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

A regular meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee of the City of Cocoa was held on Thursday, February 3, 2021 in the Council Chambers at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, as publicly noticed.

I. WELCOME – ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Jennifer Riggs	Chairperson
Linda Gombert	Board Member
Kaylyn Palmer	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:

Jennifer Riggs	Chairperson
Linda Gombert	Board Member
Josephine Shim	Board Member
Marlene Weiss	Board Member
Kristina Jackson	Board Member
Joy Rutherford	Board Member
Dawn Paige Horr	Board Member *(via phone)*
Lorraine Koss	Council Member

ABSENT:

Kaylyn Palmer	Board Member
Angelique Rinaldi	Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Lori Chabot, Recording Secretary, **Christine Kuhn**, License/Permit Tech.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Chairperson Riggs led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

II. AGENDA: Review, Revision and Approval –

- **MOTION by Board Member WEISS; SECONDED by Chairperson RIGGS to approve the AGENDA for the February 3, 2021 with amendments. Amendments include changing the Order of the Agenda as follows: Approval of Agenda, Presentations, Delegations, New Business, Approval of Minutes to the end and to add new business items – 1-7 below.**

- **AYES: ALL**
  MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

III. PRESENTATIONS:

1.Kim Smith, Brevard County TPO presented Vision Zero (photocopy of presentation included). Vision Zero is a new approach to traffic safety and pedestrian/bicycle safety. Ms. Smith added Vision Zero involves equity-based education and community engagement that is data driven and transparent. The areas of focus are speeds, distracted driving, inexperienced drivers and no or poor lighting describing a HIN (High Injury Network) which represents 15-20% of Brevard's road network, but 55% of fatal crashes.

Implementation includes a Tool Kit for Municipalities with resources such as the Vision Zero Brand; Marketing Campaign, Toolkit Elements and online access. Ms. Smith added that a Crash Dashboard on the TPO website is updated regularly and is interactive showing fatalities or severe injuries by location on a map.

Councilwoman Koss asked about Brevard County specifically. Ms. Smith replied that Brevard County remained high in terms of fatalities involving pedestrians and bicyclists. Discussion continues about local crashes, injuries and deaths and the need for a program such as this.

Ms. Smith mentioned a program to get bicycle light kits for bikes and Board Member Jackson expressed interest in getting those.

Ms. Smith added that programs such as this and another called Safe System Approach continue to gain traction in communities.

Councilwoman Koss will keep the board up to date on TPO board.

2. Jo Shim had a health/wellness related speaker scheduled however the speaker could not attend.

III. DELEGATIONS:

Miriam Moore of 1910 Thurman Street, Cocoa expressed her support of the Vision Zero Program or something similar. She spoke of her own person tragedies of pedestrian deaths. She would like to bring education and greater visibility to traffic safety/pedestrian crossings. Councilwoman Koss asked her to speak about the signs. Ms. Moore responded she would like Cocoa to assist with a marker / sign for the area where her daughter was killed.

Ms. Smith stated the TPO could possible help with something the cities could adopt. Chairperson Riggs thanked Ms. Smith adding that it fit into their plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the sign/marker, who would spearhead it, if there were guidelines available and how it would work and that is should be education focused and not penalize anyone. Chairwoman Koss recommended a Motion be made and a concept paper be developed to ultimately take to Council.

- **MOTION by Chairperson RIGGS; SECONDED by Board Member WEISS to adopt a Vision Zero related project and develop a concept draft for next month's (March) sustainability meeting and within 3 months take it to Council with a kick off in June, 2021 as well as looking at Bicycle Lights project and Alert Today Florida High Visibility Enforcement grant.**

- **AYES: ALL**
  MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Amendments made at March 4, 2021 meeting. Kristina Jackson was assigned to work with Miriam Moore and Kim Smith who presented on Vision Zero to work on getting information about making street memorial markers legal n the City of Cocoa. At the next Meeting Kristina will provide an update.

Ms. Smith added Remembrance Day is Oct/Nov. She also provided additional information to the board stating resurfacing of 520 was moving forward with traffic calming and is slated for construction in 2022.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1.Mayors Fitness Challenge – Board Member Shim began stating there are several walks scheduled on the Clearlake loop with opportunities to walk with members of council. Board Member Shim shared a flyer for the Community Walk with Council on February 13 at 10:00 at Travis Park. She requested help with distributing the fliers throughout the community.

