

CITY OF COCOA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

A special meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee of the City of Cocoa was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in the Council Chambers at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Chairperson Koss called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. **Chairperson Koss** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board Secretary called the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Lorraine Koss	Chairperson
Trina Gilliam	Vice Chairperson
Susan Hushla	Committee Member
Robert Musser	Committee Member
Gisele Neiman	Committee Member
Jennifer Riggs	Committee Member
Josephine Shim	Committee Member
Marlene Weiss	Committee Member
Raphel Costas	Committee Member
Paul Johnson	Committee Member
Brenda Warner	Council Liaison

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lorraine Koss	Chairperson
Trina Gilliam	Vice Chairperson
Susan Hushla	Committee Member
Josephine Shim	Committee Member
Marlene Weiss	Committee Member
Paul Johnson	Committee Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Musser	Committee Member
Gisele Neiman	Committee Member
Jennifer Riggs	Committee Member
Raphel Costas	Committee Member
Brenda Warner	Council Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dodie Selig	Planning and Zoning Manager
Robert Loring	Planning and Zoning/Planner
Torri Edwards	Recording Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES:
AGENDA: Special Meeting of November 13, 2018

MOTION by Vice Chairperson Gilliam; SECONDED by Committee member Johnson to approve the Agenda with amendments for the November 13, 2018 special meeting.

AYES: Koss, Gilliam, Hushla, Shim, Weiss, Johnson

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

MINUTES: Regular meeting of October 11, 2018

MOTION by Chairperson Koss; SECONDED by Vice Chairperson Gilliam to approve the Minutes with amendments for the October 11, 2018 regular meeting.

AYES: Koss, Gilliam, Hushla, Shim, Weiss, Johnson

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Loring address the committee's request to set up as a workshop style for future meetings. He noted that the city does not have enough microphones or resources for the workshop style. **Committee member Hushla** suggested setting up tables along the staff seating and sharing the microphones. The staff agreed that this is a possible solution.

Mr. Loring responded to the committee's requested that their documents and presentations be stored in a common area for everyone to view. He discussed the options available. He noted that the best option is to send these items through the recording secretary to be forwarded to the committee members. **Chairperson Koss** requested that the documents and presentations be attached to the minutes in order for the public to view.

Mr. Loring reported and discussed that there are ten (10) right of way areas along Indian River Drive and one (1) TPO bike trail.

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Public Works

Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director, discussed the Public Works Department sustainability practices and procedures for the streets, ground, stormwater, facilities, and parks.

Committee member Johnson recommended that the city purchase used electric vehicles, use solar on city facilities and air conditioning that utilizes solar panels.

Mr. Wegerif responded that the city does not purchase used vehicles because the history of the vehicle is unknown. He looked into solar on city facilities and found that it would not be cost effective.

Committee member Shim asked whether there are charging stations in Cocoa Village. **Committee member Johnson** noted that there is one at the Collaborative Center. **Mr. Wegerif** stated that there is one at the Florida Solar Energy Center. **Ms. Selig** reported that a new charging station is being installed at Sam's Club

V. PRESENTATION BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON RESEARCH TOPICS AND FINDINGS:

- Built Environment-Gilliam

Vice Chairperson Gilliam presented and discussed proposed recommendations for objectives and goals that she added to the living document ¹for the Sustainability Plan regarding Built Environment.

- Climate & Energy-Riggs (Tabled)
- Economy & Jobs-Gilliam

Vice Chairperson Gilliam presented and discussed proposed recommendations for objectives and goals that she added to the living document for the Sustainability Plan regarding Economy and Jobs.

- Equity & Empowerment-Shim

Committee member Shim presented and discussed proposed recommendations for objectives and goals for the Sustainability Plan pertaining to Equity and Empowerment².

- Health & Safety-Weiss

Committee member Weiss noted that there several community organizations that can be resources for sustainability projects. She suggested that the city build on the talents, gifts and abilities to improve community engagement. She discussed her analysis of the STAR actions for Health and Safety.³

Committee member Weiss noted the lack of public spaces in the community. She recommended creating healthy and inclusive communities, community nodes and spaces and building a vision that everyone wants to buy into.

- Natural Systems-Hushla (Tabled)
- Gap Analysis on City's past goals (Tabled)
- Documents and posting items on the City website-Riggs/Weiss

Committee member Weiss reported that she spoke with someone about giving a presentation on posting items on the City website. She will forward the information.

- Comparison research efforts between Vice Chairperson Gilliam and Committee member Shim

Mr. Loring announced that the Chair position is open and that the committee members will elect a new Chair and Vice Chair at the next meeting.

¹ Exhibit A-Plan Outline

² Exhibit B-Shim's Equity and Empowerment Presentation

³ Exhibit C-STAR Health and Safety Actions

MOTION by Chairperson Koss; SECONDED by Committee member Shim to table the presentations on Climate & Energy, Natural Systems, Gap Analysis on City's past goals and comparison research efforts between Vice Chairperson Gilliam and Committee member Shim.

AYES: Koss, Gilliam, Hushla, Shim, Weiss, Johnson

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

This is an opportunity for members of the public to come forward and address this Committee on any matter on the agenda and general sustainability/resiliency issues.

VII. RESOURCES:

- City of Cocoa Comprehensive Plan <https://www.cocoafll.org/790/Comprehensive-Plan>
- STAR Communities <http://www.starcommunities.org>
- 100 Resilient Cities <http://100resilientcities.org/resources/#section-2>
- City of Satellite Beach Sustainability Plan <http://www.satellitebeach.org/Residents-Visitors/City%20Documents/City%20Sustainability%20Plan%20SB%20Draft%20For%20Public%20Comment.pdf>

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Brevard Sustainability Working Group generally meets on the 4th Monday of each month, from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm at the UF/IFAS office-3695 Lake Dr. Cocoa. The link from the June meeting is provided for your review.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/120107742750384130>

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Chairperson Koss; seconded by Committee member Johnson to adjourn.

AYES: Koss, Gilliam, Hushla, Shim, Weiss, Johnson

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Trina Gilliam, Vice Chairperson

Torri Edwards, Board Secretary

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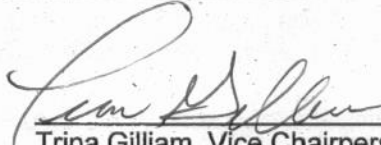
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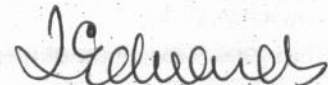
MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

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Approved on this 6 day of December, 2018.



Trina Gilliam, Vice Chairperson



Torri Edwards, Board Secretary