



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board Minutes

February 21st, 2023 at 11:45 a.m.

Commission Chamber
401 S Park Ave, Winter Park

Present

KWPB&S: Stephen Pategas, Catherine (Kay) Hudson, Ben Ellis, Justin Yonker, Laura Gustafson-Hullinger (virtual)

City Staff: Gloria Eby; Natural Resources & Sustainability Director, Sara Miller; Sustainability Manager, Mia Brady; Sustainability Specialist, Victoria Tabor; Admin Coordinator/Recording Secretary

(1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Kay Hudson at 11:45 AM.

(2) Consent Agenda

Ben Ellis motioned to approve the January Meeting Minutes. Justin Yonker Seconded and the motion passed.

(3) Public Comment

Forest Michael from Michael Planning of Florida gave a presentation on his work in the Greater Orlando area regarding sustainability. He asked the board to allow him to give a full presentation about possible sustainability projects along scenic state route 426 at the next board meeting. The Florida Department of Transportation wants to hear from the City of Winter Park about what beautification projects we want along SR 426. Michael claimed to have over \$25 million in grants and funds to be used for local government operations and projects. Ben Ellis asked Michael to share his presentation slides to be reviewed. Forest Michael added that if his full presentation would be allowed, there would be a small report to go with it.

There was a second public comment from Dermot White who shared his experience working with Orange County and the City of Winter Park to start a recycling program for his multifamily residency years ago. He wanted to know if the City has plans to expand the current recycling program. He explained that recycling at multifamily homes was a pilot program in the past and he has not witnessed any further action. He wanted to see if residents can get new containers for recycling with different openings for glass, paper, plastic, etc. He thinks that this will help prevent contamination. He wants separate containers for cardboard as well, but has had negative experiences with reaching out to Waste Pro. Dermot claimed that it took over 6 months to get a recycling bin at his home. He thinks that residents do want to recycle and need the help of the City to facilitate and start that process. Stephen Pategas echoed complaints with getting in contact with Waste Pro. Gloria Eby asked Dermot to leave his contact information with Victoria Tabor so the Sustainability Division can speak with him further. She shared that it is the resident's responsibility to take care of and sort their own waste. She said there are opportunities for pilot programs in the future with the department's new, future campaign for zero waste.

(4) Staff Updates

Gloria Eby shared an update on the Quanta Energy Feasibility Study. The meeting on February 21st, 2023 was supposed to be a joint work session with the Utility Advisory Board but Gloria and her team wanted the board to have Quanta's presentation materials and data further in advance. The work session has been rescheduled to March's KWPB&S regular meeting, on March 21st, 2023. Kay Hudson asked when they would receive the

reports and data from Quanta. Gloria responded that she is hoping to receive drafts by the first week of March and then get that information to the board members by the second week. Kay also asked about the length of this work session and Gloria responded that she is anticipating a two-hour meeting. She explained that the content is very detailed and intricate.

Gloria Eby also shared that 15 Lightyears is complete with audits for the energy efficiency study on the city buildings. 15 Lightyears is waiting for data from some of the wastewater treatment facilities to finalize. Gloria wants 15 Lightyears to present their findings to the board in the next two or three months. Kay Hudson asked if findings from that study will have any effect on the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) and Gloria explained that this study will help support the energy efficiency efforts expressed in the SAP.

Gloria Eby provided an update on the electric vehicle charging stations and how multiple stations have become unusable due to equipment damages. They are waiting for the Procurement Department to process the renewal plan from Optimus. The partnership renewal started in January when the City's five-year contract expired. Because of this, the ChargePoint dashboard is down until the renewal is paid. There is also a manufacturing issue with the charging clip that is used to charge the vehicles. Gloria explained that the vision is to eventually use one platform with one software through a contract to avoid dealing with multiple vendors and units.

Gloria Eby also updated the board on the extended timeline for purchasing EVs due to low inventory. She shared that to get an EV, the Department will be waiting at least three years due to contracts being cancelled and inventory shortages, specifically with EV trucks. The City is able to get some cars but the main focus is trying to secure EV trucks for city fleet.

