

CITY OF COCOA
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2019

A regular meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee of the City of Cocoa was held on Thursday, August 1, 2019 in the Council Chambers at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Jennifer Riggs	Chairperson
Robert Musser	Vice Chairperson
Linda Gombert	Committee Member
Melisa Martin	Committee Member
Gisele Neiman	Committee Member
Angelique Rinaldi	Committee Member
Josephine Shim	Committee Member
Marlene Weiss	Committee Member
Lorraine Koss	Council Liaison
Courtney Jackson	Recording Secretary

PRESENT:

Jennifer Riggs	Chairperson
Robert Musser	Vice Chairperson
Linda Gombert	Committee Member
Melisa Martin	Committee Member
Gisele Neiman	Committee Member
Angelique Rinaldi	Committee Member
Marlene Weiss	Committee Member
Lorraine Koss	Council Liaison

ABSENT:

Josephine Shim	Committee Member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Deputy Director

Chairperson Jennifer Riggs led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES:

2. ~~¹Chairperson Riggs' presentation of "Draft SAC Orientation and First Pass for Touchstone/Introductory Document".~~

~~Chairperson Riggs while giving the Committee the Draft SAC Orientation, she shared what she hopes to accomplish with her draft. She further expressed that she hopes to eventually give FIT students, Taylor Green and Alyson McCarron, the draft for them to research the best fitting language, in terms of sustainability, for the document and to possibility take on the work Trina Gilliam has started.~~

²Chairperson Riggs explained that that this document is an initial draft that serves multiple purposes: preliminary introduction for SAC Plan, orientation for new SAC members, reminder for all SAC members of SAC progress to date, and an introduction of key sustainability concepts. It is intended to be a launching point for the SAC interns' work on the SAC Plan introduction section. The introduction should also include Cocoa's historical context, and key demographic data such as the information Trina Gilliam presented to the SAC in roughly August/September 2018.

Mrs. Neuterman requested a copy of the finished draft be sent to her so it can be made public record and be presented at the next meeting.

~~Committee Member Weiss suggested the Committee to incorporate sources, here in Brevard County, which would highlight Cocoa's history through story-telling. She believes not only would this would bring community together, but also noted that having a historical context in some form can be politicized.~~

³Committee Member Weiss suggested the Committee incorporate a storytelling approach in the plan, and offered to identify existing local sources to prove historic context through stories. She has observed stories successfully fostering a sense of unity and cohesion in other cities. This effort be either part of the SAC Plan, or included in follow up work.

3. Discussion over Sustainability Action Plan Draft Items

a. Climate and Energy (Chairperson Riggs)

~~Chairperson Riggs discussed with the Committee and Staff regarding the initiatives listed under STAR Objectives: CE-1 Climate Adaptation: Strengthen the resilience of communities to climate change impacts on built, natural, economic, health and social systems" through "CE-3 Greening the Energy Supply: Increase participation in solar energy production and use" ⁴.~~
Chairperson Riggs led a discussion with the committee and staff on the Climate and Energy Section's first STAR Objective: CE-1 Climate Adaptation:

¹ Strike through by Chairperson Riggs. All amendments noted hereinafter were made at the November 7, 2019 SA meeting.

² Amendment paragraph by Chairperson Riggs.

³ Amendment paragraph by Chairperson Riggs.

⁴ Strike through by Chairperson Riggs.

Questions and Comments Regarding Chairperson Riggs' Initiative Discussion

Vice Chairperson Musser shared his interest regarding Pelican Park having solar powered canopies in their parking lot and felt Cocoa could benefit from this idea. He also shared that the *Solar Power Charger Project* with Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) is one-hundred (100) percent covered by FPL.

Committee Member Martin inquired about FPL's plans to convert their base to more solar.

Committee Liaison Koss noted she would look into it.

Mrs. Neuterman asked for clarification regarding if the percentages listed on page five (5) under "condition level outcome" stood for the amount residential buildings required to have solar by 2029.

Chairperson Riggs confirmed that it is the goal to have the numbers listed be the percentages of residential and commercial buildings that must have solar by 2029.

Board Liaison Koss noted that 2050 would be a more realistic timeline for the percentages listed in the draft.

Taylor Green (FIT Student) shared with the Committee programs such as *Ready For 100* could be of use to the Committee when researching solar power ideas.

Committee Member Rinaldi asked the Committee if the two (2) entries on the first page under the initiative "Reduce stormwater-related pollution" should be categorized under CE-7 "Waste Minimization" instead.

Chairperson Riggs and **Committee Member Weiss** both explained how flooding from a storm can cause leaks in the lateral and septic systems and that is why it falls under storm-water related pollution.

Committee Member Rinaldi pointed out on page two (2), box three (3) under "Local Action/Investment", that they should add an educational component regarding installing baffle boxes and adding a maintenance training mechanism for Public Works.

Mrs. Neuterman clarified that all storm water employees have to go through DEP training and certification to perform the tasks delegated by the Storm Water Department.

Discussion regarding maintenance of baffle boxes and treatment plants between the Committee and Staff.

Committee Member Nieman Shared she has reached out to Cocoa High School's Science Department regarding the mosquito traps and will inform the Committee when she hears back from them.

VI. STAFF UPDATES

NONE.

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Committee Liaison Koss invited the Committee to see the Cocoa Tigers Chorus on August 10th. The cost for admission is \$25 and the event will be held in the Cocoa Village Playhouse.

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- a. Committee Members suggest agenda items for the next meeting to include guest speakers and topics for discussion.

No agenda items were discussed.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Sustainability Advisory Committee will be a Regular Meeting, Held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at Cocoa City Hall located at 65 Stone Street, unless a business need arises earlier.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

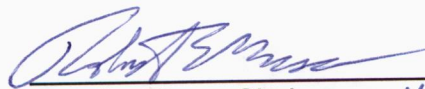
- ❖ **MOTION by Musser; SECONDED by to Martin adjourn the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2019.**

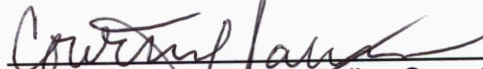
AYES: Riggs, Musser, Gombert, Martin, Nieman, Rinaldi, Weiss

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Robert Musser _____
Jennifer Riggs, Chairperson *Vice*



Courtney Jackson, Recording Secretary