



ORANGE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Orange County Administration Center
201 S. Rosalind Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801
3rd Floor, OMB Conference Room
Thursday, February 27, 2020
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Martinez Chair
Melvin Pittman Vice-Chair
Shana Carson
Samuel Graham
Byron Knibbs
Kenneth Peach
Resham Shirsat

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Alan Marshall – PEDS
Lori Forsman – PEDS
Jeff Benavides - CSRO
David Jones – EPD
Jane Gregory – EPD
John Roberts – Convention Center

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Madeline Almodovar
Tommy Boroughs

Call to Order

At 12:09 p.m., Chair John Martinez called the meeting to order and noted a quorum.

Public Comment

The floor was opened for public comment. Three members of the public were in attendance and briefly introduced themselves. Two are members of the Sustainability in the Arts Committee and the other is a concerned citizen.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Byron Knibbs, seconded by Samuel Graham and carried by all present members voting AYE by voice vote; Madeline Almodovar and Tommy Boroughs being absent; the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) approved the January 23, 2020 meeting minutes.

Announcements/Board Discussion

The meeting continued with a brief discussion of upcoming Earth Day activities around the county and activities as part of the Climate Week in Orlando being led by the First 50 Coalition. These include a tree planting and activities in collaboration with Bring Your Kids to Work day on April 23rd. This discussion was followed with the announcement of the new recycling bins placed throughout the Administration Building and several other county facilities. The challenges of recycling and improvement efforts were reviewed. The final announcement was the award of the USGBC grant to assist with pursuing LEED for Cities/Communities certification for Orange County. This grant opportunity will provide training and technical guidance throughout the process which will begin in spring and proceed through 2020.

A proclamation to commemorate Earth Day will be presented and signed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on April 21 at 9:00 AM. SAB members are invited to attend.

Sustainability and Resilience Tasks & Initiatives

Jeff Benavides, Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer presented a list of tasks and initiatives being worked by the sustainability team. SAB members were asked to review the list of goals and prioritize the activities within each of the segmented areas. These can be sent via email or brought to the March 26, 2020 meeting.

Discussion of Cross-Departmental Data Collection Meetings

Lori Forsman, Sustainability Programs Manager, presented a detailed overview of the Cross-Departmental Data Collection Meetings taking place to support the development of the Orange County Government Operations Plan. The following topic areas were reviewed; Green Buildings & Renewable Energy, Water Body Quality & Stormwater Management, and Energy & Water Usage in County facilities. The presentation included a review of the current data and identified gaps, the challenges and barriers faced, and the opportunities for change in the future. The SAB provided insight and items for consideration as the Sustainability Working Group moves into goal setting and strategy identification for each area.

Finally, to follow-up on the action from the January 23, 2020 SAB meeting, Alan Marshall, Assistant to the Director of Planning, Environmental, and Development Services, mentioned that a discussion of micro-mobility solutions in place in the City of Orlando and their effect within Orange County would take place at the March 24, 2020 BCC meeting. SAB members are encouraged to attend or watch the session live on OrangeTV.

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

Sustainability Advisory Board Chair

Date

Prepared by Lori Forsman

