

**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**  
**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING 2023-10**

Held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, in 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 approximately 6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Phillip Snyder	Absent
<b>VICE CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Logan Luse	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Kevin Smith	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Susan B. Connolly	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Jane Higgins	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Rebecca Ziegler	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Vacant	

**CITY STAFF:** Christeen Sullivan, Construction Project Manager; Ashley Hammond, Public Works Assets Management Specialist.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)**

There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. Brevard Solar Co-Op: Heaven Campbell, Solar United Neighbors of Florida.**

Ms. Campbell provided an overview of Solar United Neighbors Co-Ops and IRA Incentives. She explained that there were opportunities for residential homeowners to join the Co-Ops and receive bulk pricing for installing new solar. There were also opportunities for tax credits for commercial buildings installing solar, especially in low-income neighborhoods.

Motion by Ms. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Smith, to initiate a meeting with the City Manager, City Engineer, and Heaven Campbell in regards to “Ready Set Solar”, tax credits for EV stations, Residential Solar Co-Op advertising from the City, and Water Treatment Plants going “off the grid”. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **1. Native Plant demo garden update.**

Ms. Higgins presented the Native Plant demo revised design and grant funding and explained that all grant funding had fallen through. The Board requested commitment from the City for project funding. Ms. Higgins stated that she had a meeting scheduled with FPL regarding possible funding. The planned timeline of solarization of the area was October 31, 2023; however, the City was unable to get funding by that date and asked that the installation date be pushed out to the middle of November. Native Florida Garden needed commitment for funding prior to installation of solarization.

### **2. City Sustainability effort updates.**

Ms. Sullivan noted that City Council unanimously passed mandatory connection for water and sewer at their October 19, 2023, Council meeting.

Motion by Ms. Connolly, seconded by Ms. Higgins, to express support to the City Council toward the final reading of the mandatory water and sewer connection ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Sustainability Fair 2024 discussion.**

Ms. Sullivan confirmed the event would take place on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at the Tony Rosa Community Center, with indoor and outdoor options. The Brevard County Rain Barrel Workshop was confirmed. Mr. Smith advised he had a list of vendors and would contact them in regard to the event.

Ms. Ziegler suggested that the theme for the Sustainability Fair be “Be the Solution”. The Board concurred.

### **4. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL).**

Ms. Sullivan presented the following list of upcoming events: Tortoise Class at Turkey Creek Sanctuary; Turkey Creek Sanctuary Park After Dark; Palm Bay Veterans Day Parade; and a celebration event at Veterans Memorial Park on Veterans Day.

Ms. Sullivan updated the Board on the City Hall EV Charger. She advised that the final agreement was under review with an anticipated 'go-live' date in November 2023.

Due to the proximity of the holiday, the Board suggested the alternate dates of November 28, 29, 30, or December 4, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

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Phillip Snyder, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Ashley Hammond, Secretary