

**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**  
**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING 2021-12**

Held on Tuesday, the 21st day of September 2021 at Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:04 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Lesley Byrd	Present
<b>VICE CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Khalilah A. Maragh	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Phillip Snyder	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Susan B. Connolly	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Randall Olszewski	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Susan Phillips	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Rebecca J. Ziegler	Present

**CITY STAFF:**

Britta Kellner, Special Projects Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Dr. Leesa Souto, Executive Director, Marine Resources Council**

Dr. Souto recognized West Melbourne City Council Member Daniel McDowell in attendance. Dr. Souto provided an overview of the Marine Resources Council (MRC) facility location, mission, and project plans to work with the city to develop a 30-year vision for the bayfront gateway area. Dr. Souto discussed MRC's public education and outreach efforts along with water quality projects performed for the City, and the endeavor to

establish a system of measurement for the health of the Indian River Lagoon (IRL.) An overview of the effects of stormwater and the degradation of the waters of the IRL was provided to the Board. Dr. Souto then offered a briefing concerning low impact development and how a community could implement strategies to mitigate the impact of stormwater and over-development and discussed and provided examples of the importance of planning ahead of development rather than trying to correct for conventional design components which contributed to pollution.

Strategies were offered for low impact development and recharging the groundwater supply along with the importance of low impact development (LID) focused site planning and incentives as well as barriers to LIDs such as common misconceptions, misunderstandings and regulatory environments. It was proposed that the City of Palm Bay could be a leader in LID as much of the city had yet to be built out. Participation was encouraged for the upcoming MRC/LID Conference to be held in late October. Dr. Souto responded to questions posed by board members.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

##### **1. Regular Meeting 2021-11; August 25, 2021**

Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Vice-Chair Maragh, to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. 2020 Sustainability Action Plan Discussion**

Chairperson Byrd opened the discussion for the Board to consider next steps for action plan implementation. Board members proposed various goals and objectives they believed were important to move the plan forward. The Board asked for staff direction and recommendations from the City Manager as to how to proceed. The City Manager's guidance obtained by staff in preparation for the Board meeting included the suggestion that the Board pick three priorities and work on action steps to achieve each one.

The Board considered how to carry out the City Manager's recommendations and bring forth ideas to implement.

Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that new business on the next agenda would reflect that the Board would undertake implementation planning only for water systems and transportation and mobility. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the interest in sharing research notes with other Board Members and it was confirmed that those documents could be provided to staff by the deadline of Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for agenda preparation for distribution with the agenda when published.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL)**

Staff provided upcoming meeting dates. Brad Smith, from Brevard Natural Resources, would be the guest speaker in December. Speakers for future meetings were being planned. Staff reminded the Board that the art contest was ending in November.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:09 P.M.

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Lesley Byrd, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Britta Kellner, Special Projects Manager