

Sustainability Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019

I. **Welcome**

- Roll Call

Present: Marcus Austin, Michael Fils-Aime, Ryan Goldman, Bradette Jepsen, Laila Kitchen, N. Skye McCloud, Lawrence Szeliga, and Derric Tay. **Absent Excused:** Emolyn Shaw and Sarah Ham. **Staff:** Carrie Kashar (Sustainability Officer).

- Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the month of March meeting was approved by the Board.

- Events and Announcements

- Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact Workshop – *The Power of Procurement for Low-Carbon, Resilient Communities* will be on May 10, 2019.
- Broward County and FDEP will be holding a free FDEP-Certified Stormwater, Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector Training and Qualification Course on April 24-25, 2019.

II. **Public Open Discussion**

Mr. Ramon Colon was in attendance from the public. He reported to the Board he has created a sub group of the Sunrise Chamber who wants to support the City. They have decided to meet once per month for a few months, and then see how to progress with future meetings. The first group meeting will be held at the Village Civic Center on April 16, 2019, at 8 a.m.

III. **Presentation**

Good and Green Quarterly Update

The Sustainability Officer relayed to the Board she would be presenting a quarterly update on a regular basis which would keep them informed as to the activities and the goals of the Sustainability division. The past quarter's programs and projects were presented in detail, and the following program benchmarks were reported:

Outreach Events/Activities - There were five (5) events during the first quarter.

Be A Butterfly Hero Program – There were a total of 128 certified habitats: 96 homes, 11 schools, and 21 common at the end of the first quarter.

Adopt-A-Street Program – There were nine (9) events, over 300 pounds of litter was removed, and eight (8) miles of the City's streets were cleaned during the first quarter.

PACE Program - During 2018 fiscal year there were 1,000 applications submitted, and over \$7 million financed in Sunrise. Projects completed include: 120 energy efficiency, 15 renewable energy, and 282 hurricane protection.

Water Conservation Program - Since October 1, 2018, there have been 182 toilet rebates provided to Sunrise Utilities customers.

It was announced that winners of the Water Conservation Poster Contest were recognized, a new residential irrigation rebate pilot program would be starting this May, and that the construction for the piping for the reuse program would be starting soon.

Sustainability Action Plan - The Sustainability Officer noted the SAP would be presented to the City Commission meeting either the last meeting in April or the first meeting in May. She noted the main priority for the remainder of the fiscal year were to develop benchmarking of energy and water usage for City buildings, LED lighting retrofit, and installing a pilot EV charging station for the City fleet.

A list of upcoming Earth Month events was also communicated.

IV. Old Business

Refuse the Straw Campaign Marketing Samples and Ideas

Board members discussed potential support and lack of support for a straw campaign, and moved their focus toward more inclusive campaign, not to focus just on straws, but green initiatives for businesses as in the Sustainability Action Plan. Discussion ensued.

Board member added it would be good to help individuals to be more aware of their disposal habits and their carbon footprint.

V. Other

Board members reported to the board they had taken tours of the Sawgrass Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant which was for approximately three hours, but were very informative.

VI. Agenda Items for Next Month

- Report on the outreach to local businesses for the NWF Certification
- Review of the FPL Solar Together Program
- Update on the park for Metropica

VII. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed without opposition.

Minutes prepared by: Donna Moore

Respectfully submitted by: Carrie Kashar