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CITY OF COCOA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2021

A regular meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee of the City of Cocoa was held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 in the Council Chambers at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, as publicly noticed.

I. **WELCOME – ROLL CALL:**

BOARDMEMBER PALMER called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Jennifer Riggs	Chairperson
Kaylyn Palmer	Vice Chairperson
Linda Gombert	Board Member
Angelique Rinaldi	Board Member
Josephine Shim	Board Member
Marlene Weiss	Board Member
Kristina Jackson	Board Member
Joy Rutherford	Board Member
Dawn Paige Horr	Board Member
Lorraine Koss	Council Liaison

PRESENT:

Linda Gombert	Board Member
Josephine Shim	Board Member
Kristina Jackson	Board Member
Joy Rutherford	Board Member
Dawn Paige Horr	Board Member
Lorraine Koss	Council Liaison

ABSENT:

Jennifer Riggs	Chairperson
Angelique Rinaldi	Board Member
Marlene Weiss	Board Member
Kaylyn Palmer	Board Member

Note: Both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were not in attendance and therefore, Board Member Jo Shim ran the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT:

Christine Kuhn, Recording Secretary, **Lori Chabot**, Redevelopment Coordinator

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
Board Member Shim led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

III. Approval of AGENDA & MINUTES: Review, Revision and Approval –

Agenda 3-4-21

- **MOTION by Board Member RUTHORFORD; SECONDED by Board Member HORR** to approve the AGENDA for the March 4, 2021 with amendments. Amendments include a date correction.

- **AYES: ALL**
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)**

Minutes 12-3-20

- **MOTION by Board Member SHIM; SECONDED by HORR to approve Version B of the MINUTES from the December 3, 2020 Regular Meeting as written and filed with Original Full Agenda.**

- **AYES: ALL**
  MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Minutes 12-16-20

- **MOTION by Board Member JACKSON; SECONDED by Board Member GOMBERT to approve the MINUTES from the Working Group held on December 16, 2020 with amendments (copy filed with agenda).**

- **AYES: ALL**
  MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Minutes 1-14-21

- **MOTION by Board Member JACKSON; SECONDED by Board Member HORR to approve the MINUTES for the Workshop held on January 14, 2021 with amendments (copy filed with agenda).**

- **AYES: ALL**
  MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Minutes 2-4-21

- **MOTION by Board Member JACKSON; SECONDED by Board Member GOMBERT to approve the MINUTES for the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2021 with amendments (copy filed with agenda).**

- **AYES: ALL**
  MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IV. **DELEGATIONS:**

Councilwoman Koss suggested introducing the Board's newest member and Councilman Dyal.

Board Member Shim welcomed and introduced Board Member Paige Horr.

Board Member Shim Introduced Councilman Dyal of District 3. Board Member Horr asked about his District and he explained.

Councilwoman Koss stated the new Census will be coming out and the City will be re-districting. Board Member Horr added she is in District 3.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

The scheduled speaker was not in attendance. Board Member Shim asked Councilwoman Koss if there were any other speakers scheduled. She replied she did not know. Board Member Shim will confer with Chairperson Riggs and develop a speaker calendar.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Update given by Board Member Jackson regarding Memorial Markers and reminded the board of the previous presentation by Kim Smith, of Brevard County TPO regarding the Vision Zero Program. Mariam Moore was present at that meeting and requested assistance with roadside markers for pedestrians or bicyclists who have been killed on the roads. Ms. Moore requested the City do Memorial Markers.

FDOT and Brevard County both have Memorial Markers. County charges $35.00 for sign, post and hardware and FDOT do not charge. Ms. Smith stated the biggest difference between the two is FDOT does not charge a fee. Ms. Smith added FDOT's enthusiasm for the City of Cocoa doing the signs. Board Member Jackson stated the next step would be to go to the City Council for approval and that she would like to ask Ms. Moore to attend. Councilwoman Koss added there had been some discussions between the City Manager and Staff about the markers.

Board Member Jackson mentioned Lights for bikes and High visibility enforcement (police). Ms. Smith recommends waiting until after May to start the grant program and to speak with police department.

Councilwoman Koss and Board members discussed the best time to take the idea to the City Council Meeting, how to report it, whether through as an agenda, or delegations or presentations. Councilman Dyal suggested getting with Officer Chris Hattaway about the bikes and lights.

Board Member Shim asked what the target date was to bring the Memorial Markers to the City Council meeting. Board Member Jackson responded one of the March meetings. They will also speak with Ms. Moore.

Board Member Horr asked about the cost of the markers. Ms. Smith replied $35, installation, county installs, cost to city would depend on the City. Chairperson Koss emphasized goal is visibility of safety for the citizens.

VII. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

Board Member Gombert provided an update on the Museum trail. Questions was asked if the Museum was closed? Councilwoman Koss responded that it is still being shown with an appointment and less hours during the transition adding what happens to museum will be a Council decision. Ms. Gombert continued the gates are being locked and unlocked with volunteers. One gate is locked that belongs to the College. Councilman Dyal explained this is due to Homeland Security restrictions for the area and walking on their property is not permitted. Councilwoman Dyal explained most of the pathways were owned by the College. Board Member Horr asked about getting a map that would identify property ownership. Councilwoman Koss recommended looking on the property appraiser's site for that information.

Councilwoman Koss stated there will be a Community Meeting at Museum Pavilion on 3/20/21,10:00 pm to discuss how to lift up the area. Board Member Shim responded that time conflicts with another event. Chairwoman Koss said she will move to 12:00 pm.

Board Member Shim asked other members about their efforts to have a Sustainability Board member at each of the City Council Meeting to keep Council updated. She recommends a schedule. Councilwoman Koss recommended a Calendar.

Board Member Shim reported on the Mayor's Challenge status.

- So far, they have done 6 events and suggest a 7th.
- The good news is, City issues being discussed at events.
- Social media is active on group page with individual updates.
- On Friday March 12, Councilman Hearn is leading a walk, bring your dog and bird watching will be available.
- Saturday, March 13th - Vice Mayor Goins will host a walk in Cocoa Village at 9:00.
- March 20, walk around Emma Jewel Pond. There is a flyer on the Facebook page.
- Board Member Shim recommends sponsoring an additional walk and suggests Wednesday, March 24, at 5:30 pm. Additional details discussed among members.
- Sunshine rule – Board Member Shim reminded no discussion of topics which will be voted on at a meeting. A couple of questions for clarification.
- Councilwoman Koss confirmed you should not discuss with another member of the Board, out-side of a public meeting anything that could come up for a vote.

Councilwoman Koss reported

- Amazon Distribution Center operational by end of 2021 with 200 jobs $15/hr.
- A great deal of development in district 3 that include quite a few apartments.

- Discussed Drive Towards Smart Grow.
- Discussed and recommended reading an article "Rights for River" - "It runs downhill". It explains the algae situation in Florida. The Publication is Bitter Southerner and she will send out to members.
- The Master park plan should be available by next meeting.

Councilman Dyal reported there will be a Senior living apartment development in district 1.

V. **NEXT MEETING DATE – APRIL 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

The next meeting for the Sustainability Advisory Committee will be a Regular Meeting, held on Thursday, APRIL 1, 2021 at Cocoa City Hall located at 65 Stone Street, unless a business need arises earlier.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION by Board Member GOMBERT; SECONDED by Board Member HORR to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2021.**

AYES: ALL
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

FOR Marlene Wells
Jennifer Riggs, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted by:
Christine Kuhn, Recording Secretary