# THE CITY OF WINTER PARK KEEP WINTER PARK BEAUTIFUL AND SUSTAINABLE

Regular Meeting City Hall, 401 Park Ave. S. October 17, 2017 11:45am

#### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Mary Dipboye, Natalie Hellman, Sally Miller, Stephen Pategas, Bruce Thomas, Ellen Wolfson, Nora Miller (by phone)

Absent: Ben Ellis

**City of Winter Park Staff:** Kris Stenger, Building and Sustainability Manager; Vanessa Balta Cook, Building & Sustainability Planner

Guests: Bryan Erickson, WastePro; Jeff Stanford, WastePro; Jody Lazar, WP Library

**CALL TO ORDER:** V.Ch. Wolfson called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

#### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

# **Approval of Minutes**

Sally M. made a motion to approve September 19, 2017 minutes. Stephen P. seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

## **Citizen Comments:**

Jody L. provided information on two upcoming events being hosted by the WP Library: Cultural Gems of Winter Park Bicycle Tour, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am; Don't Pitch It, Fix It!, Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-5pm.

# **Staff Report:**

Staff report was emailed to board members. Following Bryan E.'s presentation Kris S. discussed the slight increase in solid waste rates that was approved by the commission to help cover the cost of the increased cost of recycling. He also mentioned the upcoming Orlando Region Waste Impact Workshop (Beyond 34) may provide some answers on where we can send recyclables, as well as that John N. is working on collecting waste haulers' reports. There was also discussion on Rollins future direction with recycling (e.g., Covanta). Vanessa briefly discussed the 2018 Green School Grant additional funding available for teachers to receive the USGBC Green Classroom Professional Certificate (https://www.usgbc.org/classroom/gcp). Potential for allotting more of the budget to this. Board asked staff to confirm if this would count toward teachers' continuing education requirements. Kris provided a recap of his meeting with Tinker LLC (http://tinkerprograms.com/). Approximately \$150.00 per classroom, includes complete access to all teaching materials, including streaming video content, virtual labs, on-line assessments, hands-on activities, PowerPoint lessons, and more. This also covers the enrollment and outreach process to reach out to each teacher and actively engage them to participate and follow through with the program. Optional kits are also available (\$15.99/student). As of 10/23/17 Tinker is was working on creating a formal proposal. Kris S. provided an update on what was approved in the city's budget: \$250,000 for solar to be placed on city facilities, \$25,000 for KWPB, and \$25,000 from WastePro Franchise Agreement. Staff looking for input from the board on 2018 budget priorities. Kris S. discussed the electric utility's rate increase and what trends (e.g., increased energy efficiency and conservation) influenced that rate increase (Peter Moore, WP Budget & Performance Measurement Manager would be able to give more details on this). Some members of the Utilities Advisory Board

have expressed interest in solar. Kris requested that an agenda for a joint UAB/KWPB&S meeting be drafted. Vanessa B.C. provided a brief overview of volunteer hours from watershed cleanups and exotic snail removals. Staff reviewed draft 2018 budget and potential projects. Board requested an estimate for implementing recycling bins in city facilities.

## 2. ACTION

None.

## 3. INFORMATIONAL

# a. Green Minute

Ellen W. shared a story from yesterday's paper that described a program where children were given an oyster to take care of and the environmental education opportunity it created.

# b. KWPB – Status Report KWPB&S

Stephen P. provided a recap of last WP Blooms Meeting. College Quarter Quiet Zone has been delayed again, now looking at end of 2019. WPB is working on getting a container contest going for Park Avenue, Fairbanks Ave, & New England Avenue. Also working on a Caladium Photo Contest to be held in conjunction with Caladium Sales. Stephen P. provided a recap of the AIB Symposium: Winter Park achieved the Five Bloom Rating, recognized for environmental efforts, and special award "Coolest Downtown."

## c. Sustainability Action Plan

Report from Board Members: Following Bryan E's presentation, board members discussed a recycling awareness campaign in public spaces (e.g., "Winter Park Recycles" signage at city parks with details on what we recycle) and public schools, as well as the need for a comprehensive plan on how recycle bins should be set up in public facilities (e.g., waste next to recycle receptacles). Sally M. suggested a campaign with schools where a different item is targeted for recycling (e.g., crayons) each month. Stephen P. suggested the collection could be done at Earth Day.

Ben E. was unable to make the board meeting but provided his status report via email. He is working toward identifying future sites (e.g., city parks) for rain gardens to help educate the public. Stephen P. reported he is interested in working on a recycling education pilot project at Orwin Manor with WastePro, creating a plan for WP parks recycling labeling & signage, and having recycling education and targeted recycling item drop off booth at Earth Day. Looking for inventive ideas for how to provide recycling education in a fun and effective way (e.g., recycling right contest on stage).

# d. Finance

Discussed during staff report.

#### e. Report from Waste Pro

Bryan Erickson, regional fleet specialist for WastePro, presented on Fleetmind Project (service verification program using RFID technology). Discussion included description of project, potential data that can be pulled (e.g., has the can been picked up; recycling participation), data that can be projected (e.g., volume), initial technical issues (e.g., antennas on trucks), and a review of live data from Fleetmind Website. Bryan E. mentioned that his field visits indicate that most residents are placing their items *inside* containers. Additionally, he clarified that the carts nor the trucks are able to take exact weight/volume measurements of what is inside the cart, however, they are able to, based on how often trucks visit the landfill and the tipping fee/weight, estimate the average volume per area (~1000 homes). Still are working on fine-tuning the system and working with Fleetmind to create more report types that are easy to read. Hoping mid-next year system will be running at 90%

accuracy. Stephen P. mentioned Orwin Manor pilot program he has been working on, Bryan said we do have data but will need to get together with him to make sure they can make sense of it for the particular project. The Board stated that they would like to hear from Operations on contamination. Bryan E. said he would help coordinate bringing someone from WastePro's Operations Team to provide information on contamination. Bryan Erickson can be contacted at <a href="mailto:berickson@wasteprousa.com">berickson@wasteprousa.com</a>.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Agenda Requests/Announcements/Action Items: Board requested someone from WastePro present on contamination at upcoming meeting. Board requested Raymond Randall, recycling expert from WasteManagement, be asked to speak at an upcoming board meeting. Staff looking for input from the board on 2018 budget. Next board meeting, board members should be prepared to share some goals, responsibilities and resources on the priorities they discussed.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Action Items
- b. Evaluate Meeting
  - What worked:
  - What didn't work:

Stephen P. made a motion to adjourn at 1:10 p.m., seconded by Sally M. Next meeting Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:45am at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa A. Balta Cook Recording Secretary