

# Keep Winter Park Beautiful and Sustainable Advisory Board Virtual Regular Meeting

## **Minutes**

January 19, 2021 at 11:45 a.m.

#### **Present**

KWPB&S Advisory Board Members: Ben Ellis, Carey Bond, Clark Sprinkel, Danielle Flipse, Ellen Wolfson, Rosemary Salow, Stephen Pategas

City of Winter Park Staff: Kris Stenger, Sustainability Manager; Vanessa Balta, Sustainability Planner; Agnieszka Tarnawska, Sustainability Assistant

#### **Absent**

None

## Meeting called to order

Ben Ellis called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m.

#### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

## **Approval of minutes**

Motion made by Stephen P. to approve December 15, 2020 minutes. Rosemary S. seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Citizen Comments**

None.

### Staff Report

Staff report was emailed to board members. Vanessa B. provided updates on the green school grant application (deadline extended 2 weeks for more applicants), next SAP work session (2/23 with Planning & Zoning), residents following up on recent recycling mailer, 2021 sponsors (Winter Park Garden Club-\$1,000 received, and Fannie Hillman Bus Stop Ads will be renewed, and single use product policy implementation (board staff liaison webinar, Farmers Market vendor memo). Kris S. provided a brief updated on the EV Readiness Ordinance, it will be taken to the Commission in February (1st meeting).

#### 2. ACTIONS TAKEN

None.

#### 3. INFORMATIONAL

#### Earth Day

Staff provided update on site visit to Mead and decision to hold Household Hazardous Waste event portion of drive thru event at Denning Drive/Palmetto Avenue scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am-Noon. Shredding, E-Waste Collection, Tree Giveaway and Take-Home giveaways would occur at the same time at Mead on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Board members will help at Mead. Board agreed starting virtual talks on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and keeping the Earth Month

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momentum until the May 22<sup>nd</sup> would be important to making the connection between the drive thru event and Earth Day in promo materials.

## Sustainability Action Plan Update Discussion

Kris S. provided a brief update on past work session and plans to get more feed to the community survey. Board is pleased with level of engagement of all the boards at the work sessions.

#### **Green Minute**

Vanessa B. mentioned a market vendor that was interested in a "biodegradable" bag and the misinformation related to these kinds of bags that had been brought up in a previous presentation by Agnieszka T.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

## Agenda Requests/Announcements/Action Items

Clark S. followed up on the citizen comment from the last work session on artificial turf. Staff and board members briefly discussed the pros/cons and confirmed that it had been brought to the Parks Director's attention.

Clark S. asked for further discussion on policies/programs that would encourage energy and water efficiency in new construction, specifically referencing the rebate programs of the Water and Wastewater Utility that favor retrofits and exclude new construction. Staff will be following up with the W/WW Utility.

Rosemary S. mentioned West Palm Beach's rain barrel program and if this might be a useful addition to the City's sustainability initiatives. Vanessa B. explained it has been considered in the past but lack of storage as well effectiveness/usefulness/interest in the program for our community might be limited. Rosemary S. also asked if there was education being provided on planting with natives. Vanessa B. mentioned that a lot of the education on this comes from UF/IFAS Extension Orange County, their upcoming classes on Florida Friendly Landscaping were promoted to the Sustainability e-list.

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

#### **Action Items**

Clark S. made a motion to adjourn at 1:02 p.m., seconded by Stephen P. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

## **Evaluate Meeting**

What Worked/What Didn't Work:

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa A. Balta Recording Secretary

Approved by Board on February 16, 2021

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