



ORANGE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Orange County Administration Center
201 S. Rosalind Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801
3rd Floor, OMB Conference Room
Thursday, January 24, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melvin Pittman Vice-Chair
Byron Knibbs
Christopher Rizzolo
Kenneth Peach
Hal Kantor
Tommy Boroughs

PARTICIPATING STAFF:

Alan Marshall – CEDS
Lori Forsman – CEDS
Alissa Torres – Transportation Planning

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Martinez Chair
Samuel Graham

Call to Order

At 12:01 a.m., Chair Melvin Pittman opened the meeting and noted a quorum.

Public Comment

The floor was opened for public comment. No members of the public wished to speak. Seeing several visitors in the room, Chair Pittman asked the visitors to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Hal Kantor, seconded by Byron Knibbs and carried by all present members voting AYE by voice vote; John Martinez and Samuel Graham being absent; the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) approved the January 3, 2019 meeting minutes.

Solar Technology Presentation

Mr. Jhonny Touissant presented an advanced technology designed to regulate the temperature of solar panels while in use. Solar panels are affected by thermal cycling, thereby reducing the capacity to generate power, especially as the panels age. Mr. Touissant would like the County to consider his product for use on County-owned panels, potentially as a pilot testbed, and possibly provide a letter of support for potential product uses.

Code Amendments – Pedestrian Safety/ADA Compliance


Alissa Torres, Chief Planner, Transportation Planning Division, presented planned code changes relating specifically to the need for pedestrian safety improvements at intersections, areas of ADA compliance, Florida Department of Transportation updated design standards, as well as general enhancements and consolidation for ease of use and understanding. Unfortunately, the Orlando Metro area has once again, in 2019, been named by Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition as the #1 Most Dangerous Metro Area for pedestrian safety in the nation. Florida has been named, in 2019, the #1 Most Dangerous State for walking. Elements within the Mobility focus area of our Sustainability Plan address opportunities to advance complete streets principles for pedestrian and bicycle safety as well as context-sensitive design standards. The presented code changes are one implementation

step towards reducing pedestrian fatalities within our Metro Area. SAB members provided insight and input to the planned changes.

Transition Information

Alan Marshall, Assistant to the Director of Community, Environment and Development Services, described the recent Sustainability Overview presented to the new administration. A list of sustainability topics for the SAB to consider as part of upcoming discussions was also provided. Some details about the intent for green building standards among our existing County-owned facilities as well as new capital improvement projects were discussed. A brief overview of some development housing trends was given along with a discussion about potential standards for renewable energy in new construction. The SAB members were asked to research green building standards and development practices in the community in preparation for future discussions about County-owned buildings as well as development practices throughout the county.

At 1:32 p.m., Chair Pittman adjourned the meeting.


Sustainability Advisory Board Chair

Date

5-23-19


Prepared by Alan Marshall