



AGENDA

SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Meeting 2020-03

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 7:30 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PRESENTATION:

1. Honeywell International, Inc. – Energy, Water and Wastewater Performance Savings Contract for the City of Palm Bay.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2020-02; February 18, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

Public Comments on Agenda Items – Individuals wishing to speak on specific agenda items can do so at the time the item is being considered by the Board. The Chairperson will ask if there are any public comments prior to the Board taking action on the item. All speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Core Element, Objectives and Action Items: Innovative Waste Management.

OTHER BUSINESS:

THIS MEETING IS BROADCAST LIVE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

ADJOURNMENT:

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Sustainability Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be required and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based (FS 286.0105). Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings verbatim.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations for this meeting shall, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, contact the Legislative Department at (321) 952-3414 or Florida Relay System at 711.

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2020-02

Held on Tuesday, the 18th day of February 2020, 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 7:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Lesley Byrd	Present
MEMBER:	Rebecca Ziegler	Present
MEMBER:	Janice Crisp	Absent
MEMBER:	Donielle Rouse	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	
MEMBER:	Shaun McFadden	Present
MEMBER:	Amy Ford	Present

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2019-06; December 18, 2019.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sustainability Plan Status Update and Strategy Discussion.

Ms. Sherman said there had been quorum issues in the past for the meetings. In order to continue with the development of the plan, she suggested that each board member take responsibility of a specific section of the plan, then bring back ideas to the Board. She provided a 2020 Sustainability Action Plan draft. Ms. Byrd agreed and added that even if meetings were cancelled, each board member could continue to work behind the scenes.

The six (6) focus areas were: Natural Environment (land and water systems); Energy and Buildings; Transportation and Mobility; Waste Management; Education and Public Engagement; and Quality of Life.

The Board concurred to designate the board members to the following areas:

- Chairperson Byrd – Waste Management
- Vice Chairperson Ziegler – additional review with staff of Natural Environment (land and water systems); Energy and Buildings
- Ms. Rouse – Quality of Life; Education and Public Management
- Mr. McFadden – Transportation and Mobility
- Ms. Ford – Energy and Buildings; Education and Public Engagement

Staff would follow-up with Ms. Crisp and advise of discussion.

Ms. Byrd mentioned the Board vacancy which was to be appointed by Councilman Jeff Bailey. She asked the board members to contact their elected official to encourage Councilman Bailey to appoint a member to the Board.

2. Discussion of Core Element, Objectives and Action Items: Transportation/Mobility.

Mr. McFadden made the following recommendations: hiking/walking/biking trail; implementation of electric scooters; electric shuttle for use within City limits; encourage carpooling; and implement and promote free solar power stations.

Ms. Rouse asked if a map was available that showed sidewalks throughout the City. Ms. Ford said the City's Future Land Use Map, revised in 2018, marked the current,

future and proposed sidewalks under consideration. She would forward the information to the Board.

Ms. Rouse asked where the electric scooters would be placed. Mr. McFadden answered that they could be placed anywhere – near schools, parks, shopping centers, etc. He said they were lightweight and weather resistant.

Ms. Rouse suggested coloring the lines for bike lanes and educating people on bike lanes. She wanted to encourage companies to cut back on automotive transportation usage.

Ms. Ziegler said the trails should be promoted with signage and by mapping out routes to provide alternatives to stay off of busy roadways, especially for safety. She added that the bike lanes were not wide enough and typically ended abruptly then resumed further down the roadway. She said the bike lane was not a turn lane and many vehicles did not pay attention to same. She mentioned that some parks were maintained better than others. She felt there should be appropriate greenspace for residents to walk, bike, and walk their dogs, and that the site should not look like a vacant lot. Ms. Sherman said there was a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) page on the City's website which contained an interactive map. However, there currently was no way to look up just parks and trails, but it was within the map database. She would work with staff to develop same.

Ms. Sherman advised of the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) which had various sub-committees, one of which focused bicycle and pedestrian safety, connection of trails, etc. The committee had developed its own Master Plan for all of Brevard County. Mr. McFadden suggested having a member of the committee make a presentation to the Board.

Ms. Rouse wanted the public to be aware of the Board. Mr. McFadden asked if board members could attend various events and promote the Board. Ms. Sherman envisioned more community involvement once the Sustainability Plan was established and encouraged the board members to talk to residents, let them know what the Board was about, ask what they would like to see in the community, etc.

Ms. Rouse asked if there were any plans for Earth Day. Ms. Sherman would confirm with the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Ziegler said the Brevard Sustainability Working Group had a lot of events planned for Earth Day.

Ms. Byrd asked if the City had established any standards for its vehicles, such as fuel efficiency or incentives to switch to electric. Ms. Sherman answered in the negative. Ms. Byrd said the City should have goals for same. Due to its size, one of the major challenges for the City of Palm Bay was safety, especially for pedestrians due to lack of sidewalks. Children could not safely ride their bikes to school and although it was an infrastructure issue, distracted drivers were a problem as well. Ms. Ziegler said there were cities that had programs called “Complete Streets”, which was pedestrian and biker friendly. Some places had converted two-lane roads to one-way streets and the other lane was dedicated for non-motorized vehicles. Ms. Sherman said the City allocated funding each year for sidewalks and had applied for and received grant funds through the Safe Routes to School Program. She said that additional safety measures, such as sidewalks and bike lanes, should be addressed prior to considering scooters. There was further discussion on plans and priorities for sidewalks.

Ms. Ford said she had reviewed other city and county plans and found that some separated the city properties into one footprint, and the rest of the community into another. This allowed for the city to lead by example and to also address the community. Volusia County’s plan encouraged efficient transportation and community design; reduced auto fuel consumption and emissions; improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; enhanced public transit services; supported pedestrian and transit-oriented development; and discouraged single occupancy vehicle use. Ms. Ford provided further information found during her research.

3. Discussion of reverting portions of certain City parks to native landscape. (Board Member Ziegler)

Ms. Ziegler asked if Parks and Recreation Department employees received training in the care and maintenance of native plants. Ms. Sherman said she was not aware of any training but felt it was a good goal as there needed to be more knowledge of the plants. Ms. Rouse asked if there were any events, such as Trash Bash, to clean up the parks. Ms. Sherman said an option would be to start with one park as a pilot project for a clean-up event or replacement of plants with native plants. Ms. Ziegler recommended starting with parks near schools and partner with schools for planting events. Ms. Sherman said it would be a good idea to include it under the Natural Environment category.

4. Upcoming meetings/events of interest.

Ms. Sherman advised of the following upcoming events:

- Keep Brevard Beautiful Trash Bash Event – Saturday, April 4, 2020; it was a county-wide event and the City would have multiple sites for clean-up;
- Marine Resources Council – numerous meetings and trainings; the information had been forwarded to the Board;
- Keep Brevard Beautiful Indian River Lagoon Clean-Up Event at Goode Park – Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Ziegler attended Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future Conference. She said that some homeowners' associations (HOA) made presentations and advised that many HOA's made commitments to native landscaping and could do it at a less expensive cost if they had the people to properly maintain it.

The Board concurred to schedule its next meetings for Thursday, March 12th, and Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:30 P.M. Ms. Sherman would schedule presentations by Honeywell and Keep Brevard Beautiful – one at each meeting. She would also request a representative from the TPO for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:01 P.M.

Lesley Byrd, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terese M. Jones, City Clerk