

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2022-08

Held on Wednesday, the 24th day of August 2022 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 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Lesley Byrd	Absent
VICE CHAIRPERSON:	Phillip Snyder	Present
MEMBER:	Kevin Smith	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	---
MEMBER:	Rebecca J. Ziegler	Present
MEMBER:	Logan Luse	Absent
MEMBER:	Susan B. Connolly	Present

CITY STAFF:

Joan Junkala-Brown, Deputy City Manager; Kristin Suros, Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Rebecca Ziegler and Jane Higgins – Florida Native Plant Society

Ms. Higgins led a very informative talk based upon a discussion presented by Dr. Doug Tellamy about native plants and their importance for our ecosystem. The basis was that every neighborhood needed to have more native plants. Utilizing native plants in turn helped insects and animals thrive versus many ornamental plant variations that were typically chosen for landscaping.

Ms. Higgins answered questions from the board about the organization and what native plants were used or seen in Palm Bay.

2. Natalie Shaber, Engineer III, Public Works Department – Voluntary Low Impact Development

Ms. Shaber presented an introduction and an overall summary of the City of Palm Bay's Low Impact Development Manual draft. The discussion was presented to the board to increase their understanding and awareness of what the City had been doing to increase sustainable development.

Ms. Shaber concluded her presentation with an invitation to the board to review the draft LID incentive matrix created for developers that chose to adopt LID standards. If there were any questions or ideas for the matrix, Ms. Shaber would gladly consider them.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2022-07; July 27, 2022

The minutes were not adopted at this time and would be scheduled for adoption at the next regular meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Update on Sustainability Task Force (Vice Chair Snyder)

Mr. Snyder provided an update from the Sustainability Task Force meeting that was held on August 23rd. The main topic of discussion was to make some decisions about the board's proposed Sustainability Fair. A tentative date for April 15th, 2023, was mentioned and a timeframe of possibly 5-9pm to include a more convenient time for families and a movie. Other ideas expressed were a "thrift shop clothing fashion show", cornhole competition with a prize (to be determined), a do-it-yourself sustainable craft demonstration, performance(s) by children choir/band from local school(s), and a speaker to make a presentation. Lastly, there was interest in attempting to have the fair at City Hall and questions were posed as to what it would be involved.

Note: The Board considered the following item that was not reflected on the agenda.

2. Consideration of Agenda Items for September’s Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

Motion by Ms. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Smith, to include the following items on the September agenda: a) selection of a board representative to attend the Indian River Lagoon Day on November 5th, 2022; and b) discussion of the Low Impact Development (LID) ordinance incentives matrix that was presented by Ms. Shaber. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board resumed consideration of the items as shown on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

3. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL).

Mrs. Junkala-Brown announced the following events:

- A. Indian River Lagoon Health Update- August 31, 2022, at 5:30 P.M., 8501 Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, Florida (free event). Visit Marine Resource Council website to register.
- B. Palm Bay Clean Up Blitz on September 9, 2022, from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. (various locations in Palm Bay). Visit www.pbfl.org/CleanUpBlitz to register.
- C. The International Coastal Cleanup on September 17, 2022 from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Visit the Marine Resource Council website to participate locally.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 P.M.

Phillip Snyder, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kristin Suros, Board Secretary