

**CITY GREEN TASK FORCE
MEETING May 27, 2010
Approved Minutes**

Members Present:

Harvey Hathaway
Patricia Lodge
Michelle Parenti
Ira Raab
Janet Schreiber
Carol Shein
Al Vazquez, Chair

Staff and Commissioners Present:

Penni Redford
Suzanne Schluter

Call to Order/Sign In/Changes to Agenda

- Meeting was called to order at 4:14 PM.

Minutes

- ***Minutes from the 4/15/10, 5/6/10, 5/20/10 meetings, as well as the minutes from the current meeting, will be sent out as soon as available and changes sent back within one week will be incorporated. Final approval will be at the discretion of the Chairperson.***

Unfinished Business

- **South Cove Project Letter**
 - Al Vazquez read the letter that he drafted in support of this project. There were no objections or requested changes to his letter.
- **Discussion of Task Force Report**
 - Hard copies of the report will be printed for the main contributors. Al Vazquez will give a list to Sustainability Office.
 - The Report will be delivered to Mayor Frankel on June 1. Since the report is made to the Mayor, it is per her discretion how it is transmitted after that. However, the Sustainability Office expects to put the report on the Sustainability website and will send out an email blast to let people know about it.
 - The Sustainability Office will put in the request for the Task Force to present the report to the City Commission at a work session or meeting and will notify Task Force members of the date and time.
 - The Office of Sustainability will give a list of presentations with names of the presenters to Al Vazquez to attached as an appendix.
 - Al will add a blanket thank you, in case anyone was forgotten.
 - Publicity will be done through WPB TV and the Public Information Officers of the City. WPB TV will tape the meeting but will also interview a few Task Force Members and prepare a news piece. Al Vazquez will let the Office of Sustainability know who will be interviewed.

- Al Vazquez will write a summary of the report for the media release and for the website.
- Ira Raab recommended that a copy be sent to the Library of Congress, Superintendent of Documents, so that it will be automatically copy written and the world will be able to find it on their website. A copy will also be printed for our City Library.
- The Task Force will be released by the Mayor by way of a letter. We expect that June 1st will be the date that the Task Force is dissolved.
- Al Vazquez recommended integrating information regarding the following items that he learned about or heard more about at the Green Energy Climate Expo yesterday:
 - Urban Heat Island
 - Natural Environment and Low Impact Development
 - Biochar (which is the anaerobic digestion of carbon)
 - Microbial Augmentation in lieu of fertilizer. Rick Ritter mentioned that the EPA will be starting to tighten regulations regarding phosphorus, nitrogen, and chlorophyll in the water and this would be a way to address that.
 - Life Cycle Cost Analysis be taken into account during procurement to aid in considering not only green technologies, which are often more expensive at the outset but over it's lifetime, will save money, but also on existing technologies.
 - Stormwater Parks (parks that are expected to flood during large storm events) and
 - Pervious Streets (especially paver bricks). Installing a paver road may be a higher initial cost, but could have benefits beyond what one would normally be considered, such as helping push back the salt water intrusion, rather than piping the water directly out to the Intracoastal.
 - Priority for mobility when building streets should be: pedestrians first, bikes next, transit third, then commercial vehicles, then private cars.
 - Longer Planning Horizons
 - Grid Neighborhoods
 - LEED neighborhoods
- **Harvey Hathaway made a motion that the Task Force authorize the Chair to glean from the conference and insert in the report at his discretion those items that he finds to be innovative and ought to be included. Ira Raab seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- **Michelle Parenti Lewis made a motion that the Task Force officially approve the proposed zoning regulations for community and urban market gardens as appendix C in the West Palm Beach Green Task Force Recommendations. Ira Raab seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- The recommendation for a Community Food Council in addition to a Sustainability Advisory Committee was discussed. It was determined that the best course of action would be to make the recommendation that the Community Food Council be a sub-committee of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, with the chair of the sub-committee as a member of the

Sustainability Advisory Committee, but be open to public health people, doctors, nutritionists, staff from local hospitals, as Michelle Parenti Lewis maintains that this is an issue of public health and food security as well as an issue of sustainability.

Public Comments

Adjourn

- ***A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.*** Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.