

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING 2023-09

Held on Wednesday, the 27th day of September 2023, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Public Works Department located at 1050 Malabar Road, SW, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by, Chairperson Phillip Snyder, at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY STAFF:

Suzanne Sherman, City Manager; Christeen Sullivan, Construction Project Manager; Ashley Hammond, Public Works Assets Management Specialist.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

1. Stephen Sharkey, Marine Resources Council, spoke about an upcoming conference in Rockledge from October 19-20, 2023, at the Center for Collaboration. The Babcock Ranch Designer would be speaking and there would be vendors present regarding stormwater practices.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Indian River Lagoon Council – Heather Stapleton**

Ms. Stapleton provided an overview of grants being offered through the Indian River Lagoon Estuary Program. Grant requests must fall in the “32 Healthy Lagoon Priorities”. Grants would only be given if the project had a direct impact on the lagoon. The Program also offered grant writing and had a grant writer on staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Please note that the item numbering on the agenda was incorrect.

1. Staffing Update.

Ms. Sherman advised of staffing changes for the Sustainability Board and Stormwater. Christeen Sullivan and Ashley Hammond from the Public Works Department would be assisting the Board.

2. Native Plant Demo Garden Update.

Ms. Higgins provided an update on the Native Plant Demo design and grant funding. The plan for the timeline of solarization of the area would be in October, which would take approximately two (2) months, followed by planting around January. The City was seeking more plants to fill in empty areas.

3. City Sustainability Effort Updates.

Ms. Sherman provided the following updates:

- Noted the completion of two (2) baffle boxes with a ribbon cutting to be scheduled in the future at Goode Park. She advised of the past groundbreaking of five (5) baffle boxes at Pollak Park Boat Ramp. The City was also actively working on six (6) additional baffle boxes for the Indian River Lagoon shoreline in the Bayfront area.
- Septic to Sewer projects were actively occurring and the mandatory connection ordinance was scheduled for considered by City Council on October 19, 2023.
- Two (2) projects from the Turkey Creek Feasibility Study would be moving forward.
- The opening of the electric vehicle chargers at City Hall was pending a vendor and fee agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Sustainability Fair 2024 discussion.

Ms. Sherman confirmed the event would be held on Saturday March 30, 2024, at Tony Rosa Community Center. She asked board members to assist with obtaining vendors. Staff would advise on the number of available spaces inside and outside of the venue and requested an item on future agendas for Sustainability Fair Vendor Updates.

2. Upcoming meetings/events of interest.

There were no reports under this item.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Phillip Snyder, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Christeen Sullivan, Recorder