



ORANGE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Orange County Administration Center
201 S. Rosalind Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801
3rd Floor, OMB Conference Room
Thursday, September 26, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Martinez Chair
Melvin Pittman Vice-Chair
Madeline Almodovar
Shana Carson
Samuel Graham
Byron Knibbs
Kenneth Peach

PARTICIPATING STAFF:

Byron Brooks – County Administrator
Alan Marshall – PEDS
Lori Forsman – PEDS
Anne Kulikowski – Admin Services
Rich Steiger – Facilities Management
David Jones – EPD
Jane Gregory – EPD
John Roberts – Convention Center

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roland Ball
Tommy Boroughs

Call to Order

At 12:01p.m., Chair John Martinez called the meeting to order and noted a quorum. The Chair welcomed the two new members and invited each to introduce themselves to the group. Chair Martinez also welcomed County Administrator Byron Brooks to the meeting.

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 Melvin Pittman and carried by all present members voting AYE by voice vote; Roland Ball and Tommy Boroughs being absent; the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) approved the July 25, 2019 meeting minutes.

Energy Benchmarking County Facilities

Sustainability Programs Manager, Lori Forsman provided a short recap of the reading materials provided in advance to the board members. The presentation addressed current goals, strategies and target metrics related to energy and water efficiency in the Sustainability Plan, emphasizing the community-wide perspective. This set the stage for the Energy Benchmarking presentation containing data specific to County owned and managed facilities.

Rich Steiger, Manager, Facilities Management presented detailed energy and water usage data for the buildings managed by his team. Energy usage has consistently been reduced since 2016 with at least a 3% reduction each year. Water usage has also been reduced. It was noted that the Corrections Complex is by far the greatest consumer of energy and water for the County. To highlight the strategies for building management, Mr. Steiger reviewed the 'in-progress' and 'funded' projects through FY 19/20, as well as the benefits and anticipated savings. Projects 'in planning' for future fiscal budgets were also identified. Additionally, the EnergyStar score was listed for each of the five buildings reported in compliance with the City of Orlando's Building Energy and Water Efficiency Strategy (BEWES) ordinance. Specific projects for each of these buildings were highlighted to show intent to decrease energy use and increase the EnergyStar score.

There was some discussion about other County owned and operated facilities and the energy reduction efforts, to include the Convention Center, Parks & Recreation, Fire Rescue, Public Works, and Orange County Utilities. Additional data specific to those facilities will be gathered and assessed as part of internal benchmarking efforts and prior to creation of any County-specific action plans.

Discussion about Vision and Commitment


The Chair invited County Administrator Byron Brooks to address the board. Mr. Brooks stated that sustainability represented a substantial part of the Transition Team Recommendations and is a priority of the Administration. The first recommendation, the selection of a Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer, is well underway. The County will continue this commitment by allocating the necessary resources to make improvements in operations and create successes internally which will set the stage for community-wide sustainability initiatives. The role of the board will continue and remain a key component in evaluating recommended actions. Board members will be welcomed to participate in the process of establishing internal action plans and re-structuring the community-wide plan in the future.

Future Agenda Items for 2020

Chair Martinez led the discussion about topics for discussion and presentation at future meetings. One topic added to the list is the new Materials Recovery Facility. The following topics were added for consideration further into 2020; Smart Cities Opportunities; the Arts & Cultural Affairs Sustainability Subcommittee; Transportation Town Hall results; the Blue Zone health study; and a Regional Resilience Collaborative follow-up to include water management.


Before the meeting adjourned, upcoming events for the month of October were mentioned, with special attention on the Mayor's Transportation Town Halls scheduled for October 3 and 17, 2019.

At 1:34 p.m., Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting.


Sustainability Advisory Board Chair

Date

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Prepared by Alan Marshall