

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING 2021-04

Held on Wednesday, the 24th day of March 2021 at City 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 approximately 6:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Lesley Byrd	Present
VICE CHAIRPERSON	Khalilah Maragh	Present
MEMBER:	Phillip Snyder	Present
MEMBER:	Susan Connolly	Present
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MEMBER:	Shaun McFadden	Present
MEMBER:	Rebecca Ziegler	Present

CITY STAFF:

Suzanne Sherman, City Manager; Britta Kellner, Special Projects Manager; Pamela Bell, Board Secretary; Danielle Crotts, Business Development Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Battin, resident, spoke about road maintenance funding through the sale of City surplus land. He recommended that the City consider conserving some of those properties as green space to preserve natural habitats and leave space for livestock.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Special Meeting 2021-01 January 27, 2021

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Maragh, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve Items 1 and 2 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Special Meeting 2021-02 February 08, 2021

The minutes were adopted under Item 1, Adoption of Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amendments to Chapter 52, City of Palm Bay Code of Ordinances

Ms. Kellner spoke about some of the proposed amendments to be made to the Board's by-laws including reducing the quorum requirement from five to four and to officially change the name from Sustainability Board to Sustainability Advisory Board.

Vice-Chairperson Maragh asked for clarification on the number requirement for a quorum. Ms. Kellner addressed her question.

Motion by Ms. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the amendment to reduce the quorum requirement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the amendment to officially change the name from Sustainability Board to Sustainability Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

1. 2020 Sustainability Action Plan Development Discussion

Nicole Barnett, intern from Florida Tech, introduced herself to the Board. She assisted the Board with the development of the 2020 Sustainability Action Plan.

The Board discussed the recommended revisions to be made under the Innovative Waste Management Goals and Objectives section of the plan. A draft copy of the plan was displayed for the Board's review. Ms. Barnett addressed some of the Board's questions and comments regarding the proposed changes.

Chairperson Byrd suggested tabling further discussion on the remaining sections of the plan to a later meeting date. The Board concurred.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL)

Ms. Kellner suggested scheduling a Board tour of the Cocoa landfill facility and a potential recycling presentation from Keep Brevard Beautiful.

Motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to schedule a special meeting to complete the revision process to the Education and Public Engagement section of the 2020 Sustainability Action Plan, as well as identify local organizations that could present to the Board about community and environmental issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairperson Maragh asked that a member of the City's Communication staff attend the next meeting to speak on communication efforts within the community.

Ms. Sherman provided an update to the Board on the 'Lagoon Straight Talk' meeting, hosted by the Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition.

Bill Battin, resident, commended the City on going paperless in order to become more environmentally friendly. He suggested the use of an established public compost pile to be shared amongst members of the community and the possible placement of recycling containers for public use around the city. The placement would be beneficial in recycling efforts, refraining from the use of ground water in order to fill retention ponds and stormwater runoff. Mr. Battin also suggested adopting a road for debris and litter removal.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:27 P.M.

Lesley Byrd, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Pamela Bell, Board Secretary