



# **SUSTAINABILITY BOARD**

## **Minutes, April 18, 2022**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Valerie Guzman

### **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Valerie Guzman, Travis Holleman, Jimmy Mann, Karen Reynolds, Bert Singletary

Absent: Chris Rasnic

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Guzman explained there was a technical issue with the minutes, and they will be included in next month's agenda to be voted on.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report

### **TECHNICAL ADVISORS UPDATE - CDE**

John Jackson presented in place of Brian Taylor to share CDE's sustainability efforts. He shared that CDE has 75,000 customers and began working on sustainability years ago and began to look at ways to be sustainable. Their number one priority is how to efficiently provide energy. They have established committees and are focusing on efficiency and education, demand distributed resources, and community outreach. Residential is their top priority as that is 80% of their business. They are reducing paper by encouraging customers to not get a paper bill and are also working to reduce energy by suggesting they sign up for Power Partners.

## **APSU UPDATES**

Michelle Rogers presented in place of Olivia Heron. She shared about the Earth Fair. Ms. Guzman asked her to share their information to be passed on.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

### [SUBCOMMITTEES](#)

- a) Mr. Mann said their committee (Building & Construction) has not yet met. They are trying to get a meeting with Housing to talk about affordable housing and how to not negatively affect affordable housing with sustainability efforts.

Ms. Reynolds asked about what was determined with subcommittees last month and what was assigned. Ms. Guzman reminded the board on what was voted on, and the homework was to go home to decide which committee to serve on. Ms. Reynolds said the board only voted on two subcommittees and wanted to bring a motion forward to vote on the third. Ms. Guzman explained that the Waste Reduction subcommittee failed for a lack of a motion. Ms. Reynolds did not feel it was brought forth and asked to continue the conversation. She feels this is an important initiative. Ms. Reynolds said Michelle Roger and Joann McIntosh were to speak about this. Ms. Guzman explained that because they were listed as public comment, they cannot so Ms. Reynolds asked that it be put back onto the next meeting for a vote.

Ms. Reynolds asked who can serve on the subcommittees. Mr. Baker said it's up to each board member on which committee they want to serve on and then who they would like to have serve on those subcommittees to ensure that agendas and minutes are completed. Mr. Baker clarified that any meeting of a public body must publicly notice meetings and take minutes but will double check as these subcommittees will only bring back recommendations and not vote on policy. He said if you have one member, you probably don't have to, but two or more you must. Ms. Guzman agreed that this was something that needed to be determined so the subcommittees can do what they are supposed to and if minutes are required, who takes them and is it the City Clerk. Mr. Baker said it does not have to be by the City Clerk. He also said minutes do not have to be verbatim but an accurate record of what was said and voted on.

Mr. Singletary said he would be happy to serve on both committees.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### [Current Residential & Commercial Energy Codes](#)

Ms. Guzman reminded everyone the committees were already voted on and suggested all read the 2018 code as currently written and then the board can look at what it feels is missing and then have a conversation to see what is feasible. Mr. Mann offered to look at the difference between 2018 and 2021 and show the differences for the board to look over at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (*allows 3 persons; 5 minutes each*)

[Ms. JoAnn McIntosh spoke regarding the Board consider a Waste Reduction Committee](#)

Ms. Michelle Roger, Biology Professor at APSU, spoke regarding the Sustainability Club at APSU and what will happen down the road if sustainability issues aren't addressed now.

Ms. Reynolds asked about the Sunshine Law requirements and Mr. Baker explained meetings must be noticed by the City Clerk through the channels she uses. He also explained a private organization cannot use the City Clerk to notice meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT** *Chair Valerie Guzman*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm