

**ITY OF COCOA BEACH
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday February 7, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Bob Day, Waylon Locklear, Keith Capizzi, Adria Perez

Members Absent: Jamie Glasner

Staff Present: Kelsey Mack

Commission Members Present: none.

Visitors Present: 8

A. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Perez called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Approval of January 3, 2024 meeting minutes: Mr. Day motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Locklear. The minutes were approved unanimously.

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Brandon Smith of the Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Program provided a presentation. Mr. Smith discussed current projects and progress relating to the SOIRL Program. Members of the committee and the public asked questions regarding Mr. Smith's presentation. Mr. Smith addressed the questions as appropriate.

C. STAFF UPDATES: Ms. Mack provided an update about upcoming environmental events, announcing a sea oat planting at 2nd street south.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Sustainability Plan Updates: Ms. Mack provided a presentation describing the history and status of the 2018 sustainability plan. Following the presentation the committee continued discussions regarding the community survey. The committee reviewed the priority ranking of the committee members who conducted a close review of the survey's findings. The committee discussed placing the highest emphasis on providing publicly available information, workshops, and other activities as it relates to the highest ranked areas/topics of the survey.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

FY25 Budget recommendations: The committee reviewed the recommendations they submitted for the commission to consider in the FY24 budget. City staff provided an overview of which items within the FY24 recommendations were funded and where those budgeted funds are within the City budget. The Committee discussed recycling several project recommendations that were not included in the FY24 budget. Mr. Perez also stated that she would like to see funds allocated for community workshops for topics such as rain barrels that are low or no cost to the participant. City staff will prepare an updated document based on the committees' discussions to be considered at the next meeting.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Mr. Locklear nominated Ms. Perez to serve as Chair of the committee. Mr. Day nominated Mr. Locklear to serve as vice chair. The nominees accepted their nominations. The committee agreed to postpone the final vote until the next meeting when all committee members are present.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Day announced the Thousand Islands Festival that is scheduled for March 16th, 2024 at the Pool Pavilion. Mr. Day stated that the festival will involve kayak tours, native plant tours, lagoon related activities and presentations and other activities.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Leonard Dukes, resident, spoke in regards to his support for stormwater initiatives. Mr. Dukes also discussed pollutants in canals and the Indian River Lagoon such as yard debris and bacteria.

H. ADJOURNMENT: The next tentative meeting is scheduled for 3/13/2024, at 6:30 P.M. No other items were discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

_____ Date _____
Environmental Specialist, Kelsey Mack

_____ Date _____
Committee Chair,

_____ Date _____
Committee Vice Chair,