

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2023-03

Held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March 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:	Logan Luse	Present
MEMBER:	Kevin Smith	Present
MEMBER:	Jane Higgins	Present
MEMBER:	Rebecca Ziegler	Present
MEMBER:	Susan Connolly	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	---

CITY STAFF:

Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2023-03; March 22, 2023

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION:

1. Carib Brewery-Juan Romer, Supply Chain Manager

Mr. Romero discussed the brewery's sustainability practices. The brewery was involved in wastewater treatment practices and recycled 50,000 gallons of water per week. Carib Brewery recycled one ton of solid waste and also had an incentive program for returning empty bottles. Mr. Romero's presentation was followed by a question and answer session with members of the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Native Plant test garden updates

Ms. Higgins provided an update on the progress of the native plant test garden. She stated she recently had a discussion with a landscaper and talked about ideas on how to proceed with the project. There were also some grants that could be explored and a test garden in Indian River County that could possibly be used as a model. Ms. Sherman stated she was open to ideas, and the next step was to select a location for the garden. A favorable spot would be at City Hall near Council Chambers. The focus could be a smaller scale to start. The board agreed the main focus of the garden could be education and identifying to homeowners the importance of native plants in their yard. Lastly, it was mentioned resources may be available through the University of Florida and the Pelican Island Audubon Society.

2. Sustainability Fair updates

Ms. Sherman provided an updated list of the vendors that were planning to attend the fair or have already confirmed their availability. She commented about the board attending the fair and the possibility of setting up their own table to discuss outreach for the board.

3. EV updates

Ms. Sherman advised that the first electric vehicle (EV) truck had been purchased and would be incorporated into the Building Department fleet in the near future. She said an order had been placed for eleven (11) hybrids and that an EV charging station was going to be installed at City Hall, and another may also be installed at one of the

community centers. Ms. Higgins asked to include city updates at future meetings for EV or any other sustainable efforts when possible.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL)

Ms. Connolly mentioned the April 6th Council meeting that would highlight a proclamation for Sustainability Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:34 P.M.

Phillip Snyder, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kristin Suros, Secretary