

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

Regular Meeting
City Hall, 401 Park Ave. S.

May 15, 2018
11:45am

MINUTES

Present: Mary Dipboye, Ben Ellis, Stephen Pategas, Bruce Thomas, Ellen Wolfson, Nora Miller

Absent: None.

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

Guests: Ann Francis, Rollins College; Jody Lazar, WP Public Library

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

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

Bruce T. made a motion to approve as revised (i.e. replace 100% in 3f. with 60% by 2030) April 17, 2018 Meeting minutes. Mary D. seconded the motion.

Citizen Comments:

Jody L. provided the board with the WP Library's summer classes, events & reading challenge guide.

Staff Report:

Staff report was emailed to board members. Staff responded to inquiry by Mary D. on UAB-April Meeting highlights found in May staff report on net metering. Board discussed potential disadvantages of changes being made to the net metering policy that would change reimbursement from retail to market rate (e.g., reducing the incentive). Mary D. asked how the City was involved in the Monarch Initiative. Staff explained that the interactions so far have been through the Parks & Recreation, Stephen P. provided a quick overview of what Joe Smirti, Parks & Recreation Department. Ann Francis added that they have also been in contact with the Monarch Initiative. Staff confirmed that Communications is promoting energy conservation program through various media. Ch. Ellis requested Staff provide an update on bikeshare. Staff also provided an update on status on Solar RFP. John N. provided an update on the composter program (e.g., reception, spatial distribution, demand, future survey, resident stories) and recommended the board include composters in the planning of next fiscal year's budget.

2. ACTION

- a. Motion made by Mary D. to reopen previous motion that the Keep Winter Park Beautiful Sustainability Advisory Board to recommend to the City Commission adoption of 100% Renewable Energy Commitment, seconded by Stephen P. Motion reopened and discussed. Motion made by Stephen P. to table motion until August, seconded by Nora M., motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

3. INFORMATIONAL

- a. Green Minute

Nora M. shared that her family collects the water left over from the day's reusable water bottle in a decorative pitcher and uses that for watering her plants. Stephen P. added that empty disposable water bottles (large and small) with caps can be used at the bottom of planting containers for drainage.

Mary D. shared that her church has switched to compostable plates and cups they ordered from worldcentric.org.

b. KWPB – Status Report KWPB&S

Winter Park Blooms: Stephen P. reported on the Volunteer Appreciation Event, held on Thursday, April 26th from 6-8pm at the WP Country Club. He also reviewed the new America In Bloom Evaluation Report with the Board and requested feedback from the board on creating a series of workshops that would bring together city staff, local organizations, and others to work through the report and build the 2018 community profile.

c. Sustainability Action Plan

Ben E. led discussion on the board's past year accomplishments/missed opportunities and planning for the upcoming year. Ben E. mentioned that at the next board meeting the board might want to revisit what each board member would like to focus on, as had been done a few meetings ago. Board discussion also suggested focusing on SAP metrics (e.g., 2020 targets), focusing discussion on Staff report, and each member identifying their top 3 (e.g., metrics to focus on).

d. Finance

None.

e. Renewables Commitment

Mary D. opened the discussion. Mary D. recommended that the board invite Chris Castro from the City of Orlando to hear the Orlando story (e.g., what led to making the commitment-100% renewable by 2050, how are they planning to meet the commitment), inviting the Utilities Advisory Board.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Agenda Requests/Announcements/Action Items:** June Meeting-Chair/Vice-Chair Nominations;

5. ADJOURNMENT

a. Action Items

b. Evaluate Meeting

- What worked:
- What didn't work:

Stephen P. made a motion to adjourn at 1:06 p.m., seconded by Nora M. Next meeting Tuesday, June 19, 11:45am at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa A. Balta Cook
Recording Secretary