



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024 at 11:45 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Becky Distad, John Page, Stephen Pategas, Sam Stark, Zeina Matar-Ghantous, Terry Hotard.

Absent

Mark J. Yonker

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby, Sustainability Manager Sara Miller, Natural Resources and Sustainability Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor

1. Call to Order

Sam Stark called the meeting to order at 11:46 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of September 11, 2024

Motion made by Ms. Distad to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Hotard. Discussion: a suggestion to the Fix it Don't Pitch It event by Mr. Pategas will be added to the 11/19/2024 minutes. The motion carried unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

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

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

- a. Decorative Streetlight Survey Results and Utility Maintenance Plan Update

Presenter from Electric Utility was absent.

6. Staff Updates

- a. Natural Resources & Sustainability
 - Killarney Elementary Community Program

The third event partnering with Killarney Elementary and 4-Roots was held. Ms. Miller explained the vision in partnering with 4-Roots to expand healthy food options via a mobile food truck dispatched within the community. Ms. Matar-Ghantous asked the role of the Board with the Killarney Elementary Community program. Ms. Miller explained

that access to healthy and nutritious food for Winter Park residents is an initiative of the city's Sustainability Action Plan.

- Community Gardens at Winter Park Housing Authority (WPHA)

Ms. Miller recognized community gardening advocate, Ms. Barton, who oversees the community garden located at the Meadows; a WPHA community. Ms. Barton brought awareness of the garden needs to a Commission meeting a few months ago. The sustainability team has had an interest in assisting the WPHA with community gardening at the Meadow and at Plymouth and is working with both Ms. Barton, Commissioner Russell, and the WPHA in partnership for garden improvements.

- Landscape Ordinance Subcommittee Meeting Update

Mr. Pategas brought examples and compared irrigation sprinkler types. It was discussed coordinating the landscape ordinance with the new tree ordinance; working with Lakes on shorelines and waterbodies; and how the landscape ordinances work with the new Orange County fertilizer ordinance. An invitation was sent to the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS) to attend the subcommittee meetings.

- CFI DOT Grant Update

There is no update on the CFI DOT Grant as grant award is still pending.

- Community Needs Survey

The Community Needs Assessment Survey was presented. The survey's data usage, timeline, and interest of residents in the CRA boundary were reviewed and discussed extensively. Ms. Eby emphasized this survey focus is within the CRA boundary due to possible funding opportunities, however would like to expand city-wide in the future. Ms. Eby explained that the survey is an initiative to assist with the prioritization of the needs of the community as stated by the citizens; a baseline survey to assist with programming. The staff is expecting to have an update on the launch at the next meeting. An excellent idea noted by Mr. Pategas was to revise the response on question 15 from "shade trees" to "lack of shade trees".

- Fundraiser - Greeting Cards

Two options were presented for the greeting card fundraiser mock-ups, both on fully recycled paper. Thirty Green Business informational cards were distributed to each board member. Green Business brochures will be distributed to the board at the next meeting. The staff is working on on-line capabilities for point of sale and releasing the cards for the holiday season. It was suggested to keep the price under \$20 for the package of 12. Staff's looking for the cards to be sold at the Merry Tuba Christmas event on December 14, 2024.

b. Upcoming Events

- Merry Tuba Christmas - 12/14 1pm @ Central Park - Main Stage

- Lakes Event - 12/14 9am @ Lake Wilbar
- Self-Resilience Class - Every Friday, Nov 8 thru Dec 13, 9:30 am @ Winter Park Library

Ms. Miller summarized the upcoming events and urged the board members to volunteer. An email will be sent out for shift participation.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Pategas suggested for the next Fix It, Don't Pitch It event, to have someone present who can suggest and show how to do basic repairs on water saving devices of different types of irrigation systems, possibly without glue.

a. Green Minutes

Mr. Hotard recommended KWPB&S' involvement in the Park Avenue Refresh project. Communications Director, Clarissa Howard, is spearheading the initiative on Park Avenue Refresh and has involved all the city departments including one-on-one meetings.

b. New Business/Announcements

Ms. Matar-Ghantous advised the city looks gorgeous and thanked staff for their efforts on sustainability. She voiced her appreciation for Ms. Tabor in picking up her recycling items and inquired on how KWPB&S can make events in Winter Park more sustainable. Ms. Eby reminded the board that part of the Sustainability Action Plan is to create a green events guide. Ms. Eby announced Nicole Marshall has replaced Mia Brady and will be assisting with sustainability efforts. The board welcomed her.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

The next meeting is December 17, 2024

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Approved by the board on January 21, 2025
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator