



## **AGENDA**

### **SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting 2023-05  
Wednesday May 24, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers  
120 Malabar Road, SE Palm Bay FL 32907

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

1. Regular Meeting 2023-04; April 26, 2023

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items – Individuals wishing to speak on specific agenda items can do so at the time the item is being considered by the Board. The Chairperson will ask if there are any public comments prior to the Board taking action on the item. All speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each.**

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Beemats LLC – Steve Beeman, President

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Native Plant demo garden update
2. Composting
3. City sustainable effort updates

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL).

**THIS MEETING IS BROADCAST LIVE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Sustainability Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be required and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based (FS 286.0105). Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings verbatim.**

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**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**  
**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING 2023-04**

Held on Wednesday, the 26th day of April 2023 at Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Phillip Snyder	Present
<b>VICE CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Logan Luse	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Kevin Smith	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Susan B. Connolly	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Jane Higgins	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Rebecca Ziegler	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Vacant	---

**CITY STAFF:**

Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

Kristin Suros, Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)**

Ms. Chanda Begin introduced questions she has about HOA's in Palm Bay. She would like more information regarding policies that support/do not support utilizing sustainable measures in landscaping like rain barrels, composting, non-turf grass yards, and native plant use in landscaping. Board members thanked her for her questions and staff collected her information to reach out to her with more information after the meeting.

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## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

### **1. Regular Meeting 2023-03; March 22, 2023**

Motion by Mr. Luse, seconded by Ms. Ziegler, to adopt the minutes as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Sustainability Fair discussion and overall outcome**

Mr. Snyder opened the discussion with requesting board members to list items they wish to continue in upcoming fairs. A consensus was made for using matching t-shirts to be recognizable by others at the fair. Also, having workshops, and tents for Utilities and Republic are favorable and will be requested in the future. Things to improve on would include obtaining more food trucks, better garbage and recycling control and/or attempt to be a zero-waste event, and lastly striving to have more focus on vendors that have clear links to sustainability.

The Board discussed trying to have a raffle at next year's event, forming a sub committee and starting to plan a lot sooner for the event, and lastly gave some new ideas for workshops and demonstrations.

### **2. Native plant demo garden update**

Ms. Higgins noted that the Conradina Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society is interested in helping fundraise for the garden. She added the group did need more information before making a decision to proceed. Comments closed with Ms. Sherman mentioning a follow up meeting with city staff would be needed.

### **3. New goal(s) for board to pursue**

Mr. Snyder opened the discussion asking each board member to discuss a topic of interest to focus on. Each member agreed on trying to establish a composting program within the city. Comments were made to educate and follow up on HOA's in Palm Bay and the rules and regulations they have.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1. Upcoming meetings/events of interest (INFORMATIONAL)**

Ms. Higgins and Ms. Connolly discussed a forum hosted by Little Grower's Inc. A reminder was given about the Brevard Working Sustainable Group that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month and lastly, board members mentioned a meeting regarding the Malabar Scrub Jay Sanctuary that would take place Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the First Baptist Church of Malabar.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:41 P.M.

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Phillip Snyder, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Kristin Suros, Secretary