

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2023-02

Held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February 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 6:12 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY STAFF:

Kristin Suros, Board Secretary

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2023-01; January 25, 2023

This item was considered after Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION:

1. FPL Solar Program – Michele Murrell, FPL External Affairs

Daniel Brankin and Michele Murrell, Florida Power and Light (FPL), gave a presentation on FPL's clean energy practices. They highlighted items currently in motion: solar energy, power plant modernization, as well as goals and items they were currently striving for in

the near future, such as the “Real Zero” goal that involved decarbonizing their power plant fleet by 2045. Mr. Brankin and Ms. Murrell responded to questions posed by board members.

The adoption of minutes was considered at this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2023-02; February 22, 2023

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Native plant test garden updates

Ms. Higgins advised of possible grants that were available to explore, if applicable. Ms. Suros provided an update for the board and explained a walkthrough would be planned with members of the Parks and Facilities Department staff and locations for the garden were still being explored.

2. Sustainability Fair Updates

Ms. Suros provided a list of vendors and organizations that had expressed their interest in participating in the fair. She confirmed demonstrations that were on the agenda for the fair which included a rain barrel workshop and discussions about home gardening and composting by Kay Maragh.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Higgins, to add an update to electric vehicle progress by the city at the March 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL)

Board members discussed events happening in Palm Bay in the upcoming month, which included Trash Bash 2023 on April 1st, starting at 8 a.m., at selected collection sites. Registration for volunteers would be processed through Ms. Suros.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37 P.M.

Phillip Snyder, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kristin Suros, Board Secretary