

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2023-01

Held on Wednesday, the 25th day of January 2023 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 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY STAFF:

Suzanne Sherman, City Manager; Kristin Suros, Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

Carlos Cuevas, Stormwater Outreach Coordinator with Brevard County, He came to discuss the possibility of holding a rain barrel workshop at the Sustainability Fair on April 15, 2023. He discussed the grant program that it is being made possible through Brevard County and explained what the workshop would include.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2022-11; November 21, 2022

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Selection of a new Board Vice Chair

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Ziegler, to select Logan Luse as Vice Chair.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Native plant test garden discussion

The Board discussed the possibility of starting a demonstration garden on city property that would include only native plants. Members discussed potential locations that would benefit having a garden, as well as the main purpose of the garden and best management practices. Lastly, the Board considered how funding and labor would be handled.

Motion by Ms. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Luse, that Ms. Higgins would be the point of contact on behalf of the Board to discuss the garden and its progress, and to provide progress updates at each future Board meeting.

3. Sustainability Fair Discussion

The Board reviewed for ideas surrounding the Sustainability Fair that would be held April 15th, 2023. The main focus was solidifying the time of day it would start and the types of vendors and groups the Board wanted to see participating at the fair. Ms. Sherman proposed submitting vendor ideas, contacts, etc. to Ms. Suros by Wednesday, February 8th. Based on information collected and discussions with city personnel, an update would be given at the Board's February meeting.

Motion by Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Luse, to include focal points after the Sustainability Fair event.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL)

Board members discussed various events happening in neighboring cities and also within the City of Palm Bay at the end of January and beginning of February 2023.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33 P.M.

Phillip Snyder, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kristin Suros, Board Secretary