastructure Discretionary Grant (CFI DOT), EV infrastructure will be posted in December.

In regards to The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) currently a GIS analysis is being completed. The draft is targeted to be done in April.

The REFED Catalytic Grant (REFED) is a private grant to assist with the City's composting program to expand. Staff requested \$100,000 and are awaiting a response to the next step in the application phase.

The Department of Transportation (DOT Grant) grant is \$15,000 which is allocated for programming, possibly composting and recycling. Staff are optimistic in receiving the funds. An update will be given.

Regarding the Legislative Appropriations staff have submitted a solar awning for consideration.

e. Upcoming Events

Staff updated the board on upcoming events in Winter Park including a liter clean up and tree planting at Howell Branch Preserve. The board asked a few questions, a brief discussion followed.

7. Board Comments

- a. Green Minutes – No update was given.
- b. New Business/Announcements – There were none.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

- a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

Earth Day Planning

Leaf Blower ordinance update

9. Adjournment

**Motion made by Stephen Pategas to adjourn; seconded by Becky Distad.
Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Approved by the board on _____
/s/ Charisma Lowery, Board Coordinator