



## ORANGE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Orange County Administration Center  
201 S. Rosalind Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, OMB Conference Room  
Thursday, September 27, 2018  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Martinez      Chair  
Melvin Pittman      Vice-Chair  
Byron Knibbs  
Christopher Rizzolo  
Hal Kantor  
Kenneth Peach  
Samuel Graham  
Tommy Boroughs

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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### PARTICIPATING STAFF:

David Jones – EPD  
Renee Parker - EPD  
Julie Bortles – EPD  
Beth Jackson - EPD  
Jacques Werleigh - EPD  
Matt Suedmeyer – Parks & Rec  
Cedric Moffett – Parks & Rec  
Amy Bradbury – Parks & Rec  
Regina Ramos – Parks & Rec  
Alan Marshall – CEDS  
Lori Forsman – CEDS

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### Call to Order

At 12:00 p.m., Chair John Martinez opened the meeting and noted the existence of a quorum.

### Public Comment

The floor was opened for public comment. No members of the public wished to speak.

### Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Byron Knibbs, seconded by Kenneth Peach and carried by all present members voting AYE by voice vote; no members being absent; the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) approved the July 26, 2018 meeting minutes.

### Trails Overview

Amy Bradbury, Parks & Recreation, presented an overview of the Orange County Master Trails Plan. Trails fit into several goals with the Sustainability Plan related to options for mobility, access to green and open space, opportunities for physical exercise, and geographic connectivity. The Master Trails plan was written in 2012 and is scheduled for an update in 2019. The trails within this Plan are shared-use, paved paths to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and some equestrians. The overview showed current trails, identified new trails proposed in the Master Trail Plan, depicted how the trails connect to support the Coast to Coast Connector and explained how funding is secured based on the attributes of each planned trail.

### Florida Scenic Trail Overview

Beth Jackson, Environmental Protection Division, presented an overview of the Florida National Scenic Trail. This trail supports Goal 8 of the Sustainability Plan to provide residents access to green and open spaces. The Florida Trail is a statewide trail with 85 miles on Orange County Conservation Lands and is supported through agreements made between Orange County and the US Forest Service.

## **Wekiva Area BMAP**

Julie Bortles, Environmental Protection Division, presented an overview of the Wekiva Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP). With the requirements of the 2016 FL Springs and Aquifer Protection Act, a new Springs BMAP was set in July 1, 2018 with very specific strategies to reduce nitrates. Water body quality is an important metric within Goal 5 of the Sustainability Plan. The overview included planned projects, budget impacts, timelines, and short and long term actions in the future.

## **Fertilizer Ordinance**

Jacques Werleigh, Environmental Protection Division, presented an overview of Orange County's Fertilizer Management Ordinance. The goals of the ordinance are to improve water body quality and reduce nitrogen and phosphorus levels through proper fertilizer use. The overview included outreach efforts, proper training for commercial applicators as well as at-home residents, and signage for retail stores. Continued education will be important to success. Board members were encouraged to support education outreach by visiting the website and sharing the information.

## **Sustainability Annual Reporting**

Alan Marshall, Assistant to the Director, Community, Environmental, and Development Services presented short explanation of the plans for annual reporting of sustainability progress, metrics, and highlights for 2018. An update was also provided about the status of the Orange County Mayor Elect Transition Team for Sustainability and Growth as it relates to our current sustainability efforts.

At 1:41 p.m., Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting.

  
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Sustainability Advisory Board Chair

  
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Prepared by Alan Marshall

Date 11-29-18