



Keep Winter Park Beautiful and Sustainable Advisory Board

Minutes

May 21, 2019 at 11:45 a.m.

City Hall | Chapman Room
401 S. Park Ave. | Winter Park, Florida

Present

KWPB&S Advisory Board Members: Mary Dipboye, Ben Ellis, Nora Miller, Stephen Pategas, Bruce Thomas, Ellen Wolfson

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

Guests: Jody Lazar, WP Library; Ann Francis, Rollins College; Commissioner Todd Weaver

Absent

David Daly

Meeting called to order

Chair Ben Ellis called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of minutes

Motion made by Vice Chair Ellen W. to approve April 16, 2019 minutes. Mary D. seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Citizen Comments

None.

Staff Report

Staff report was emailed to board members. Vanessa B.C. reported that Winter Park Observer would be ending circulation this month, she is getting rates for a similar sized ad in The Park Press. Staff also noted some items that will be on the June agenda, such as new member introduction, chair/vice chair election, and FY 2020 budget. EV Ordinance will be presented at City Commission Meeting on June 24th. Kris S. reported that follow up meeting with Cox was held and vendor provided date for 2020 event. Staff recently returned from Southeast Sustainability Directors and Florida Sustainability Directors Network annual meetings. He also provided quick update on the Solar RFP. Selection committee will be meeting to discuss project's proposed operations and maintenance agreement this Thursday. Kris S. also mentioned the Governor's recent veto of prohibition of local straw bans, allowing local governments to maintain and pass straw bans.

Ann Francis provided a brief update on happenings at Rollins College, including discussion of on-going construction, temporary greenhouse construction, sustainability office in new Mills building, Environmental Studies program job outlook, dining hall interest in biodigesters and strategic planning priorities.

2. ACTIONS TAKEN

None.

3. INFORMATIONAL

Green Minute

Mary D. shared that the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has instituted a Resilience Collaborative with counties and cities in the region. Staff attended the most recent ECFRPC meeting and has provided MOU to Planning Department. Will provide MOU and any additional info to Board.

Bruce T. shared that Dartmouth Park in Orlando is expected to be expanded to Edgewater Drive. He also mentioned Metroplan Orlando's Corrine Drive Complete Streets Study (available at metroplanorlando.org/board-committees/working-groups/corrine-drive-study-information/) Staff noted that Metroplan had presented the plan at the most recent Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Winter Park Blooms Committee

Vanessa B.C. and Stephen P. provided a brief overview of the America In Bloom judges' visit. Judges evaluation report will be available in October. Jody L. suggested that the Community Profile could be submitted for the WP Library Winter Park Archives.

Sustainability Action Plan

SAP PRIORITIES: Chair Ben E. led discussion on review of progress made on these prioritized indicators over the last year.

BEW-5: Residential Potable Water Average Annual Usage: Stephen P. mentioned that the Landscape Ordinance which includes regulation of landscape irrigation is key to this metric. He suggested that to make progress on this metric, the board should recommend to the City Commission that City Administration direct staff to review and update the landscape ordinance to include reference to Florida Friendly Regulations as per the State's requirement and maintain water conserving regulations. Mary D. suggested that the board could work on a recommendation that makes the case for the need for an update and need for expert review. Stephen P. mentioned Orlando's Landscape Ordinance as a good model, he will share excel sheet and ordinance with board. Board discussed working with Water Utility to determine largest water users in commercial sector and average usage for residential sector. Nora M. suggested including average usage in mailer so residents can compare themselves to similar households.

CEGE-2: Recognized Green Businesses: Vanessa B.C. provided an update. In the past year, Green Business Recognition Program (GBRP) was revamped with the help of Rollins College Intern Gabbie Buendia. Program was launched in April at Chamber's Good Morning Winter Park. Application and information is available at cityofwinterpark.org/greenbusiness. We just received our first application: Starbucks on Park Avenue, requesting Silver designation. Board members provided with GBRP business cards to share with local businesses. Staff will be attending upcoming Park Avenue Merchants Committee meetings (occur every other month on the last Friday of the month at 8:30am). New Smyrna Beach and Volusia County contacted us to let us know they are looking at our program with their respective boards/commissions. Vanessa B.C. will send intern request to Ann F. (Rollins College) to help assist staff with GBRP engagement and recruitment.

WDR-1: Waste Diverted from Landfill: Kris S. provided an update. Average diversion is tracking at about 18%. Staff continues to have ongoing discussions with Orange County regarding a new MRF. Tipping fee for recyclables has gone up by \$2/ton. Orange County's Waste Audit RF is out, allows for piggybacks. Board discussed concerns of recyclables being landfilled. Board also discussed potential for replacing weathered Recycle Across America labels on curbside containers and sending residents laminated recycling guidance information that can be placed refrigerator. May be better to focus on what should not be placed in the bin (e.g., plastic bags, food waste) and what still has a market (e.g., cardboard, aluminum cans), given the current state of the recycling market. Ellen W. suggested a pilot program to pre- and post- assess contamination in a neighborhood and providing in-person (door to door) education to residents using staff/volunteers/board members. Kris S. reported that City staff has a meeting with WastePro coming up that should include an update on the RFID monitoring program and potential for Commercial Food Waste Collection program.

Mary D. mentioned the newly opened Center for Health and Wellbeing project and said she would see if there is a sustainability story to tell. She added that encouraging net-zero development would further the City's Sustainability goals and recommending this type of development to the commission should be a priority.

Finance

None. To be discussed at June Meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Requests/Announcements/Action Items

Stephen P./Mary D. requested Landscape Ordinance Update Recommendation discussion be added to June agenda. Chair Ben E. requested finance update be included in June agenda. Stephen P. requested discussion of KWPB making a \$1,000 donation to America In Bloom be included in June agenda.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Action Items

Vice Chair Ellen W. made a motion to adjourn at 12:58 p.m., seconded by Stephen P. Next meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

Evaluate Meeting

What Worked/What Didn't Work:

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Balta Cook
Recording Secretary