



Keep Winter Park Beautiful and Sustainable Advisory Board Virtual Regular Meeting

Minutes

February 16, 2021 at 11:45 a.m.

Present

KWPB&S Advisory Board Members: Ben Ellis, Carey Bond, Clark Sprinkel, Danielle Flipse, Ellen Wolfson, Rosemary Salow, Stephen Pategas

City of Winter Park Staff: Kris Stenger, Sustainability Manager; Vanessa Balta, Sustainability Planner; Agnieszka Tarnawska, Sustainability Assistant; David Zusi, Director of Water/ Wastewater Utilities

Green School Grant Awardees: Ann Francis, Rollins College; Melanie Lee, Audubon Park School; Michael McCausland, Brookshire Elementary; Sabrina Sibley, Winter Park High School 9th Grade Center

Absent

Danielle Flipse

Meeting called to order

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

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Green School Grant Recognition

Six schools were recognized for receiving Green School Grants: All Saints School, Audubon Park School, Brookshire Elementary School, Rollins College, The Park House Academy, Winter Park High School Ninth Grade Center, Winter Park Presbyterian Church School

Approval of minutes

Motion made by Rosemary S. to approve January 19, 2021 minutes. Stephen P. seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Citizen Comments

None.

Staff Report

Staff report was emailed to board members. Vanessa B. provided updates on the Sustainability Action Plan Annual Report, draft should be ready for March meeting, Greenhouse Gas Inventory is being completed by Agnieszka T., virtual composting classes and pickups going well, outstanding Green Business Resilience grant recipients applications are coming in and first Green Business Network meeting is TBD, doodle polls did not have a very high response rate. Bonner Rollins Intern Amber L. will be dropping of framed certificates to businesses over the next few weeks.

Kris S. provided updates on the EV Readiness Ordinance, which was not able to reviewed at the last commission meeting due to the meeting being canceled. The ordinance will be reviewed at the next commission meeting (2/24).

2. ACTIONS TAKEN

None.

3. INFORMATIONAL

Water/ Wastewater Utility Rebates

David Z. explained Winter Park's current rebates offers, which include rebates for irrigation Smart Controllers, efficient toilets, and efficient washing machines. David Z. also clarified that the new plumbing code for new construction requires efficient fixtures, so they are targeting retrofitting old appliances for new, more efficient models. Clark S. suggested that Utilities branch out their rebate program, especially for irrigation, to new construction as well. David Z. agreed that this could be a good way to use their water conservation budget. Stephen P. suggested that Utilities publish some testimonials and average savings as a way of advertising to people. Kris also brought up the potential for a rebate if citizens have the WaterSense certification through the EPA. Finally, David shared that Utilities is moving ahead with trying to reinstate an ordinance that incentivizes people to switch from personal septic tanks to the City sewer.

Earth Day

The virtual aspect will start on April 22nd and will last for a month, with videos being released every week to the public. Vanessa B. has already been in contact with the Communications Department and started reaching out to speakers scheduled for last year's event. The next step will be for Rollins interns Mia B. and Amber L. to caption all of the videos that will be used. YouTube will provide a rough draft, but interns will be working on perfecting those scripts..

The waste collection drive-thru event will take place on May 22nd from 8am to 5pm with the household hazardous waste collection happening at Denning Drive/Palmetto Ave. E-waste collection, Shredding, Tree Giveaway and giveaways at Mead Botanic Garden. When visitors drive into Mead, they will be greeted first by the KWPBS station, where they will get goodies and information. They can then turn left and go to the paper shredding station and the Mead Gardens station. Or, visitors can continue straight and stop at tree collection giveaway and electronic waste station. The board will be asked to support this event by volunteering at the booths if possible on the day of the event. The shredding station will definingly need assistance.

Sustainability Action Plan Update Discussion

The Board will be meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board in the next week. Vanessa B. reached out to the Utilities Advisory Board and they are open to having a work session in March. Staff is also following up with other City staff from previous meetings over the next few months.

Green Minute

Ellen W. shared about a piece that she had seen on *Sixty Minutes* from General Motors. They stated that they anticipate that by 2035, the majority of their vehicles will be electric.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Requests/Announcements/Action Items

Clark S. would like to continue the conversation about rebates in the future. This could be an action item in the future, however this board only has some control over rebates for energy efficiency at this time.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Action Items

Ellen W. made a motion to adjourn at 12:47 p.m., seconded by Carey B. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Evaluate Meeting

What Worked/What Didn't Work:

Respectfully submitted,
Vanessa A. Balta
Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. Balta', written over a horizontal line.

Approved by Board on March 16, 2021