



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025 at 11:45 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Becky Distad, John Page, Mark J. Yonker, Stephen Pategas, Zeina Matar-Ghantous, Terry Hotard

Absent

Sam Stark

Staff Present

Sustainability Manager Sara Miller, Sustainability Specialist Nicole Marshall, Natural Resources and Sustainability 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 18, 2025

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

Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

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

Gigi Papa, residing at 1440 Hibiscus Avenue, suggested that no political organizations participate in city events, such as the League of Women Voters at Earth Day, to prevent it from becoming a political rally.

4. Action Items

- a. Green Schools Grant Awards

Nicole Marshall reviewed the applications and requested amounts for the Green Schools Grants from the following schools: All Saints School \$370, Audubon Park Elementary \$885, Dommerich Elementary (two applications) \$1000 & \$1154, Eastbrook Elementary \$600, Edgewater High School (amount not specified), Methodist School for Early Education \$500, Park Maitland South \$500, Rollins College \$800, Trinity Preparatory \$2750 - \$4250, Welbourne Nursery and Preschool \$5000, and Winter Park Day Nursery \$475.

Mr. Pategas asked about increasing funding due to the high number and dollar amount of requests. Ms. Miller stated that \$5,000 is budgeted for this fiscal year, with potential

additional funding next year. Staff discussed the alignment of applications with the program's mission and sustainability efforts. They also considered delaying a decision for board review but preferred to decide in this meeting to ensure checks can be awarded before Earth Day.

Staff provided additional information about previous grant recipients and the total amount of the requests, which is approximately \$15,000. A discussion followed regarding how to allocate \$5,000.

Motion made by Mr. Yonker, to grant All Saints \$370, Winter Park Day Nursery \$475, exclude the second Dommerich request (Word Garden) and the Trinity Preparatory request and divide the remaining amount equally among the remaining schools, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Miller suggested revisiting the Green Schools Grant program process at a future meeting, ideally around June or July.

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Natural Resources & Sustainability

Ms. Miller provided the following updates:

- Green Event Guide Work Session – scheduled for March 26, 2025, at 9 a.m.
- Community Needs Assessment – survey was mailed to everyone within the CRA
- Food Insecurity Initiatives: Killarney Elementary Community Program – continuous movement and Community Gardens at the Winter Park Housing Authority – a successful at the beginning of March and plans for a garden workday on April 12, 2025, which will involve the assistance of Commissioner Russell's football team
- Landscape Ordinance Subcommittee Meeting – Director Gloria Eby is reviewing, Engineer Shannon Monahan is providing stormwater information, after this we will proceed to the irrigation ordinance. A meeting will be scheduled for April.

b. Past & Upcoming Events

Ms. Marshall presented a PowerPoint on past and upcoming events which included the Central Florida Waste and Recycling panel at the Winter Park library.

- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event - 3/8 8 a.m. @ Cady Way Pool
- Weed Wrangle - 3/15 9 a.m. @ Mead Gardens
- Shoreline Restoration - 3/22 9 a.m. @ Lake Berry
- Candlelight Earth Hour Yoga Class - 3/22 7 p.m. @ Mead Botanical Garden
- The Great Duck Derby - 3/29 10 a.m. @ Mead Botanical Garden
- The Greatest American Cleanup - 4/5 9 a.m. @ Multiple Locations
- Gardening Day at the Meadows - 4/12 9 a.m. @ The Meadows

Additionally, Ms. Miller distributed Green Business brochure flyers to the board members.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Page commented on how well organized the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event was and thanked the staff for their efforts.

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

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

- a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Approved by the board on April 15, 2025
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator