



Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Minutes

January 18, 2022 at 11:45 a.m.

Virtual Meeting
Winter Park, Florida

Present

KWPB&S Advisory Board Members: Lynne Bachrach, Carey Bond, Ben Ellis, Catherine (Kay) Hudson, Stephen Pategas, Rosemary Salow

Absent: Danielle Flipse

City of Winter Park Staff: Clarissa Howard, Communications & Public Engagement Department Director; Gloria Eby, Natural Resources Department Director; Craig O'Neil, Communications & Public Engagement Assistant Director; Johnny Miller, Event Manager

Guest: Kris Stenger, Former City Employee

1. Call to Order

Chair Ben E. called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

Stephen Petegas made a motion to approve the November 16th, 2021 and November 19th, 2021 minutes, seconded by Carey Bond. Minutes were approved as presented.

3. Staff Updates

a. Introduction of Gloria Eby and Johnny Miller

Gloria took a couple minutes to introduce herself as well as her background. She came to us from Seminole County after 22 years as the Lakes Program Manager and Director of Mosquito Control. Clarissa also introduced Johnny Miller, he has been with the City for over 30 years and will be the Public Engagement and Outreach Event Manager.

b. Sustainability Program Manager Position

Gloria gave an update on the Sustainability Program Manager position. The position was posted and received 9-10 applications and will be moving forward with the City's **onboarding process**. The board asked some questions regarding the process. Staff is excited to get her staff assembled and ready to move forward.

c. Ordinance: Amending Chapter 62, regulating hours of use of domestic power tools and phasing out of gas-powered leaf blowers

Staff provided update on the approval of 2nd reading of the ordinance. The ordinance went into effect immediately. The two revisions that were made we also approved including the 30-month transition period. The original push was 36 months and that got dropped down to 30. The allowed hours of use of the gas-powered motors are Monday-Saturday 7am-6pm and Sundays 12pm-6pm. Educational news letter will be going out informing everyone of the new ordinance and what that means for residents and commercial operators.

d. Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) Status

Kris Stenger gave an update on the SAP. Prior to Vanessa's departure Kris and Vanessa were working getting very close to having the SAP ready to present other than getting into the Ready for 100 and how the City wanted to look into the feasibility of that. Commission decided to move the January workshop to later in the year, some commissioner had some comments but would not lean into what those could be. Gloria will be

working with the commissioners who had some concerns to see what we can do before we present to rest of the commission. The commission did say they wanted Gloria to be very involved in the update of the SAP.

e. Feasibility Study

Ben E asked about the discussion with the commission was to push off the feasibility study until later this year. Kris updated that he had a discussion with electric utility about OUC and the National Renewable Energy Lab to go over some potential to help us since OUC is one of our electric utility providers. And get some info from NREL on some proposals for grants through federal government. We are pushing forward and gathering information.

f. Energy Audits for City Facilities

Kris was able to grab some language from contracts that Orlando had used. Is marking up and working with Purchasing to develop a rough draft proposal to get out soon for RFP.

4. Public Comments (for items not on Agenda)

Mikayla Miller, Community Outreach Librarian at Winter Park Library, gave a quick update on the library. There have been some supply chain issues with shelving so the KWPB&S stock is all there just not fulling set up.

5. Non-Action Items

6. Action Items

a. Approve ad for February 2022 Winter Magazine issue

Clarissa shared the ad for Mixed Recycling. Board asked if there is any info on the ad sharing locations on where take the plastic. Lynne made suggestion on how to make some of the verbiage bold to see better. Some other questions regarding that Think Twice app and how to properly show it as an app on the flyer. Lynne motioned to approve flyer, second by Carey B.

b. Green School Grant Applications

Clarissa gave an update presentation about the applications received. Methodist School for Early Education, The Parke House Academy, Rollins College, Winter Park High School and Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool were among the applicants. The summary shows the projects and the amount of funding they have requested. Staff is recommending approval of the applications that were presented. Lynne was wondering if since all the applicants except Winter Park High School were considered private if staff needed to run it by the City Attorney. Clarissa did reassure that the private schools had already been vetted through the process and have received funding in the past. Carey asked about The Parke House Academy regarding since the \$400 they are requesting does not include the flights and hotels how is that being paid for or if that doesn't really pertain to us. Ben asked about some other schools who had applied in the past. Gloria gave a possibility that due to Covid some teachers are restricted on what they can do. Carey B motioned to approve the amount to \$400, second by Stephen P. Motion approved unanimously.

c. Earth Day/Household Hazardous Waste Event

Waste Pro has scheduled their household hazardous waste say for Saturday, April 23rd, 2022. Staff is suggesting to have Earth Day coincide with that day. Board worries that there might be some scheduling conflicts with various races held around that time. Johnny Miller let the board know that Run for the Tree's is scheduled for April 30th. He also gave the board different dates of events being held throughout the City. April 2nd is Dinner on the Avenue, 16th is Easter Weekend, 23rd Dog Fest in Central Park. Ben E opened up the discussion to the board about how they would like to see this year's event to go. Clarissa suggested making it more of an option of a walk-up instead of a drive through. Staff wanted to discuss the magnitude of the event the board would like to see. Steve mentioned to possibly having Earth Day and Household Hazardous drop off on two different days to help with the load. Ben E proposed to develop a sub-committee to build the Earth Day event and what he would like to see. Carey agreed with an outdoor event with different vendors and activities. Kay agreed with Ben in forming a Sub-committee. Ben, Kay and Carey volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

Board Comments

a. Green Minute

Rosemary mention Exxon Mobile announces ambition for net zero greenhouse admissions by 2050. She wasn't sure if she believed it or not but thought it was interesting and wanted to share.

Stephen presented a matter about street lights in his Orwin Manor neighborhood that date back to 1925 and are cast iron. The neighborhood is ready for an upgrade, and the City has a program can get new street lights if they vote and get assessed over a period of time to help pay for them. The sustainable part is that the lights are acorn type and are not dark sky compatible so there is quite a bit of light pollution. Stephen thinks the City should look at the neighborhoods and their age and make the lights historical context and work to have all the street lights dark sky compatible. A commissioner suggested he present it to the board for discussion. Stephen will put something together to present to the board for approval.

Adjournment

Stephen P. made a motion to adjourn at 12:50 p.m., seconded by Rosemary S. Next meeting is February 15, 2022.