



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026 at 11:45 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Becky Distad, John Page, Zeina Matar-Ghantous, Terry Hotard, Susy Scarlatos, Tom Mould

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby, Sustainability Manager Nicole Marshall, Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor, Sustainability Specialist Mason Hetrick

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of March 17, 2026

**Motion made by Mr. Page to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hotard.
Motion carried unanimously.**

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

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Natural Resources & Sustainability

Martin Luther King, Jr. Learning Garden – Ms. Marshall presented photos from the MLK Learning Garden ribbon cutting and thanked board members for attending. A list of upcoming classes within the Learning Garden including those hosted by the Winter Park Library were displayed.

Run for the Trees / Mother Earth Day Celebration – The event will take place on May 9 from 8 am to 11 am at Ward Park. There will be sustainability educators, artisan vendors, and Green Schools Grant certificates for Mr. Page to present. Shirts will be provided.

Green Business Recognition Program — The Sustainability Division met with the Park Ave District (set up by Ms. Scarlatos) and presented the program to the businesses to gain interested. New initiatives are being implemented into the program including a Green Business newsletter which will assist with sustainability resources and incentivization/retention.

Mason Hetrick was introduced as the new Sustainability Specialist

America 250 Decorate Your Doorstep — The contest information was displayed. The webpage, including a landing page with information about the contest and an online submission form is now available for residents to submit their photos. Residents and business are doing separate contests.

Green Schools Grant Dommerich Elementary – Dommerich Elementary was a Green Schools Grant recipient and recently had their Family Garden Day where they introduced their blender bike, which will be used at the school. Storybook posters would be created to surround the stage for the Green Schools Grant ceremony at Mother Earth Day to provide a more visual presentation of what the program provides to schools. More food trucks will be at Mother Earth Day celebration as well as bleachers. Ms. Matar-Ghantous requested that vendors comply with "green" initiatives, i.e. no single use plastics, Styrofoam, etc.

Mr. Hotard wants the city to involve in the upkeep of the landscaping, but it is the responsibility of the Park Grove HOA. Ms. Eby confirmed the entry wall is owned by the HOA, and maintenance responsibility is up to the HOA. Mr. Hotard requested that the city assist with volunteer efforts. Ms. Eby stated that the city is open to a joint-beautification project with the HOA maybe by the Fall.

Ms. Marshall reviewed the past events:

America 250 Greatest American Cleanup - 5 Different locations, collected 352 pounds of trash.

b. Upcoming Events

- Power Your Self-Resilience Workshops — Fridays starting April 10th - May 1st 12 PM - 1:30 p.m. @ Winter Park Library
- Lake Killarney Dock Party — May 2nd 9 AM - 11 a.m. @ Killarney Drive
- Mother Earth Day — May 9th 8 AM - 11 a.m. @ Ward Park
- Organic Pest Management — May 12th 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. @ Winter Park Library
- Fix It! Don't Pitch It — May 30th 9 AM - 12 p.m. @ Community Center
- Paddleboard Cleanup — June 6th 9 AM - 12 p.m. @ TBD

7. Board Comments

a. Green Minutes

Ms. Matar-Ghantous will be attending Trash to Trend on May 6th.

b. New Business/Announcements

Mr. Page said he is unable to attend Mother Earth Day. Ms. Scarlatos volunteered to present green school awards in his absence.

Ms. Matar-Ghantous spoke about the Parks Master Plan survey, the Park Avenue Refresh "Excuse our Mess" boards, and communications regarding our Green Business initiative.

Ms. Matar-Ghantous reminded the board of the Park Avenue survey on sidewalk safety. Ms. Eby commented she is unaware of that survey but will confirm with Public Works.

Mr. Mould said he will be attending an event at Rollins College related to ecotourism and sustainability and invited others to attend.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

- a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

Ms. Distad thanked the group for a smooth and efficient meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Approved by the board on June 30, 2026
/s/ Mason Hetrick, Board Coordinator