MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Robinson, Chair; Stephen Pategas, Vice Chair; Lucy Roberts, Martha McHenry, Mary Dipboye, John Rife, Julia Tensfeldt, Raymond Randall, Kent Tse, Pat Schoknecht, Carol Kostick

Members Absent: Myriam Garzon, Laura Walda, Joseph Robillard

City of Winter Park Staff: Tim Maslow (Sustainability Coordinator), Debbie Wilkerson (Recording Secretary), Brendan O’Connor (Volunteer Coordinator)

Guests: Richard Geller

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bob Robinson called the April 11, 2013, meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Administrative Items

Approval of Minutes:
Chm Robinson asked for approval of the minutes from the March 13, 2013, regular meeting. Motion by Mr. Pategas to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Roberts. The March 13, 2013, minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 11-0.

Cady Way Bike Lane Presentation
Mr. Richard Geller presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Cady Way Protected Bike Lane. It included expected new sidewalks, condition of current sidewalks, value of painting bike lanes green, cost of painting, possibility of eliminating bike lane on south side of Cady way and turning the north side into a two-way protected bike lane, information on why protected bike lanes are safer, cities with protected bike lanes, Pedestrian/Bicycle Board support and a request for funding from KWPB&S. Mr. Geller responded to questions. After discussion in which several members express support for the bike lane, motion by Ms. Schoknecht that the Board support that the creation of the Cady Way Protected Bike Lane near Brookshire Elementary falls under the Sustainability Action Plan, motion seconded by Mr. Randall, motion carried unanimously by a vote of 11-0

Carol Kostick, new member, introduced herself and provided a brief history of her experience and City involvement.

2. Action Items

Greenspace Grants
Mr. Maslow presented the Greenspace Grants:
- Temple Grove Court - $1,180, Mr. Maslow gave details of the grant. Carolyn Cabal, 1307 Temple Grove Ct and Janice Albrecht, 1308 Temple Grove Ct. spoke in favor of the grant and responded to questions. Mr. Maslow recommended approval with drought tolerant plants and residents handling the maintenance and watering. After discussion motion by Mr. Tse to table approval of the grant while
ownership of the property is identified, seconded by Mr. Rife, motion carried unanimously 10 -0 with Ms. Roberts abstaining because it is in her neighborhood. Ms. Dipboye left at 6:15

- Post Office - $1,500 (annual) Mr. Maslow reviewed the history of the Post Office landscaping. Request for federal assistance for the Post Office was denied. He recommends KWPB&S fund one half of the maintenance. Bill Neidlinger spoke in favor of the grant and responded to questions. Discussion ensued regarding, setting precedence for funding federal property, revising parameters of greenspace grants, funding maintenance vs. creating, benefits of funding larger projects, liability, and community involvement. Motion by Mr. Pategas to table approval of the grant while addition concerns are addressed seconded by Mr. Robinson, motion carried unanimously 10 -0.

- East King Way - $3,000, Mr. Maslow recommended approval of this grant up to the maximum funding of $3,000. Mr. Maslow explained that the grant was approved last year, but project was postponed until some city improvements were completed. Parks Dept. has committed to irrigation and maintenance. Residents have a 20% commitment to the project. After discussion Ms. Tensfeldt moved approval of the grant, seconded by Mr. Tse, motion carried unanimously 10-0.

- Quail Hollow – $3,000, Mr. Maslow stated that this grant needs to be postponed due to issues with irrigation. They are seeking a grant from Orange County that will cover the cost of irrigation and request again in the next grant cycle.

- The Park at Orwin Manor -$917.60, Mr. Pategas provided details of the grant and responded to questions. After discussion Mr. Robinson moved approval of the grant, seconded by Ms. Roberts, motion carried unanimously 10-0, with Mr. Pategas abstaining because it is in his neighborhood.

**Green School Grants**

Ms. Roberts presented Green School Grants. Mr. Tse expressed his concern with rewarding schools outside the City limits of Winter Park since the Board’s mission is to benefit the City. Ms. Roberts responded that the same comment had been expressed before but what some people may not realize is that Winter Park children go to schools that are outside the City.

She also suggested, since not criteria for the grants had been established, that it would be beneficial to develop a criteria for the Green School Grants prior to addressing the current requests for approval. She commented that there were two purposes for the Green School Grants The first: “The purpose of Green School Grants is to encourage and empower Winter Park schools to adopt practices of sustainability by recognizing and rewarding green school efforts and programs, the second purpose was to encourage children and their families to attend the Earth Day Event.” She next addressed eligibility, schools that are eligible are public and private Winter Park grades pre-k -12 schools, private schools must be within the city limits of Winter Park, public schools must be within the school districts for Winter Park. Discussion ensued regarding determining schools eligibility and school curriculum.

Ms. Roberts moved that the Board approve the above criteria for the Green School Grants, Mr. Tse seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding approving all 2013
grants, including Orange County Schools in criteria discussion, criteria not included on grant application, previous discussion and approval. Ms. Roberts withdrew her motion.

Mr. Pategas moved to fund all 2013 green school grants, except Lake Sybellia, and develop a criteria in time for the next grant cycle, seconded by Ms. McHenry, motion carried unanimously by a vote of 10-0.

The following schools with received $200 Green School Grants: All Saints School, Aloma Elementary School, Audubon Park Elementary School, Dommerich Elementary, The Geneva School, Killarney Elementary School, Lakemont Elementary, Monarch Learning Academy, and Winter Park Day Nursery

3. New Business

Sustainability Action Plan
Due to time constrains SAP will be discussed at May meeting.

4. Chair Report:
Chm. Robinson recognized members for updates.

Earth Day/Event Update:
Mr. O’Connor commented that KWPB&S has 3 big events upcoming.
1. Lk Virginia scuba clean-up will be based out of Dinky Dock. Volunteers will be cleaning up the whole lake and 4 Rivers is donating 50 free lunches.
2. He also reported on Earth Day preparations. He explained that several vendors had cancelled or revised their participation including Radio Disney, Clean the World and the petting zoo. He also reviewed various events that will take place at the event.
3. Lk Baldwin clean-up, partnering with Keep Orlando Beautiful. Large groups of volunteers are expected.

He requested help getting restaurants to provide Earth Day friendly menus or take-out meals.

Taste of Winter Park
Shirts are being printed and Ms. Walda has all volunteers she needs.

Mr. Rife provided an update of City of Orlando’s Chicken Pilot Project. He stated that it is going well. The program went before the Municipal Planning Board who added additional homes and raised the number of chickens a household could have from 3 to 4. Discussion ensued regarding when to contact Rachel Whited to make another presentation and the possibility of inviting a City of Orlando representative to speak to the Board.

Mr. Randall reported on the strategic planning meetings to increase waste diversion and recycling. They are developing a plan to increase the diversion rate including incentivizing residents, improving convenience, increasing capacity, and the importance of getting the Commission to support the program. They are also working on developing a generic speech to be used at Commission meetings. The Board discussed speaking before the City Commission including members speaking for the Board as opposed to speaking as an individual, presenting the SAP in part or the whole, speaking at a Commission meeting vs. meeting with individual commissioners, information vs. taking action, community involvement
Ms. Roberts left at 7:12

Mr. Randall moved to present to the City Commission an introduction to the Sustainability Action Plan with additional presentations to the Commission as each section is reviewed and approved by the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the best way to present sustainability information and the Board’s expectations from the Commission. Motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Rife left at 7:25

**America in Bloom (AIB) (Winter Park Blooms):**
Mr. Pategas updated the Board on the status of AIB. The community profile is in process. City staff is working on the profile. He is working on developing the judge’s itinerary; please feel free to contact him with suggestions. Rick Frazee, Mt Vernon Inn, has donated 4 room nights for the judges. The judging will take place May 2 and 3.

5. **Adjournment**
Chm. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting is May 9, 2013, 5:30 pm., at the Welcome Center, 151 West Lyman Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

**Debbie Wilkerson**

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Recording Secretary
Approved 5/0/13