Gloria Eby shared that the Sustainability Division has been working hard to prepare for the Earth Day event in April. They have been selecting vendors, having meetings with the Center for Health and Wellbeing, and working on a save-the-date advertisement. She shared that the goal this year is to have more people in attendance, besides just the runners from the Track Shack's Run for the Trees. Staff is looking to include more yard games and other activities to engage families. Kay Hudson asked if the electric vehicle show will be at the event this year and Gloria Eby responded that there will be EV's on display. Mia Brady shared that there are about five parking spots on the side of the Center of health and Wellbeing's building that will be reserved for EVs. She wants to showcase some of the cars from the past EV car show at the Earth Day event. Mia shared that she has reached out to 14 vendors, some of which have confirmed and some she is waiting to hear back from. Kay Hudson asked Mia to send her the list of vendors so that she can be prepared for the next board meeting. Forest Michael shares that there is an Italian motorcycle company that has EVs as an option to display at the Earth Day event. There was some confusion about who needed to attend the upcoming work session for Earth Day and Gloria Eby clarified that, because work sessions are for planning and strategizing, not all board members have to be present. If a concern was raised during the work session, then it would be brought to the entire board's attention at the next regular meeting. Stephen Pategas wanted to confirm if missing a work session counts against board member attendance and Gloria responding that it does not. Stephen also suggested that staff present the Green School Grant Awards at a later time during Earth Day to attract more people.

Mia Brady updated the board on upcoming events, including the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off on March 4th. This event will be held on the corner of Orange Ave and Palmetto Ave from 8 AM - 12 PM. She welcomed the board members to drop off their own waste and asked them to spread the word about the event. Sara Miller also asked the board members to volunteer at the event if they are available. Mia also discussed the Green Business Cleanup from March 10th-12th, which takes place over a weekend because it is a self-directed cleanup. She explained that she will be dropping off individual kits to several green businesses and then groups will go to the green business they are assigned to pick up their kits. People will record the trash they picked up on the CleanSwell app. This cleanup is in line with the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup event. Mia explained that the next organized cleanup is on March 25th at Dog Island. It is a paddleboard cleanup starting at Kraft Azalea Gardens. She also shared that the next composting class will take place at the end of May.

Gloria Eby updated the board on the backyard chicken permit and shared that there will be an online educational class facilitated by Mia Brady and Sara Miller. She also mentioned that she would like to get board members official shirts that they can wear at KWPB and city events.

Stephen Pategas shared a guide he used from Winter Park Blooms for their photography context that could be used for the nature photography KWPB board contest. He will email this guide out for the committee members who were not present. The meeting for that workshop will be in March.

Gloria Eby shared that the Lakes Division is hosting monthly lake engagement events at all the lakes, where staff engages with lakeside residents. The next lake engagement event is Saturday February 25th from 9 AM - 11 AM at Lake Berry. Gloria would like the board members to attend these events, especially as there is a KWPB table at each event. She also explained the Meet the Chain of Lakes event that occurred on February 16th at the Events Center. She said that there was a panel at the event with herself, Joey the lakes manager, FWC, Rollins College, and people from the Stormwater Division. She expressed that the residents asked good questions about lake issues and concerns. Gloria Eby was very proud of her team and all their efforts to make that event so wonderful.

(5) Non-Action Items

No non-action items.

(6) Action Items

No Action Items.

(7) Public Hearings

No Public Hearings.

(8) Board Comments and Green Minute

Kay Hudson shared that she attended the Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Green Schools Award Event and that the board received a certificate of appreciation.

Sara Miller shared that she got news from Orange County that they are starting to seek and process bids for the new MRF. This would not happen for at least 2-3 years, but it is happening. There was a bid prior to COVID, but that went away due to the pandemic. This will be a private-public partnership, so there will be a private entity on public property overseeing the MRF, which will help with recycling efforts. Kay Hudson brought up separating the number 5 plastics for PureCycle, which is still happening although slowly. They are struggling with their property in Winter Garden.

(9) Discussion for Upcoming Agenda Items

Stephen Pategas motioned to place Forest Michael's presentation on the April meeting agenda. Kay Hudson seconded and the motion passed.

(10) Adjournment

Stephen Pategas made a motion to adjourn and Kay Hudson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM.

Minutes approved the board on 04/18/2023.

/s/ Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor