

**CITY GREEN TASK FORCE
MEETING September 3, 2009
Approved Minutes**

Members Present:

Robert Cannellos
Harvey Hathaway
Michelle Parenti
Ira Raab
Louise Reed
Janet Schreiber
Al Vazquez, Chair

Staff and Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Douglas
Commissioner Muoio
Pat Painter
Penni Redford
Suzanne Schluter

Call to Order/Sign In/Changes to Agenda

- Meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm.

Minutes

- *Ira Raab made a motion to approve the 8/20/09 minutes as amended, Louise Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Unfinished Business

- **Green Building**
 - **Florida Green Building Coalition – Dr. Jennifer Languell**

Dr. Languell gave a presentation on Green Building which included discussion of the following: ordinances versus incentives, certification versus performance. Presentation attached.

 - Discussion included:
 - FGBC certification is specific to Florida
 - Commissioner Muoio stated that we need to use performance indicators rather than just certification.
 - FL statutes 163.04 and 720-3074 (4) cover home owner's rights regarding water saving landscaping and devices and renewable energy, such as solar and using clothes lines. Home owners associations cannot stop home owners from doing these things.
 - **Final Flat Roofs - Dwight Hearn and Sean Sanborn**

Sean Sanborn gave a presentation on reflective waterproof roof coating.

 - Discussion included:
 - The use of highly reflective coatings keeps a building cooler and mitigates the urban "heat island" effect.
 - The application of reflective roof coating extends the life of an existing roof and keeps (delays) old roofing material from going into a landfill.
 - Applying a reflective coating does not require a permit.

- **House Bill 7135 Florida Energy Bill - Robert Cannellos**
 - Robert went over the proposed revisions to HB 7135.
 - Robert is working with the USGBC to apply new standards within the energy bill.
 - All government agencies will have to adopt USGBC, LEED, Green Globes or another nationally recognized certification system.
 - Robert would like to have Energy Star rating language in the bill.
 - These revisions, if adopted, will apply to new and existing government buildings.
 - Ralph Avallone, Green Energy Council, stated that there is still time to work on this as it cannot become law until after the full Florida legislature reconvenes in March.
 - To put this legislative effort into perspective, the Federal Government Waxman/Markey bill is requiring immediate 30% energy reduction over baselines by 2011/12 and up to 50% by 2015.
- **Green Building Sub-Committee**
 - Robert Cannellos has met with Construction Services Director Doug Wise and stated that he thinks there should be City employees on the sub-committee, including, a planner, someone from construction services, legal and engineering.
 - Al Vazquez stated that citizens would also be involved.
 - ***Al Vazquez appointed the following people to be on the Green Building Sub-committee: Carol Shein, Erin Deady, Charles Bantel, Kenneth Breeze, Shirley Simpson-Wray, Robert Cannellos, Denise Malone, and Doug Wise.***
 - Robert brought information about some incentives that were approved in Aventura and would like the sub-committee to review them for our possible use in the City of West Palm Beach.
 - Denise Malone stated that we should start at the beginning and find out first what is important to us, for example: energy, water, etc., then work from there to craft language to make these things become possible, perhaps by ordinance or by incentives.
 - Meeting space is available at City Center. Meetings will be publicized and open to the public.
 - Al Vazquez will firm up scheduling of a tour of the EcoPlex building for the Green Building Sub-committee members and new Task Force members, currently tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 10 at 4PM. It will be a fact-finding only tour; no recommendations will be discussed between Task Force members.
 - Al Vazquez thanked the new Green Building Sub-committee members for their willingness to serve and asked them to be bold in their recommendations.
 - The Green Building Sub-committee will bring back recommendations to the Task Force who will either adopt them as is, or tweak them before making recommendations to the Mayor.

- Robert Cannellos will make progress updates to the Task Force at Task Force meetings.

New Business

- **October 15 Meeting - Environmental Organizations**
 - *Ira Raab made a motion to move this new business to the next meeting date due to the late time, Harvey Hathaway seconded the motion. All were in favor.*
- **EECBG Update – Penni Redford**
 - We have heard back on the EECBG grant application. There will be some changes. For the electric car project, the money can only be used to fund the difference between a conventional car and an electric or hybrid vehicle. For the garage lighting and street lighting projects, the City has decided to leverage the funding and request that approximately \$600,000 be used towards a performance energy contract. This will address the lighting projects and other retrofits as well. An RFP (Request for Proposal) is being developed, which will include, and energy audit of identified City buildings/facilities and ultimately the City Commission will approve prioritized retrofit projects.

Public Comments

- No public comment taken due to the late hour.

Future Meetings

- Next meeting: September 17, 2009, 4-6 PM, Flagler Gallery
- Reminder: Fresh, the movie, Oct 1, 6-8PM, Library
- October 1, meeting will be only one hour, from 4-5 PM, Flagler Gallery

Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn and a second, hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.