

# **CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**

## **SUSTAINABILITY BOARD**

### **REGULAR MEETING 2019-04**

Held on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 7:33 P.M.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Lesley Byrd	Present
<b>VICE CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Rebecca Ziegler	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Janice Crisp	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Donielle Rouse	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Vacant	
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Shaun McFadden	Absent
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Amy Ford	Present

**CITY STAFF:** Present was Suzanne Sherman, Deputy City Manager; Terese Jones, City Clerk.

#### **PRESENTATION:**

##### **1. Dina Reider-Hicks, Public Affairs Manager, Waste Management – Palm Bay Solid Waste and Recycling Services.**

Ms. Reider-Hicks reviewed the components of recycling, what made something recyclable, what happened to recyclables at the facility, and the facts about recycling. She advised that recycling contamination (the percentage of trash mixed with recyclables) had increased and was jeopardizing the global recycling industry. Approximately 500 pounds of every 2,000 pounds collected at the curb was ultimately discarded as non-recyclable. She answered questions posed by board members.

##### **2. David “Monty” Montgomery – Unique Aspects of Palm Bay.**

Mr. Montgomery was unable to attend the meeting.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

### **1. Regular Meeting 2019-03; October 23, 2019.**

Motion by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Rouse, to adopt the minutes as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Discussion of Core Element, Objectives and Action Items: Natural Environment.**

The Board concurred Each board member presented their ideas related to land and water. Topics of discussion included Turkey Creek; preservation of natural areas; state regulations on septic tanks; reduction of septic tanks and expansion of services for sewer toward businesses; management and protection of groundwater and surface water bodies; plan for adaptation to sea level rise and dynamic climate conditions; implementation of native plants in city facilities; reduction of fertilizer use; reduction of wasted irrigation use; City composting programs; hydration stations (encouraging reusable water bottles); rain barrel workshops/leak detection and repair classes; special plants/tree placement in subdivisions; rain gardens; and a City plan that created places for green/wildlife corridors and community gardens.

The Board requested that staff present the following at future meetings: zoning/land use; greenhouse gas inventory; and mowing of City properties.

### **2. Upcoming meetings/events of interest.**

Ms. Sherman advised of the following:

- Pelican Island Audubon Society – 3<sup>rd</sup> Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future Conference – Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Emerson Center, 1590 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach. The cost was \$25.00.

- Brevard Sustainability Working Group – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at noon, located at the University of Florida Extension Office in Cocoa;

The next Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 7:30 P.M. Topics of discussion would include Land and Water Systems, and Energy and Buildings.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:40 P.M.

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Lesley Byrd, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Terese M. Jones, City Clerk