



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024 at 11:45 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Becky Distad, Ben Ellis, John Page, Stephen Pategas, Sam Stark, Mark Yonkers (virtual, joined at 11:50 a.m.)

Absent

Kay Hudson

Staff Present

Sustainability Manager Sara Miller, Sustainability Specialist Mia Brady, Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:46 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of February 20, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Stark to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Page.

Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Yonkers arrived after the vote.

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

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

- a. Natural Resources & Sustainability

- SAP Follow-Up
- DOT Grant
- Leaf Blower Ordinance
- Zero Waste
- Photo Contest and Calendar Fundraiser
- Lakes Update

Ms. Miller provided updates to the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) review from the February meeting. She is still waiting to hear about the potable water data from the

Wastewater Division. Staff is using the EOA definition for the green space metric. The methodology does include graveyards and golf courses and the map will be included in the next update. The staff is working with Communications to have SAP information collateral prepared for Earth Day, including a poster that shows the updated changes. Staff also discussed adding SAP information in the utility bill insert. Ms. Miller asked the board to review the website and give feedback about any edits that need to be made.

We did not get the CFI/DOT Grant funding last year, but Ms. Miller requested feedback on what could be done differently next time from DOT. She has also asked Orange County about future partnerships for grant funding. Currently, staff is seeking grant funds to install solar panels on the Community Center and to distribute energy efficiency kits to the community.

Ms. Miller reviewed the leaf blower ban updates that was discussed at the last meeting. If approved by the commission, removal of the ban will be on the March 2025 ballot and although the ordinance will still go into effect in July, there will be no enforcement until that vote takes place. Although Senator Broder is still trying to stop this ban, city staff is still educating residents on why this ordinance exists. There will be another work session in April with the Mayor and the landscaping companies. Staff is waiting to see what happens with the state ban.

There is no update for multifamily home recycling. The Center Street Composting Program is going well and over 134,500 pounds of food waste has been diverted from the landfill.

Ms. Brady reviewed the previous year's nature photography contest and the initial idea of making a calendar with the photos as a fundraiser. She asked the board if they would be interested in doing the contest again and what the logistics will look like for this year. Mr. Pategas suggested that no board members should be allowed to submit their own photos. Mr. Stark suggested note cards instead of a calendar and selling them at the Alford Inn. Mr. Ellis brought up forming a subcommittee and recalled being impressed by the number of photos that were submitted. Ms. Distad said that she was on the subcommittee but they didn't meet last year. A work session will be scheduled in early April and Ms. Tabor will send available dates out to the board. Ms. Brady expressed that the contest was successful it could be annual but doing a trail run as a fundraiser. Mr. Pategas suggested getting sponsors to fund the production costs to make more money.

Ms. Brady presented updates on the Lake Killarney Restoration, Howell Branch Preserve DEP Funding, Howell Branch Stabilization Project. She advised the board of a community meeting that in late March for residents who live on Howell Creek.

b. Upcoming Events

- City-wide Great American Cleanup (GAC) and Earth Month cleanup on 4/6
- Lakes Event @ Lakes Temple & Tuscany on 4/6
- Florida Friendly Landscaping class @ WP Library on 4/10
- Spring Spruce up in the Nook @ Eatonville Nook on 4/13

- Duck Derby @ Mead Gardens on 4/13
- Earth Day Block Party on 4/27 @ Ward Park and the Center for Health and Wellbeing

Ms. Brady reviewed upcoming events, including: Great American Cleanup, which will be city-wide; Florida Friendly Landscaping class with UF IFAS at the Winter Park Library; Spring up the Nook at the Eatonville Chamber of Commerce; Duck Derby at Mead Gardens; and the Earth Day Block Party at Ward Park with Track Shack and the Center for Health and Wellbeing.

7. Board Comments

- a. Green Minutes
- b. New Business/Announcements

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

- a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 12:18 p.m.

Approved by the board on April 16, 2024
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator