



Virtual Webex Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 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
Madeline Almodovar
Kenneth Peach

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Benavides - Sustainability & Resilience
Lori Forsman – Sustainability & Resilience
Renee Parker - EPD
Jane Gregory – EPD
Dhanraj Singh – Planning
Alyssa Henriquez – Planning
Lindsey Craig - Planning
Alyssa Kuhn – Sustainability & Resilience Intern

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tommy Boroughs
Resham Shirsat

Call to Order

At 12:05 p.m., Chair John Martinez called the meeting to order, acknowledged the board members in attendance and the quorum.

Public Comment

The Chair requested any public comments and staff verified no public comment forms were submitted. No members of the public in attendance wished to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Samuel Graham, seconded by Kenneth Peach and carried by all present members voting AYE by voice vote; Tommy Boroughs, Resham Shirsat, and Melvin Pittman being absent; the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) approved the September 24, 2020 meeting minutes.

It should be noted that at 12:15, Vice Chair Melvin Pittman joined the meeting.

Plan for the SAB

Lori Forsman, Sustainability Program Manager provided an update about the new members being approved to replace the termed-out members of the SAB. With this transition, it was determined that there will be no additional SAB meetings for 2020. Current SAB members were requested to assist in the development of a draft Strategic Plan for the SAB in 2021. This plan will include information to assist with the transition of the new members and help set the stage for monitoring the existing Our Home for Life Plan, the new internal Sustainable Operations & Resilience Action Plan, and any other related County initiatives. SAB members will be sent an email requesting input and review of the draft Strategic Plan prior to November 10, 2020.

Orange County's Resilience Index

Several members of the Planning Division provided a presentation about the development of an Orange County Resilience Index. Dhanraj Singh, Assistant Project Manager, Alyssa Henriquez, Planner, and Lindsey Craig, Project Assistant have worked together on the development of a Resilience Index allowing the County to assess itself against

19 community indicators within the 2019 Community Indicator Resilience Analysis developed by the Argonne National Library and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Additionally, this developed index allows for a comparison of the County against other similar Counties within Florida. Analysis of the results is continuing and will create opportunities to impact long-term budget planning, program assessments, disaster preparedness, and set the stage for a shift in the mindset of Planning for the County's more resilient future.

Status of Sustainability & Resilience Operations Plan

Jeff Benavides, Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer, presented an update on the Sustainability and Resilience External Committee and a status of the development of the Sustainable Operations and Resilience Action Plan.

Feedback on the Action Plan was provided by the County Administrator as well as all Department Directors and their teams. Budget impacts need to be updated throughout the actions of the Plan. The template from graphics has been developed and updates to content are being added. The content of the plan is about 85% complete. Feedback and review of the final draft Action Plan from the External Committee and the SAB members will be requested in November.

The presentation of the Action Plan to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is currently being planned. It was recommended by the SAB that the on-boarding of the new District 1 Commissioner be taken into consideration in finalizing the BCC presentation date. The earliest date would be December 15, 2020. Pre-briefings for the Mayor and all Commissioners will be scheduled.

Many thanks were shared around the room for the valued input of the SAB members transitioning off the Board after many years of service. The next SAB meeting will be January 28, 2021.

At 1:35 p.m., Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting.


Sustainability Advisory Board Chair

1-28-21
Date


Prepared by Lori Forsman