

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2024-03

Held on Wednesday, the 27th day of March 2024, 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 Public Works Department located at 1050 Malabar Road, SW, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Logan Luse at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Logan Luse	Present
VICE CHAIRPERSON:	Kevin Smith	Present
MEMBER:	Rebecca Ziegler	Present
MEMBER:	Jane Higgins	Present
MEMBER:	Susan B. Connolly	Present
MEMBER:	Susan Phillips-Hardison	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	

CITY STAFF:

Suzanne Sherman, City Manager; Christeen Sullivan, Assistant Public Works Director; Eric Blount, Public Works Physical Environment Operations Supervisor; Carrie Dwyer, Administrative Secretary; Ashley Hammond, Asset Management Specialist.

ADOPTON OF MINUTUES:

1. Regular Meeting 2024-02, February 28, 2024.

As the minutes were not finalized for the meeting, they would be considered for adoption at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

1. Craig Wallace, Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition, thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to make a presentation at the Sustainability Fair in April.

2. Mark Gordon, resident, complimented staff for the fast response and positive interaction at last month's meeting regarding Nemo Community Garden.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Hardin Lane Pond (Basin 13 Pond) Update.

Mr. Blount explained crew had prepped the finger of the pond for the planting on April 20, 2024. Mr. Smith, Mr. Logan, and Ms. Higgins would be gathering approximately fifteen (15) volunteers to participate and the list of volunteers would be emailed to staff. The City would provide a passenger bus to transport volunteers from a local park to the pond for the event. Staff would finalize details and inform the Board via email. Event start time was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2024.

2. Sustainability Fair 2024 Update

Ms. Dwyer advised of the current list of vendors participating in the Sustainability Fair and recommended the Board reach out to any vendor that had not signed up before the deadline. There were suggestions for more children activities and music with in-kind services, and vendors could have their logos promoted on the flyer. Board members would email staff their availability for the day of the Fair to coordinate responsibilities.

3. Native Garden Update

Ms. Sullivan updated the Board, advising that the purchase orders had been issued. Solarization had to be removed due to commencement of construction on the property. The Native Garden was placed on hold to allow for underground locates needed for the new building.

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

Mr. Luse asked about Nemo Community Garden. Ms. Sherman explained that the City conducted a site visit and that all manmade structures had to be removed and a berm had to be built to close off the access point next to the canal to prevent public access. The City would reevaluate the area in the near future, and reach out to the community and residents.

Ms. Phillips-Hardison shared information about a recent visit to the Rain Garden in Cape Canaveral which was funded by the Civic Innovation Challenge. She asked about any kind of funding or projects as part of the Board to have a Rain Garden in Palm Bay. She also provided information on a Federal Grant opportunity specifically geared towards tree

planting and maintenance. Ms. Phillips-Hardison noted that Keep Brevard Beautiful was hosting a Trash Bash event in the City of Melbourne on April 6, 2024.

Ms. Higgins announced the following events of interest: Earth Day Event in Satellite Beach on April 27, 2024, and Turkey Creek Day on April 27th, 2024.

Mr. Luse also invited everyone to the City Council meeting on April 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm for the reading of the proclamation for “Sustainability Awareness Month” for the month of April.

Ms. Higgins asked about the Low Impact Development ordinance. Ms. Sherman explained that staff attended the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Low Impact Development Conference and created a manual as part of adoption of the ordinance. Ms. Sherman stated she was waiting for staff capacity to rebuild at both Public Works and Growth Management Departments before implementation of Low Impact Development projects like permeable pavers and oyster beds.

Ms. Phillips-Hardison saw a presentation by Hendricks Brothers Construction that had a Sustainability Division which created honeycomb artificial reefs. It was recommended that staff contact them to make a presentation to the Board. Ms. Sherman advised that staff would contact the company.

The Board concurred to include the following items on next month’s agenda:

- Nemo Garden to be left on agenda.
- Update on Low Impact Development.
- Presentation for next meeting with Hendricks Brothers.
- Follow up discussion for the Sustainability Fair.
- Honeywell presentation on energy efficiency retrofits.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Logan Luse, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Carrie Dwyer, Recorder