



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023 at 11:45 a.m.

City Hall, Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Kay Hudson, Ben Ellis, John Page, Becky Distad and Mark Yonker; Virtually: Laura Gustafson-Hullinger; Board Coordinator Tatia Ghviniashvili.

Absent

Stephen Pategas.

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby; Sustainability Manager Sara Miller; Natural Resources & Sustainability Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor; Event Manager Johnny Miller.

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 a.m.

- a. Select Chair and Vice Chair

Motion made by Mark Yonker to nominate Ben Ellis as Chair; seconded by Kay Hudson. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Motion made by Mark Yonker to nominate Kay Hudson as Vice Chair; seconded by Becky Distad. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

2) Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting May 16, 2023

Motion made by Becky Distad to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Kay Hudson. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

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

Terry Bryant, 1831 Windsor Dr., spoke briefly on new construction projects around the city being both sustainable in design and composition, and putting electrical on the second floor to help against flooding damage.

4) Action Items

There were none.

5) Non-Action Items

There were none.

6) Staff Updates

a. Feasibility Study (Quanta Update)

Staff provided an update on the Feasibility Study after minor amendments were made following the last City Commission meeting. These changes will be discussed in a City Commission Work Session, followed by this board, before finally making it before the City Commission again for approval. The additional items that will be included will be a financial forecast for the year 2042 and beyond, and an additional chapter within the SAP which speaks to how various targets are being developed. The City Commission also has approved an Integrated Resource Plan Program Manager position. The board asked various questions and staff made the appropriate clarifications.

b. Energy Efficiency Study Update

Staff noted that following staffing changes, 15 lightyears is working on analyzing the data provided, and refining that information. Staff is awaiting internal confirmation on demand rates related to utility billing before 15 lightyears is able to solidify the data into a draft report. A draft report is expected by next month, and will be provided to this board and the Utilities Advisory Board. A brief discussion was held.

c. Grant Updates

Following a bid process, a vendor was selected for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resiliency Grant Vulnerability Assessment, and an initial discussion was held. A kickoff meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming few weeks and the assessment will commence. Once completed, a report will be drafted and presented to the board.

Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Grant was received a couple months ago, and staff has scheduled a tentative date for the Howell Branch cleanup, while tree planting might not be scheduled until next year. Staff will keep the board updated and informed on the dates of these projects, once confirmed.

Regarding the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, staff is working with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) to apply for the grant. This grant is specific to climate pollution reduction such as greenhouse reduction, focusing on solar energy, etc.

The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant has been submitted and applied to by staff. EV charging stations, EV bicycles, fifteen Nissan LEAFs, and ten F150 lightning trucks were requested.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) has been applied for, specifically for four resiliency hubs throughout the city as well as four solar trees. A discussion ensued about the resiliency hubs and solar trees, with the board asking various questions.

d. Photography Contest

The deadline for the contest is June 30, and as of right now there have been five submissions. A discussion ensued about the contest, and the board asked questions. Per board request, staff will share last years approved budget with the board to help new members visualize how and where the money typically gets distributed to. The board will vote on the entries submitted at the next meeting. A further discussion followed.

e. Food Waste Diversion on Center Street

The project was kicked off, with businesses like Bosphorous, Cocina 214, New General, and Farm & Haus all committed to composting for the pilot composting program. Staff has received a week of data and as of right now, there has been no contamination detected and about 500 lbs. of waste was diverted from the landfill. Staff is working on further engagement with more restaurants in the area and will keep the board updated moving forward.

f. Multifamily Home Recycling

Per previous meetings and discussions held, staff has connected the property manager from Sandlewood Creek Condominiums with Waste Pro, and have provided a recycling dumpster for the property. Staff is working on a general fix for the issue and are looking to put more multi-family recycling opportunities around Winter Park and are looking at funding opportunities for this.

g. Fertilizer Rules

A pamphlet about fertilizer guides/safety was sent out with utility billing and staff is actively working to educate residents and landscapers on proper fertilizer use.

h. Lakes Appreciation Month July 2023

Staff is doing several projects to celebrate the city lakes. One of these is a calendar that depicts different activities that can be done at the lakes, and a proclamation will be awarded by Mayor Phil Anderson about the month. The calendar will be distributed in various locations and staff hopes it will create engagement around the various lakes throughout the city.

i. Upcoming Events

Several event updates were provided, including the Lake Bell Dock Party on June 24, the Board Appreciation Event on June 29, Shoreline Restoration on July 8, Fix it! Don't Pitch it Save the Date for September 9, Fishing Tournament in October, and the EV Car Show Save the Date for September 23. Staff explained the events in further detail and the board asked various questions.

7) Board Comments

a. Green Minutes

Staff will be advertising about the solar co-op at the farmer's market the week of this meeting, in hopes of getting residents to sign up and educating residents in solar energy. The board is encouraged to attend and volunteer at the event.

b. New Business/Announcements

None was discussed.

8) Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Discussion for Upcoming Agenda Items

None were discussed.

9) Adjournment

Motion made by John Page to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Becky Distad. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Minutes approved by the board on_____.
/s/ Tatia Ghviniashvili, Board Coordinator

Mayor Phillip M. Anderson

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis, MMC

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