

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
October 24, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

<b>Cumulative Attendance</b>					
<b>1/2022 through 12/2022</b>					
	<b>Members</b>	<b>Appt by</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>1</b>	Sofia Thordin	M	P	3	1
<b>2</b>	Douglas Brinkley	I	P	5	0
<b>3</b>	Robert Daoust (at 6: 16 p.m)	II	P	3	-
<b>4</b>	Kelly Charles	IV	P	8	0
<b>5</b>	David Blattner, Chair	I	P	7	1
<b>6</b>	Matthew McIntosh	C	P	2	1
<b>7</b>	Whitney Dutton	IV	P	6	2
<b>8</b>	Carolann Mazza	III	P	6	2
<b>9</b>	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
<b>10</b>	Vacant Position	III	-	-	-
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**Staff Present**

Public Works Department

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Stefan Perritano, Sustainability Coordinator, Temporary Staff Liaison

Joan Starr, Parks and Recreation

Jamie Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.

**Guests Present**

Leann Barber, Made in Broward

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blattner at 6:02 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

## **Communication to the City Commission**

The Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) provides the following Communication to the City Commission:

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*The proposed modifications strengthen coastal resilience, mitigate the effects of tidal flooding and sea level rise, and promote the health of coastal ecosystems. In addition, the revised ordinance would bring the City into compliance with existing Broward County regulations and is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Press Play Fort Lauderdale. The Sustainability Advisory Board urges the City Commission to adopt the proposed modifications supporting regionally-consistent top elevations standards for seawalls, banks and berms, and other tidal barriers.*

*These ordinance modifications support the following strategic connections:*

### **Comprehensive Plan**

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- POLICY CM 4.2.3: Continue to foster effective collaborations, partnerships (including P3), and coordination with national, state, regional, and local partners to identify risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities associated with coastal hazards and the impacts from sea level rise.

### **Press Play Fort Lauderdale**

- Infrastructure Focus Area: Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
  - Objective: Ensure climate change resiliency and implement local and regional strategies to reduce our carbon footprint

- Objective: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise
- Public Places Focus Area: Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaged community
  - Objective: Improve water quality and our natural environment

A motion to approve the Communication to the City Commission as discussed was made by Ms. Charles and seconded by Ms. Mazza. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A **motion** to approve the August 22, 2022, minutes as presented was made by Ms. Thordin and seconded by Ms. Charles. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

A **motion** to approve the September 26, 2022, minutes as presented was made by Ms. Thordin and seconded by Mr. McIntosh. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**Staff Liaison Report**

Quorum at Last Meeting

Mr. Hadwen explained that it was subsequently determined afterwards that the September 26 meeting did not achieve quorum as one Board member had not yet completed their Oath of Office. Consequently,

any Board actions at the September meeting were not official and would need to be repeated with quorum present.

#### LEED for Cities Update

Mr. Perritano provided an update on LEED for Cities. He stated that a staff meeting was held recently to review progress and address information needed. He stated that the City intended to submit its draft application in December and, hopefully, achieve LEED Gold certification by April 2023, which would match the highest rating of any city in Florida.

#### Resolution in Support of Broward Solar Co-Op

Mr. Hadwen explained the City Commission had officially accepted a resolution to support the Broward Solar Co-Op, making the City an official partner. He stated this allowed Strategic Communications to conduct outreach related to the program.

*Robert Daoust joined the meeting at 6:16 p.m.*

#### **Presentations**

##### Urban Farming

Leann Barber of Made in Broward shared a *PowerPoint* presentation titled "Food Forests in Fort Lauderdale." She discussed the three (3) urban food forests in central Broward County and the interest developing in getting involved with the concept. She shared definitions of the gardening technique and actions the City could take to garner additional participation and interest. Joan Starr, City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation staff, provided additional detail regarding the farm in Snyder Park.

A question-and-answer segment ensued.

***Presentation is attached.***

##### Tidal Barrier Ordinance

Mr. Perritano shared a *PowerPoint* presentation regarding proposed changes to the Tidal Barrier Ordinance. He explained the proposal was scheduled to be heard by the Planning & Zoning Board in November and the City Commission in January.

A question-and-answer segment ensued.

***Presentation is attached.***

Discussion continued regarding submission of a Communication to the City Commission regarding the Ordinance, and the following was drafted:

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#### New Business

##### Confirm Previous Month's Votes

Item addressed during Staff Liaison Report

##### Vice Chair Elections

A **motion** to name Sofia Thordin as Vice Chair was made by Ms. Charles and seconded by Ms. Mazza. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **Proposed Communication**

Item addressed during Presentations.

### **Comments**

Ms. Charles asked what was happening with pickleball courts in Snyder Park. She stated she did not want to lose a lot of green space. Mr. Hadwen stated that he would investigate and report back.

Ms. Charles inquired as to whether there were any cities with ordinance related to Florida Power & Light (FPL) cutting trees. She asserted they do a poor job. Mr. Hadwen stated he would ask the City's Urban Forester and noted there may be State regulation supersedes what the City can do, and his understanding is that FPL has a right to trim.

Ms. Mazza asked if anyone had details on Ygrene stopping PACE funding. Mr. Hadwen stated their funding sources were no longer available due to higher interest rates. He stated he had reached out to other PACE programs and the others are still actively providing PACE funds.

### **Items for Next Meeting**

Mr. Hadwen discussed electrical vehicle infrastructure, and stated staff was looking at an electric vehicle charging ordinance which would require a certain number of chargers in a parking area. He stated Coral Gables had recently passed what may be the most aggressive ordinance of this type in the country. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perritano stated a presentation on LEED for Cities could be made in December.

Ms. Mazza suggested a presentation regarding the Infrastructure Bill. Mr. Hadwen stated he had given a presentation on the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Bill, but the Federal government had not yet laid out criteria and administration.

Ms. Thordin asked for confirmation that the Board had determined there was no action they could take at this time regarding food forests. Mr. Hadwen stated they had determined the program could use Green Your Routine funding and could be further discussed at a future meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting of the SAB will be held on November 28, 2022, on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor.

Upcoming events: 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit, December 8 and 9, 2022, Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale.