

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

Regular Meeting
City Hall, 401 Park Ave. S.

March 20, 2018
11:45am

MINUTES

Present: Natalie Hellman, Stephen Pategas, Bruce Thomas, Ellen Wolfson, Nora Miller

Absent: Mary Dipboye, Ben Ellis, Sally Miller

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

Guests: Patrick Walsh, Covanta

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Ch. Wolfson called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

Stephen P. made a motion to approve February 20, 2018 minutes. Bruce T. seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Citizen Comments:

None.

Staff Report:

Staff report was emailed to board members. Kris S. reported that board member Mary D. and Deidre Macnab of the League of Women Voters of Florida would be urging the KWPB&S Advisory Board to recommend to the Winter Park City Commission a commitment to 100% renewable energy, similar to the City of Orlando's goals of 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030 and community-wide 100% clean electricity by 2050; increasing the Sustainability Action Plan's existing goal of 60% by 2030. Kris S. will be sending ordinance to board. Kris S. also reported that at the last commission meeting chose to sign onto FMPA solar project. Starting in 2020, the City will be purchasing 10MW of solar under the agreement (approximately 6% of total city consumption, increasing the proportion of renewable energy of electric utility portfolio to roughly 28% by 2020). Kris S. is working with Jerry Warren to project the potential costs involved in reaching the City's existing goals (e.g., increasing portion of electricity coming from Covanta) for the Utilities Advisory Board.

2. ACTION

None

3. INFORMATIONAL

a. Green Minute

John N. shared Orange County involvement and promotion of Don't Pitch It Fix It event, scheduled for Saturday, April 21 from 1-4pm at the Winter Park Public Library, and from 10am to 4pm at the Blanchard Park YMCA (10501 J. Blanchard Trail). Any board members interested in volunteering as

fixers, please let him know. He also shared that resident Carol Lindsey volunteered over the weekend at the Spring Sidewalk Art Festival, providing valuable information to visitors on recycling. Ellen W. mentioned that Carol would be a great person to add to the board if the opportunity ever arises.

Ellen W. shared that she and her husband have gone meatless on Mondays for several weeks now and are enjoying preparing new recipes.

Nora M. shared that in the last Winter Park High School's newsletter they mentioned that one of the foundation's priority is beautification. Stephen P. and Vanessa B.C. have been in contact with WPHS and have communicated that we are prepared to provide assistance with gathering volunteers and providing landscaping recommendations, if requested.

b. KWPB – Status Report KWPB&S

Winter Park Blooms: Stephen P. reported that WPB has sold out of caladiums (600 bulbs). Due to Hurricane Irma, one of the caladium donors was unable to fulfill their usual donation. The caladium photography contest will be postponed until 2019. Trail improvement planning is underway for the trail between Interlachen and Casa Feliz. Nora M. mentioned that in the last Winter Park High School's newsletter they mentioned that one of the foundation's priority is beautification. Stephen P. and Vanessa B.C. have been in contact with WPHS and have communicated that we are prepared to provide assistance with gathering volunteers and providing landscaping recommendations, if requested. Stephen P. is also working with staff to coordinate the Volunteer Appreciation Event at the Winter Park Country Club, scheduled for Thursday, April 26th from 6pm to 8pm.

c. Sustainability Action Plan

Staff is finalizing 2017 Sustainability Action Plan Annual Report to be updated to the web within the week.

d. Finance

Kris S. reported that funds are currently at approximately \$80,000.

e. Earth Day

Bruce T. recommended Earth Day volunteer needs be reviewed. Present board members signed up for shifts, Vanessa B.C. sent google sheet to board members not present, as well as to Ann Francis for Rollins students. Stephen P. shared that he had received a message from Richard Castle from WastePro, reporting that some recycling bins at the Spring Sidewalk Art Festival had been too contaminated and had to be landfilled. The Board discussed the potential of increasing signage around the recycling and trash containers such as "if this recycling bin has x% of contamination, it will be landfilled", as well as plastic bag (from Kettle Korn) collection and organics only containers.

f. Waste to Energy-Renewable or Not?

Agnieszka T. provided a presentation on Waste-to-Energy (WtE) and renewables. Topics covered included definitions of renewable energy sources by the USEPA and USEIA, major energy sources in US, municipal solid waste composition, energy potential of biogenic vs. biogenic components, WtE environmental impacts, climate change mitigation potential, life cycle assessment comparison between Lake Covanta and Seminole Waste Landfill and waste management hierarchy. Due to equipment failure, only a portion of this presentation was recorded. Staff and board agreed to report BEW-4 metric of 21.8% with an asterisk that clarifies that the number assumes 100% of energy coming from waste to energy source as renewable, assuming 51% of total energy is derived from biogenic component of waste, BEW-4 would be 12%.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Agenda Requests/Announcements/Action Items: Consideration of New Renewables Commitment

5. ADJOURNMENT

a. Action Items

b. Evaluate Meeting

- What worked:
- What didn't work:

Stephen P. made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 p.m., seconded by Bruce T. Next meeting Tuesday, April 17, 11:45am at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa A. Balta Cook
Recording Secretary