Discussion ensued regarding contacting Cocoa High School to invite staff/students, making contact with ESFAC, providing popcorn, water and that T.Shirts were available for those who joined the Mayor's Fitness Challenge. Board discussed several options to spread the word such as next-door neighbor, facebook and a press release.

Discussion continued:

Regarding the number of walks, when and where and how many to have.

Closing of the Museum /property going back to city. Board Members will assist with opening and closing of the museum.

Councilwoman Koss added that 2/17 was Mayor Jake Williams birthday and would like to dedicate that walk to him.

Would like to open up the trail behind the Museum and connect it with the Clearlake loop. Vice Chairperson Palmer will speak with the athletic director at HS and see if they can help.

Board Member Weiss shared her research about the BCC property/county/history of property.

Chairperson Riggs would like have walks on 2/24 and 2/25 as a story time to educate about the history of Cocoa. Discussion continued as to how many stories to include and goals and as well as days/hours

and to include the college. Chairwoman Koss will contact EFSAC.

2.Clearlake Loop and Nature Trail – Board discussed building a community of volunteer support and promoting walking that loop using Friends Up, Sign Up as a campaign. Board Member Weiss will be looking for volunteers to help with cause. The goal is bringing people out and building strength in the community.

3. Walking Loop around Bracco Pond and the Stormwater Pond behind Emma Jewel. Councilman Hearn will be walking here. Board Member Jackson also suggested a dog walkers day.

4. Review other speakers – Suggestion made by Board Member Shim for Sally Scalera to speaker at the next meeting. Her presentation pertains to soils and solutions, healthy food, mitigating climate change and water quality. Councilwoman Koss added it related to beautification of community/corridors. Chairperson Riggs added it is a foundation for the board's work towards green infrastructure.

- **MOTION by Chairperson RIGGS; SECONDED by Board Member WEISS to approve the next speaker, Sally Scalera at the March meeting. All in favor.**

- **AYES: ALL**
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Councilwoman Koss recommended a social media blast regarding speakers and a future discussion/speaker regarding the living shoreline (April Meeting).

Chairperson Riggs also suggested reviewing the plan's priorities/objectives for future discussions, as some are already underway. Chairperson Riggs suggested an Environmental Justice speaker and suggested the board analyze the data from the 2019 Health Needs Assessment. Another suggested speaker was Bonnie Wells.

5. Sustainability Library Links. Discussion regarding the website and resource groups. Chairperson Riggs suggested adding an area for current issues/projects to the website stating she would add to next month's agenda.

6. Waste Management Contract Update: Councilwoman Koss updated the board on the Waste Management contract and that the City Manager was currently working with them. Councilwoman Koss will provide another update at next meeting.

Chairperson Riggs asked if there would be any component of composting added that was KDB's recommendation. Councilwoman Koss replied KDB is opening a pilot program in Titusville and the current business model is by subscription. Chairperson Riggs asked if the Sustainability Intern's research about waste management resources had been received. Councilwoman Koss replied not yet. Chairperson Riggs explained to the Board, Rebecca is the Sustainability Intern who will be working with Dodie Selig on a greenhouse gas survey which is an international effort.

7. Sustainability Board Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and are as following for the remainder of the year:

Thursday, March 4, 2021
Thursday, April 1, 2021
Thursday, May 6, 2021
Thursday, June 3, 2021
Thursday, July 1, 2021
Thursday, August 5, 2021
Thursday, September 2, 2021

Community Garden Update. Board Member Weiss discussed the garden and shared photos including those of kids at the garden. Councilwoman Koss requested the photos be put into a slide show.
Chairperson Riggs requested to table the minutes for the next meeting.

IV. MINUTES: Review, Revision and Approval – TABLED to next meeting.

Minutes: 12/3/2021

Minutes: 12/16/2021

Minutes: 1/14/2021

V. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 4, 2021 at 6:00PM

The next meeting for the Sustainability Advisory Committee will be a Regular Meeting, held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Cocoa City Hall located at 65 Stone Street, unless a business need arises earlier.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION by Chairperson RIGGS; SECONDED by Chairperson SHIM to adjourn the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2021.**

AYES: ALL
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

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Jennifer Riggs, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Lori Chabot, Recording Secretary