



MINUTES

Virtual Meeting of the City of Hollywood
 Sustainability Advisory Committee
 January 28, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Present	Staff Liaison
Stephanie Anderson Dale Cheek Todd Delmay Graham Penn Grahm Rubin Sylvia Meyer Catherine Uden Jade Vinet Wendy Schugar-Martin, Chair	Elaine Franklin
	Guests
	Caryl Shuham, Hollywood Commissioner, District 1 Erik Ofengand
Absent	

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. by Wendy Schugar-Martin. Roll call. Attendance was taken, noted above. A quorum was present.

Todd Delmay made a motion to pass the minutes from the October 22, 2020, meeting. Dale Cheek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Dale will be overseas for 4-6 weeks so he will miss the next meeting.

Catherine Uden noted that a shark fin elimination act at the federal level was moving forward until Senator Rubio stopped it. Plantation was considering a straw ban. The County might implement a polystyrene ban.

Jade Vinet used her certified diver skills to assist the Coral Restoration Foundation with restoring corals in Key Largo.

Stephanie Anderson shared that community members are working with Master Gardeners on the community garden on Atlantic Avenue. There is a climate steering committee to increase awareness in underserved communities. The group 1,000 Mermaids was doing a project in Tampa.

Elaine Franklin notified members that Sara Berk resigned from the SAC. Graham Penn, who has been the South Florida Builders Association member of the SAC, is sunsetting this year because he has served ten years. Most current members need to apply this spring to be reappointed to the Committee. She informed them that the City is participating in the first Florida Food Waste Prevention Week occurring April 5-9, 2021. The joint touchless tree giveaway with Hallandale Beach and other partners for Ocean Day on March 6th will use City staff, so volunteers aren't needed after all. She requested assistance from the SAC members with outreach to raise awareness about the new plastics ban. She informed them about Public Works' policy not to smooth sand on the dry beach but that staff use a sifter to collect litter. Cat responded that she has never seen the sifter, but she has seen the bar being used every time she's on the beach including before today's meeting.

Wendy drafted a coalition letter for other municipal SACs. She will send it to Jennifer Jurado in Broward County. Members discussed holding a meeting for other SAC chairs and the County to meet. The County could lead it or just be a guest speaker. Commissioner Shuham noted that the Broward League of Cities fights preemptions. Wendy will contact them.

Annual Environmental Education Forum February 25, 2021 – Waste to Energy

Members briefly discussed logistical details for the 10th annual environmental education forum. Cat provided content for Elaine on the speaker and topic. Elaine asked members to assist with promoting the event once the flyer is made.

Review of Proposed Congressional Climate Bills

Members discussed making recommendations to the Commission on carbon emissions reductions and the importance of communicating a position to the Commission as the SAC. In light of the change of the Presidential administration, they discussed tabling this item and waiting to see what federal bills move forward. Stephanie made a motion to table this item and the genetically modified mosquitoes item until the meeting in March. Cat opposed tabling the climate change resolution if the Committee wasn't amending it. Jade agreed. Further discussion ensued. Stephanie amended the motion to support the climate change resolution as is and to table the GM mosquitoes discussion. Cat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SAC Coalition Letter on Genetically Modified Mosquitoes

Stephanie is going to send Elaine a draft resolution on GM mosquitoes. GMO Free Florida has contacted other cities. Decisions regarding mosquito control measures are probably made at the county level. Members discussed having a virtual Earth Day roundtable in April. Wendy will speak with Jennifer Jurado to get more information. The item will be tabled until after she has done so.

Letter Regarding City-Wide Ban on Plastic Straws and Utensils

Cat provided a draft letter to which Wendy made a few small revisions and will send to Elaine. Hollywood would be the first to have a broad ban on plastic utensils. Wendy noted that businesses will push back without support. Members discussed promoting

two separate ordinances, one for straws and one for utensils. Stephanie recommended providing a list of available alternatives and promoted education. So far, 27 municipalities in Florida have passed straw bans. Sylvia highlighted how more businesses using these alternatives will lower their prices. Cat pointed out that Sysco is already catering to other parts of the US that have banned some plastics. Members discussed the phase out period and settled on a 12-month period for utensils. Jade made a motion to support the letter with the revisions from Wendy and the discussed adjustments. Todd seconded. Stephanie abstained from voting, but all others voted in favor of the motion.

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 P.M., which was seconded by Cat and passed unanimously.