

MINUTES

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OLD CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS 510 GREENE STREET

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014

A meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Board of the City of Key West, Florida, was held in Old City Hall main chambers, 510 Greene Street, on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

Chairman Michael Larson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Answering roll call were Board Members, Rebecca Balcer, Student Savanna Grayson, David Lybrand, Vice-Chairman Dr. Ross Williams and Chairman Michael Larson.

Board Members Monica Haskell and Matt Massoud were absent.

Commissioner Weekley's original appointment and founding Member of the Board Emil Oesterling graciously stepped down from serving on the Board effective April 22, 2014.

Commissioner Weekley appointed Dakin Weekley to serve on the Board replacing Mr. Oesterling. Board Member Dakin Weekley was present at the meeting at 5:35pm.

Also present were Sustainability Coordinator Alison Higgins, Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator Will Thompson and Deputy City Clerk Angela Budde.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Larson asked for changes to the agenda.

Commissioner Teri Johnston's original appointment to the Board, Member David Lybrand, tendered his resignation to the Clerk of the Board and to Chairman Lawson to be effective immediately. Mr. Lybrand left the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Williams requested Reports be moved to be heard after Approval of Minutes.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Williams and seconded by Board Member Balcer to

approve the agenda as changed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 10, 2014 (Regular)

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Williams and seconded by Board Member Balcer to approve the minutes as submitted.

Chairman Larson acknowledge the motion and second and asked for verbal approval. The response was unanimous to approve the minutes.

REPORT ITEMS:

Waste Diversion Report - (Vice Chair Williams)

Chairman Larson read the title of the item.

The following people spoke on the matter:

Will Thompson, Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator
Alison Higgins, Sustainability Coordinator

Mr. Thompson advised the Board of the 4/3 vote by the City Commission at their regular May 6, 2014 meeting approving the award to Waste Management for the Solid Waste Collection and Processing Services, reverting back to twice a week trash collections instead of the current once a week collection.

Coordinator Thompson also advised 14 year City Employee and Utilities Director Jay Gewin tendered his resignation on Wednesday, May 7, with his last day set for July 3rd.

Sustainability Report - (Ms. Higgins)

Chairman Larson read the title of the item.

The following person spoke on the matter:

Coordinator Alison Higgins

Coordinator Higgins presented a slideshow of the Board's Annual Report to be presented to the City Commission's May 20th, 2014 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Endorse Safe Routes to Everywhere Policy Platform – (Ms. Haskell)

Chairman Larson read the title of the item.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Williams and seconded by Board Member Balcer to approve the action item.

Chairman Larson acknowledge the motion and second and asked for verbal approval. The response was unanimous.

The said Action Item was thereupon declared by the Chairman to have been duly passed and adopted.

FY15 Budget Priorities – (Ms. Higgins)

Chairman Larson read the title of the item.

The following person spoke on the matter:

Coordinator Alison Higgins

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Williams and seconded by Board Member Balcer, for discussion, to approve the action item for 1 Full Time Energy Coordinator, 1 Part Time Bicycle Coordinator and 1 Part Time Intern.

Chairman Larson acknowledge the motion and second and asked for verbal approval. The response was unanimous.

The said Action Item was thereupon declared by the Chairman to have been duly passed and adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Sustainability Outreach Planning - (Ms. Higgins)

May: Youth Leadership (Becky/Savanna)

June: Green Business (David)

July: Green Building (_____)

Chairman Larson read the title of the item.

The following person spoke on the matter:

Coordinator Alison Higgins

Coordinator Higgins reviewed the Youth Leadership accomplishment to date.

Support of Everglades Restoration Efforts - (Vice Chair Williams)

Chairman Larson read the title of the item.

The following person spoke on the matter:

Coordinator Alison Higgins

Vice-Chairman Williams presented a handout to the Board and Clerk reviewing the current efforts underway with restoring the water flow in the Everglades.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tony Yaniz
Perry Johnston, 606 Francis Street

BOARD COMMENTS:

Member Balcer advised National Bike to Work Week is May 12 – 16 and National Bike to work Day is Friday, May 16.

Chairman Larson welcomed Dakin Weekley to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.



Angela Budde, Deputy City Clerk