

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2021-11

Held on Wednesday, the 25th day of August 2021 at 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 Annex, 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 A. Maragh	Present
MEMBER:	Phillip Snyder	Present
MEMBER:	Susan B. Connolly	Absent
MEMBER:	Randall Olszewski	Present
MEMBER:	Susan Phillips	Present
MEMBER:	Rebecca J. Ziegler	Present

CITY STAFF:

Britta Kellner, Special Projects Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

David Montgomery offered comments regarding the development of sustainability action plan and the presentation to City Council. He expressed his interest to assist with the process. He encouraged the Board to seek presenters of relevant topics and discussed local issues.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2021-10; July 28, 2021

Motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Ziegler, to adopt the minutes with the following correction: Under Roll Call, Susan Snyder should be changed to Susan Phillips. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2020 Sustainability Action Plan Development Discussion.

Chairperson Byrd discussed that the Sustainability Action Plan draft presentation to Council was very well-received and that the Council's priorities seemed aligned with the plan's content and scope. Mr. Olszewski requested confirmation that Council received a copy of the draft in advance of the meeting. Ms. Kellner agreed to provide that confirmation.

Mr. Snyder and Vice-Chair Maragh concurred that the presentation was well-done and offered their appreciation to Chairperson Byrd for her presentation of the plan. Vice-Chair Maragh expressed interest in seeing more identification of funding mechanisms. Mr. Olszewski discussed the need to establish plans for implementation. Electric vehicle charging stations and water quality projects were considered as priorities. Ms. Phillips discussed wanting to see more inclusion of community education and conveyed her interest in learning more about greenspace and funding streams.

The Board discussed how to finalize and advance the plan. Mr. Olszewski discussed his concerns regarding solid waste services and incorporating solid waste into the Board's future focus. The Board proceeded to review the plan goals and evaluated the need for any changes. Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to consider the plan ready to present to Council "as-is" for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board then inquired about the status of the Sustainability Plan Art Contest. Ms. Kellner informed the Board that they could restart the art contest and requested direction. Motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Vice-Chair Maragh, to begin the art contest on September 1, 2021, with an end date of November 5, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the City Council meeting date to request adoption of the plan. Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Vice-Chair Maragh, to request that the Sustainability Action Plan be added to either the agenda of September 2, 2021, or as a second choice, September 16, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board requested that staff arrange for a presentation by one of the individuals suggested by Deputy Mayor Johnson. Ms. Kellner confirmed that arrangements would be made.

Mr. Olszewski requested that board members be aware of the need to speak directly into the microphones during the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL)

There were meetings or events to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:49 P.M.

Lesley Byrd, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Britta Kellner, Special Projects Manager