

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2021-13

Held on Wednesday, the 27th day of October 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:

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

CITY STAFF:

Britta Kellner, Special Projects Manager; Kristin Suros, Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2021-12; September 21, 2021

Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Ms. Ziegler, to adopt the minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Sustainability Plan – Implementation**
 - a. Water Systems**

Chairperson Byrd opened the discussion for the Board to share their priorities they would like to see implemented. Board members came to a consensus to present to council as follows:

Expand capture of storm water through use of rain barrels by partnering with the Marine Resources Council and Indian River Lagoon organizations. Hold educational events to provide low-cost materials and free workshops for citizens to do the same.

Look for land that could qualify for protection under the Florida Forever program. Seek to partner with The Nature Conservancy and the Audubon Society to expand the size of protected tracts of land by purchasing adjacent parcels.

Work with residents to provide opportunities and incentives to switch from septic tanks to city sewer and from wells to city water.

Set new standards for construction and development to manage stormwater on site using planned wetlands and marshes rather than retention ponds.

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.

Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Ms. Phillips, that these would be the priorities to focus on, report to council as main objectives of concern, and to request status at next board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Transportation/Mobility

Board members came to an agreement about which issues to present to council as follows:

Replace aging City owned vehicles with electric alternative vehicles.

Commit to being a leader in the state of Florida in the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at all city buildings, facilities, and parks, and using solar canopies to provide renewable energy for electric vehicle charging when applicable.

Identify City Right-of-Ways that could significantly shorten walking/bicycling distances if repurposed for public use. Make sidewalks more user friendly by plantings trees for shade.

For existing roadways, create designated lanes for bicyclists with a Jersey barrier or similar. For new roadways, plan and design a green space to separate vehicles from cyclists.

Motion by Ms. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Olszewski, that these would be the priorities to focus on, report to council as main objectives of concern, and to request status at next board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

c. November 16th, 2021, new business agenda item(s)

Staff discussed agenda items to be presented at next board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Ms. Ziegler, to recap priorities set forth for Land and Water Systems as well as Transportation and Mobility at the November meeting, as well as to focus the agenda on Innovative Waste Management. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL)

- A previously recorded presentation of the vulnerability assessment process would be introduced by East Central Florida Regional Planning Council at the November 16th meeting.
- An update to the art contest would be given on November 16th with an agenda item included as necessary.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 P.M.

Lesley Byrd, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Britta Kellner, Special Projects Manager