



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Regular Minutes

March 15, 2022, at 11:45 a.m.

Virtual

Present

KWPB&S Advisory Board Members: Kay Hudson, Stephen Pategas

City of Winter Park Staff: Gloria Eby, Director; Sara Miller, Sustainability Manager; Kris Stenger, Sustainability Coordinator

(1) Call to Order

Board member Kay Hudson called the meeting to order at 11:54AM.

(2) Consent Agenda

The board will table the approval of the minutes for the April board meeting.

(3) Staff Updates

Staff informed the board about the Election Sign Recycling Campaign after the recent Commissioner Election. There is an allocated crate bin at Fire station 64 in the public work compound where people can drop off their election signs. This will be going on until the 22nd of March. Sara M. is working on a project with the League of Women Voters in the future to potentially help keep the crate bin organized and taped up for easy storage. Once the Recycling Campaign has concluded, staff will store signs at public works until the next election. By the next election, staff hopes that they can partner with Orange County and the City of Orlando to help with delivery to NuCycle energy. For the future, board member Stephen P. suggested recycling different signs, such as stake signs, when the Election Sign Recycling Campaign is going on. A digital flyer was made for the Election Sign Recycling Campaign which was shared to socials and the Winter Park kiosk on March 8th.

Sara M. discussed with the board the progress of the Green House Gas Inventory. She spoke with a former member of the Sustainability team, Agnieszka, who explained the process of inventorying. Sara M. is still in the process of learning how to input data as well as understand the GHG inventories. The goal for the Sustainability Program is that Sara M. will be able to complete this task yearly, but if that is not feasible, then Agnieszka offered to work as a consultant for that process. Payment and contract have not been discussed at the moment. The GHG learning & implementation process should take place over the course of the next 4 months.

Staff updated the board about the status of the upcoming Earth Day event. The event will include multiple vendors including Rollins College, the Florida Native Plant Society, Waste Pro, Solar United Neighbors, the League of Women Voters, Center for Health and Wellness, GoodFills, Track Shack, and Kona Ice. All the vendors will have their own unique tabling activity at the event. There are still more vendors that staff is waiting for a response from. Staff received the approval from the Communications Team for the media flyer for the Earth Day & Run for the Trees events as well as the graphics.

Beyond 34 is an initiative created by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and launched in the Central Florida area, to start finding solutions to the issue of recycling. The goal of the program was to get beyond the national average of 34% diversion rates of plastics. Sara Miller became a Recycling Fellow and helped facilitate one of the first conversations with public and private partners to exchange ideas. Out of the first conversation, 5 projects were created. One of the projects was to renovate Orange County's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) which is old and outdated. When the project was just about to takeoff the pandemic hit which halted all of its progress. Although the project will be continuing soon, all of the recycling in Central Florida is going to out of county places that are willing to take the clean loads that we have. This change has

made recycling difficult in Central Florida. From Beyond 34 the City of Winter Park began working on the Downtown Core Recycling (DCR) Project which was an initiative to get more restaurants to recycle. The big issues facing the project was a lack of space and a lack of education. Once the Sustainability Coordinator position is filled, staff would like to begin working on solutions for the DCR project. Once the MRF project is complete it should be a gamechanger for recycling in the Central Florida area, but sustainable education is a main priority until then.

(4) Public Comments (for items not on Agenda)

No Public Comments.

(5) Non-Action Items

1. No Non-Action Items

(6) Action Items

1. Staff inquired about the board's opinion on the acknowledgment service for the Green School Grant (GSG) recipients. A possible time to host a GSG recipient acknowledgement service would be during the Earth Day event. The board agreed that would be an opportune time to host the service and staff will be working on contacting the GSG recipients to check for availability.

(6) Public Hearings

No Public Hearings.

(7) Board Comments

Stephen P. made note about a recent city update concerning the leaf blower ordinance which contained incorrect info. The update said the ordinance will go into effect on July 25th, but it will get implemented on July 24th. Stephen P. reached out to the Communications team and is awaiting a response.

Kay H. wanted to applaud the amount of coverage and awareness that the leaf blower ordinance has received from the city. According to staff, the public feelings towards the ordinance are positive.

Gloria E. wanted to express a green minute item which was the fact that the Sustainability program has gotten a tremendous amount of positive feedback for cleanup and restoration events.

Kay H. wanted to research the process of creating an ordinance that would make property owners responsible for cleaning up their own litter. She wanted to put the idea out there in hopes that a conversation can begin about more commercial business accountability for throwing trash away.

(8) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:56PM.

Minutes approved the board on 06/21/2022.

/s/ Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor