

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

**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall, 401 Park Ave. S.

**September 19, 2017**  
**11:45am**

**MINUTES**

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**Present:** Mary Dipboye, Ben Ellis, Natalie Hellman, Sally Miller, Stephen Pategas, Bruce Thomas, Nora Miller

**Absent:** Ellen Wolfson

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

**Guests:** Nate Boyd, Hanson Professional Services; Jody Lazar, WP Library; Curtis Ostrodka, VHB; Pat Schoknecht, Rollins College

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

## **1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **Member Introduction**

Members and new KWPB&S Advisory Board member Natalie Hellman introduced herself.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Bruce T. made a motion to approve August 15, 2017 minutes. Mary D. seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

### **Citizen Comments:**

Nate B. provided date/time/location information for the City of Orlando's upcoming Green Works Community Action Plan Update workshop.

### **Staff Report:**

Staff report was emailed to board members. Kris S. provided an update on his communication with OUC regarding solar, waiting to hear back on specifics on rate structure. He added that community solar program (e.g., on city facilities) is still in city's budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading next week, hopes to provide more updates in the coming months. Kris S. provided a brief overview of the SolSmart Workshop that occurred on August 29<sup>th</sup> and progress toward Sol-Smart designation (Vanessa B.C. provided board members with presentations on 9/18/17). Vanessa B.C. and Agnieszka T. provided a brief presentation on city facility energy and water usage being benchmarked on Energy Star Portfolio Manager. Vanessa B.C. provided a quick overview of Green Restaurant Recognition programs. Kris S. provided a brief overview of how Hurricane Irma debris is being collected. He will check for the specifics on what is happening to the tree debris (9/22/17 Keri Martin confirmed tree debris will be mulched and taken to FDEP permitted vegetative debris sites). He also discussed city communication during Hurricane Irma and asked that board members send him any questions, comments, suggestions, and ideas that they would like him to share at upcoming emergency management meetings. Kris S. also explained that WastePro is continuing to have issues with Fleetmind, they will be presenting at the next meeting. Stephen P. mentioned that yard waste stickers are starting to fail.

## **2. ACTION**

None.

### 3. INFORMATIONAL

#### a. Green Minute

Pat S. provided date/time/location information for meeting being arranged by Rollins College Sustainable Ideas Orlando student organization and Tesla on current energy issues.

#### b. KWPB – Status Report KWPB&S

Stephen P. provided a recap of last WP Blooms Meeting. Will be taking a year off from AIB after doing it for 6 years in a row. Will continue with Caladium Bulb Sales and Volunteer Appreciation Event. Will be planning mulch/soil removal workdays, will need to choose dates that work with Parks and Recreation (October- December) and recruit volunteers. Stephen P. also shared that he is working on updating the environmental efforts section of the AIB evaluation report, requested Board review not-for-distribution draft of judging criteria.

#### c. Sustainability Action Plan

Ben E. opened up discussion on SAP and setting board priorities. Sally M. mentioned she is interested increasing education and outreach regarding City's recycling program. Stephen P. reminded the board that he would be willing to have his neighborhood be a pilot program for recycling education. Kris S. brought up challenges related to dearth of composting and recycling facilities and increased cost of recycling. Pat S. suggested regional planning that could help support these systems. Nate B. commented that the City of Orlando's primary focus in their sustainability plan was municipal operations so that the savings could then be used to support other sustainability programs. Mary D. would like to encourage programs that reduce fossil fuel usage (e.g., transportation, energy, etc.), increase renewable energy usage, and getting us closer to SAP goals on renewable energy usage. Nora M. also interested in working on recycling issues (e.g., is there somewhere else we should be sending our recycling? Other diversion methods we should be considering?) Pat S. mentioned Rollins parallel interest in increasing composting. Bruce T. is also on board with prioritizing recycling, he is also interested in continuing to be a part of Earth Day planning. Natalie H. is interested in working with Rollins community on recycling and waste diversion issues. Ben E. is interested in focusing more on green infrastructure and stormwater management (e.g., rain gardens). Stephen P. suggested green infrastructure be installed at City Parks (partnership) and potential educational opportunities that could arise. Sally M. also suggested that we try to centralize our information on the website. Vanessa B.C. asked that board members visit our sustainability program page and provide comments/suggestions/updates for the website. Ben E. asked that board members start thinking about goals, responsibilities and resources needed to move forward. Stephen P. suggested under the Sustainability Action Plan portion of the agenda each member provide a quick status report.

#### d. Finance

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Agenda Requests/Announcements/Action Items:** 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