



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Subcommittee Minutes

September 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Stephen Pategas

Staff Present

Sustainability Manager Sara Miller, Parks Services Manager Josh Nye, Director of Planning & Zoning Allison McGillis

1. Meeting Called to Order

Stephen Pategas called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Discussion Item (s)

a. Landscape Ordinance

Mr. Pategas asked for the landscape irrigation plan review and the inspection processes. Mr. Nye advised that Urban Forestry was given the responsibility to review plans, but are not experts in plan review. In reviewing landscape plans, Mr. Nye advised the number one issue is the placement of hedge plants bordering the right-of-way. Mr. Pategas suggested creating a checklist with the codes, one for the reviewer and another checklist for the inspector.

The following points were discussed:

- In drafting the landscape ordinance, coordinating the terminology between the City, County, St. John Water Management and State codes will be necessary.
- Include trees, lakes, lake edge, lake shore, stormwater, artificial turf fertilizer and Florida Friendly in the landscape ordinance.
- Increasing tree canopy while maintaining solar access for people to grow edibles and for the benefit of roofs.
- Encourage low volume irrigation equipment - samples were shown.
- Examples of irrigation ordinances that can be borrowed from Mineola and Florida Friendly landscaping design standards revised February 2024 for community restrictions implementing the Florida Water Star program at water wise landscape practices.
- Florida Water Star is encouraging the use of compost in the soil for new developments. If this is done in the city of Winter Park the soil level will increase leading to stormwater run-off increase affecting lakes.

The tree ordinance will go before the Commission on September 25. At the next subcommittee meeting October 15, 2024, Ms. McGillis will bring comments as it relates to commercial landscaping, Mr. Pategas will contact Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) and Ms. Miller advised Sam Stark will invite Rollins landscaping.

Ms. McGillis explained that P & Z reviews commercial landscaping when properties come in as conditional use then refer to Urban Forestry for review. Mr. Nye's staff are scheduled to take Rainbird irrigation training classes at the Community Center. Mr. Pategas will email his documents to Sustainability.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

/s/ Bahiyah Layton, Board Coordinator