



ORANGE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Orange County Administration Center
201 S. Rosalind Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801
3rd Floor, OMB Conference Room
Thursday, May 23, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PARTICIPATING STAFF:

Alan Marshall – PEDS
Lori Forsman – PEDS
Renee Parker – EPD
Gregory Scott – Transportation Planning
Brian Sanders – Transportation Planning

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roland Ball
Hal Kantor

Call to Order

At 12:05 p.m., Chair John Martinez opened the meeting and noted 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 Ken Peach, seconded by Melvin Pittman and carried by all present members voting AYE by voice vote; Tommy Boroughs, Roland Ball and Hal Kantor being absent; the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) approved the January 24, 2019 meeting minutes.

Chair Martinez noted a new section of the agenda; Upcoming Events. This section will identify opportunities for SAB members and members of the public to engage in sustainability events around the county. SAB members will receive invitations to events via email.

Melvin Pittman, Vice Chair, mentioned that he is heading the Census 2020 - Complete Count Committee at the request of Mayor Demings. SAB members were asked to spread the word about Census 2020 and to contact Melvin with questions.

At 12:10 p.m., member Tommy Boroughs joined the meeting.

Complete Streets Policy Update

Mr. Greg Scott, Transportation Planning, provided the SAB with an update on the County's Complete Streets Policy currently being coordinated internally. This policy was created in context with objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and the Sustainability Plan. The framework for the policy comes from Smart Growth America's (a nationally recognized organization) identified best practices for safer and more appealing transportation applied equitably throughout neighborhoods around the U.S. The project approach includes the policy and an integration guide. New transportation-related projects will be reviewed using a set of design guidelines and a checklist to accomplish the goals of the policy, which prioritize safety for all users along with context considerations for community design and

land use. Mr. Scott stated in the coming months, public workshops and other Advisory Board presentations will take place leading to a BCC work session currently planned for September 2019.

Board Member Engagement

Chair Martinez led a discussion on the future of the SAB and its role in the County's Sustainability initiatives. The desire is to have the members more engaged in the implementation of goals and to present or request information about potentially new initiatives. Suggestions were made to periodically have longer 'workshop' meetings about specific topics to discuss details and vet ideas. Additionally, agendas for meetings need to be planned further in advance with materials shared prior to the meeting to allow preparation time for members and facilitate better discussion and feedback at the meeting. As the Mayor's transition continues, with respect to sustainability initiatives, the SAB role will be further adjusted.

At 1:07 p.m., member Chris Rizzolo left the meeting. A quorum was maintained.

Update on Transition

Alan Marshall, Assistant to the Director of Planning, Environment and Development Services, gave an update on the transition which includes hiring the Chief Sustainability Officer within the next month. The future will include a 10-12 month process of resetting our existing sustainability goals with the assistance of a consultant. It will include a working group with internal and external stakeholders to help create a specific County Plan and refine our Community Plan both with more action-oriented goals and useful metrics. A benchmarking report with comparisons to other counties and cities is being created to assist the Mayor and CSO in setting a specific vision for Orange County.

Review of Priorities

Lori Forsman, Sustainability Specialist, led a short discussion about sustainability priorities. Updating priorities will be a good topic for an SAB workshop in the future. It was also mentioned that the new sustainability plans will include overarching concepts of equity and inclusiveness. SAB members may want to research that topic and staff will look into providing an information/training segment at a future SAB meeting.

Wrap-up

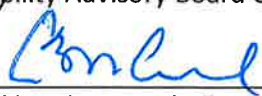
A short discussion took place about the need to improve recycling in Orange County. Several items were mentioned as part of the approach being taken to make improvements. These include a recycling pilot by our Utilities/Solid Waste Department to teach how to recycle right; the building of a new Material Recycling Facility (MRF) in Orange County to process recycling locally; the Beyond 34 effort for regionally improving recycling with partnerships among several municipalities and businesses; and local economic development of businesses to buy and use the recycled materials.

At 1:30 p.m., Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting.



Sustainability Advisory Board Chair

Date 7-25-19



Prepared by Alan Marshall