

**SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2015**

Pursuant to public notice, Chairman Jeff Chestine convened a regular meeting of the Sustainability Board on Wednesday December 9, 2015, at 6:59 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Committee Members present were Eugene Mathews, Josh Pause, David Vigliotti and Dylan Hansen. Staff Members present were City Manager Courtney Barker, Assistant City Manager Suzanne Sherman and Recording Secretary Julie Finch. Board Members Scott Waymire and John Fergus were not present.

Chairman Jeff Chestine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(TIME: 6:59 P.M.) PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

(TIME: 6:59 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON THE OUTLINE FOR SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT AS SUBMITTED AND PRESENTED BY F.I.T.

Courtney Barker explained that the assessment outline should be examined and approved by the Board to proceed.

Jessica Morse, F.I.T. intern, gave a brief presentation explaining the tiers and matrix of the outline. She also spoke about the information that needs to be collected for measurement. The Board asked questions and discussed adding/deleting tiers. Board members agreed to send input to Dr. Lindeman and Jessica by January 8th for the next draft.

(TIME: 7:42 P.M.) STAFF UPDATE ON SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Courtney Barker gave an update on the Roosevelt Street project and said that a water fountain is being proposed as an addition to promote reusable water containers. She suggested that the Board involve community groups to design signs promoting the effort. Members asked about getting water fountains at the beach accesses as well.

(TIME: 7:49 P.M.) PROJECT UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

David Vigliotti gave a reminder that the "My Brevard Yard" class is \$30 which includes water and soil testing. He also spoke about the Surfrider Foundations' "Friendly Gardens Program."

Jeff Chestine gave an update on his research for the Livable Lawn program and asked for ideas for a program name.

Josh Pause will present some new mock-ups for the logo at the next meeting.

Dylan Hansen talked about a documentary that he is producing on the Indian River Lagoon's past, present, and future.

(TIME: 7:53 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ON BRANDING ITEMS AND DOMAIN NAMES

Item was tabled until next meeting pending more changes.

(TIME: 7:56 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON LIVABLE LAWN INFORMATION AND FORMS

Jeff Chestine spoke about his ideas on his Sustainable Lawn Program in regards to how companies can get certified by the Board. There was discussion about the price of soil testing.

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Rick Fredricksen a local contractor spoke about how many lawns he provides fertilizing for monthly and gave his thoughts on the responsiveness of home owners.

Courtney Barker recommended that the soil testing be a mandatory part of certifying contractors because the main idea of the program is to reduce the amount of fertilizers used in lawn care. She recommended that there be a standard created of lawn contractors to be able to be certified.

The Board asked questions about how this program would thrive and who should be responsible for upholding the rules and regulations of the terms. Board members asked questions about who would be responsible for making sure contractors stayed in compliance with standards.

Rodney Smith spoke to say that he supports the lawn initiative and reminded the Board that the next generation homeowners is who the Board should be appealing too. He thought that the \$10 soil testing will not deter residents in participating and believes it should be a requirement.

Courtney Barker suggested offering a grant program to contractors to enable them to get homeowners to have the soil testing. Rick Fredricksen asked what means of pollution is the biggest contributor to fertilizer getting into the lagoon. Suggestions were made about including a class in the contractor certification program as well.

Ken Lindeman asked several questions about establishing this certification and gave thoughts on how to run the program. He suggested looking into business models with risk management components to base the program around. He recommended that a governing body is created to uphold the standards.

David Vigliotti offered to set up a class with UF/Extension representative; Linda Seals, to conduct a class about lawn care.

Topic was tabled until next meeting until more research is conducted and Attorney Beadle is contacted about possible legal issues.

(TIME: 8:52 P.M.) ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 23 AND OCTOBER 28, 2015

ACTION: Committee Member Pause MOVED, SECOND by Committee Member Mathews to adopt the minutes. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

(TIME: 8:52 P.M.) ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: January 27, 2016.



Julie Finch

Recording Secretary