

## **CITY GREEN TASK FORCE MEETING APRIL 17, 2008**

### **Members Present:**

Steve Corson  
Everett Fennel  
Patricia Lodge  
Philip Massa  
Charles Muoio (Conference Call)  
Michelle Parenti  
Linda Portner  
Ira Raab  
Myles Schack  
Steven Scherer

### **Others Present:**

Patrick Painter  
Penni Redford  
Peter Robbins  
Amy Stelly  
Shad Asebrook  
Jaclyn Meli  
Mary Jo Augerstoun  
Christina Carol  
Jeanne Dozer  
Pat Dilla  
Joan Goldberg  
Missy Tancredi

### **Minutes**

- March 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes approved as corrected.

### **Remarks Pat Painter**

- Penni Redford, Grassy Waters Preserve Campus Manager, will take over as administrative support.
- Steven Scherer appointed as Committee Chair by Mayor Frankel. Mr. Scherer met with the Mayor and discussed importance of the Task Force.

### **Remarks Steven Scherer, CGTF Chair**

- It is an ad hoc group, no quorum is needed and recommendations should be made as determined by the group.
- Discussion and review of Sunshine Laws: no member may meet, email or discuss Committee business outside of scheduled public meetings. Emails and communication should go through Penni Redford. Members are free to meet and discuss issues with City staff and

contact other resources. Members questioned details of law. Pat Painter will follow up for clarification.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Mission**

- The mission of the CGTF shall be to advise the Mayor on initiatives that reduce the carbon footprint; promote sustainability by optimizing efficiency, eliminating waste and minimizing impacts; and to preserve and protect the natural resources of the City of West Palm Beach.

### **Meeting Date / Time**

- Agreed to meet third Thursday of each month in the City Commission Chambers from 8:00AM – 9:00.

### **Rules**

- Draft Rules presented (Attachment 1).
- Discussion: Add to reduce environmental impact, that it is the purpose of CGTF to advise to preserve and protect natural resources of the City, promote sustainability, allow for public input; addition of Vice Chair, increase number of members.
- Ira Raab accepted Vice Chair position.
- Ira Raab moved that the rules be adopted as amended, unanimous approval. Revised Draft Rules (Attachment 2 a & b).

## **New Business**

### **Focus/ Two Tiered Effort**

- Discussion on beginning focus with City Government recommendations. Considered requesting all City Departments to send brief, bullet points of what has been initiated.
- Peter Robbins gave a power point presentation on City's Sustainability Committee: formed City Green Team last year in part as a response to the drought; group did not continue when lead staff left City; much interest throughout the Departments but needed a lead person.
- Input was requested for the Mayor's Earth Day announcement: note CGTF, donations to plant trees to commemorate birthdays or special occasions, other suggestions given to Peter R.

### **Joan Goldberg**

- Presented information per the Mayor's request: "Community Forum, Intracoastal Islands Proposal", City Commission Chambers, West Palm Beach City Hall, Monday April 28, 2008; 3:00-5:00 PM Learn about the proposed project and project benefits, 6:00-8:00 PM Presentation of the project.

### **Roebuck Road**

- General discussion on Roebuck Road issues: impacts to GWP, other preserves and water supply, City opposes Roebuck Road extension, public involvement, other road projects also impact preserves, Commissioner Jeri Miouo is lead for City on this issue, Pat Painter has taken regulatory agencies to visit area including US Fish and Wildlife next week.
- Pat P. To send recommendation approved by CGTF to Mayor Frankel: *The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel that the City of West Palm Beach urge Palm Beach County to seek alternatives to the proposed preserve and protect the City's natural resources and sensitive surface water supply, and to save critical tax dollars for necessary projects.*

### **New Initiatives**

- Members were asked to identify initiatives for the task force. Many issues must be focused and results oriented.
- Agreed to schedule a work session in the Commission Chambers on April 24 from 8:00-10:00 AM to develop initiatives.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Next regularly scheduled meeting: Commission Chambers, May 15, 8:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned.