



Keep Winter Park Beautiful and Sustainable Advisory Board

Minutes

October 15, 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, Stephen Pategas, Bruce Thomas, Ellen Wolfson

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

Guests: Commissioner Todd Weaver

Absent

Cary Bond, David Daly, Nora Miller

Meeting called to order

Chair Ben Ellis called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of minutes

Motion made by Stephen P. to approve September 17, 2019 minutes. Ellen W. seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Citizen Comments

None.

Staff Report

Staff report was emailed to board members. Vanessa B.C. provided a brief update on advertising, communications is finalizing contracts and ad proofs will be sent to the board via email for comments/edits in the next few weeks. She also shared the most recent Tinker Annual Report with the Board. Chair Ben E. asked if teachers could be surveyed to gauge their satisfaction with the program and interest in a high school program. Staff will create a short survey for teachers. Vanessa B.C. also confirmed the board has seen the email from Ann Francis (Rollins College), provided an update on Beyond 34 Center Street Recycling Project and Green Business Recognition Program (pending applications: 310 Park South, blu on the Avenue, Asystech, REI). Kris S. provided a brief update on the upcoming EV Readiness Ordinance work session with the City Commission scheduled for Monday, November 11th at 2:30pm. There will be an EV Ride and Drive prior to the work session between 12pm-2:30pm. He also provided a brief update on the landscape ordinance, policy on single use items at City Facilities and employee cookout reusable cutlery giveaway.

2. ACTIONS TAKEN

East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative

Vanessa B.C. provided a brief update on ECFRRC. Update included information on signing ceremony, technical advisory committee (TAC) formation, likely first TAC will be on GHG inventories and staff commitments. Board discussion included commitment of staff time and advantage of collaboration. **Motion made by Chair Ben E. to recommend to the City Commission for the City of Winter Park to join the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative with the understanding that there is no cost to join and would require staff time on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Stephen P. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.**

3. INFORMATIONAL

Green Minute

Mary D. shared that on October 1st Orange County Public School (OCPS) District's held a workshop on solar and there were Winter Park High School's Eco-Club students present that said they are focusing on energy and would like the school be on 100% renewable energy. Staff has been in contact with WPHS student Maxwell Clarke regarding the school's energy usage, as well as OCPS Sustainability Coordinator Colleen Buckley regarding the school's green efforts.

Stephen P. and the board recognized Commissioner Todd Weaver for his commitment to learning more about the City's sustainability initiatives and leadership on sustainability issues.

Winter Park Blooms Committee

Stephen P. shared that the City of Winter Park, once again received an award at the America in Bloom National Symposium. In the Outstanding Achievement Awards category (competing against 44 other cities), Winter Park was recognized as one of three finalists for the Overall Impression category and won the Community Involvement category! Mary D. suggested that Stephen P. might bring this to the City Commission during citizen comments. Stephen P. added that American Horticulture Magazine, the award sponsor, will be doing an article about the winners. He also provided a brief overview of the judges' evaluation (report will be emailed to board members) and provided copies of recommendations.

Sustainability Action Plan

Mary D. opened a discussion on setting goals for the board's SAP PRIORITIES:

BEW-5: Residential Potable Water Average Annual Usage

Discussion focused on importance of landscape ordinance and enforcement. Majority of residential potable water is being used for irrigation.

CEGE-2: Recognized Green Businesses

Discussion included focusing on commercial corridors and commercial plazas, nonprofits and previous sponsors, setting attainable goals (e.g., 100 vs. 1000 recognized businesses), time board spends on business recruitment (e.g., 2 businesses/board member) vs. sponsor recruitment.

WDR-1: Waste Diverted from Landfill

Kris S. mentioned board consideration of a Sustainability Action Plan update that would potentially remove metrics that are not feasible for calculation in the near future and/or add more suitable metrics where applicable (e.g., VMT).

Finance

None.

Earth Day Planning

Bruce T. recapped last meeting's Earth Day discussion. Board continued discussion of what are the primary goals of Earth Day, entertainment vs. getting an environmental message out, targeting visitors who happen to find the festival on Park Avenue vs. engaging residents interested in sustainability-related efforts, working with Rollins or some other organization to coordinate educational/crafty environmental activities for kids in

adjacent rooms, electronics collection, DPI-FI, city department/business/nonprofit/public agency talks, environmental movies, how to recycle talk, cooking demos, edible landscape talks, etc., 15-20 minute talks, promotional focus, scope of work of event planners, GBRP booth. Staff will send doodle poll for Earth Day Planning work session.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Requests/Announcements/Action Items

Arrange Earth Day Planning work session.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Action Items

Ellen W. made a motion to adjourn at 1:06p.m., seconded by Bruce T. Next meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Evaluate Meeting

What Worked/What Didn't Work:

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Balta Cook
Recording Secretary