

**GREEN TASK FORCE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008, 6:00 P.M.
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPT. TRAINING ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Schneider
Joe Snider
Dan Sloan
Ana Demelo
John Koenig
Karla Vaillancourt

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yalmaz Siddiqui

STAFF PRESENT:

Randal Krejcarek
Susan Ruby
Richard Hasko

STAFF ABSENT:

GUEST/OTHERS:

Jennifer Buce
Richard Bauer
Karl
Daniel

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Green Task Force meeting was called to order by Nancy Schneider at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Agenda was amended to include approval of the Minutes of the March 26th meeting.

Motion to approve Minutes of the March 19, 2008 meeting made by Dan Sloan and seconded by Joe Snider. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Minutes of the March 26, 2008 meeting made by Joe Snider and seconded by Dan Sloan. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

No presentations.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Discussion

It was discussed that instead of creating subcommittees, each member should head up one of the focus topic areas as “Task Leaders.” Task Leaders were assigned as follows:

Business & Employment – Joe Snider
Climate Change/Cool Cities – Karla Vaillancourt
Green Buildings – Dan Sloan
Green Purchasing – Yalmaz Siddiqui
Marketing, Promotion and Education – Yalmaz Siddiqui
Planning – Nancy Schneider
Resource Conservation – Ana Demelo
Transportation – John Koenig

Dan Sloan made a motion to approve the Task Leaders as assigned, seconded by Joe Snider. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Single Stream Recycling Recommendation Discussion

After a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of both processes, the general consensus of the Board was to recommend the Dual Stream Recycling process with a report outlining additional recommendations.

Dan Sloan made a motion that the Task Force recommend the City continue with Dual Stream Recycling, seconded by Ana Demelo. Motion passed by a vote of 4-2.

C. Commission Workshop Presentation and ICLEI Process

Dick Hasko provided a copy of the Agenda Item he submitted for the April 15th City Commission meeting.

Nancy Schneider advised that she obtained a copy of a Power Point presentation on ICLEI which would be suitable to use for a presentation to the City Commission at their May workshop.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sustainable Skylines Initiatives

Nancy Schneider advised that this is a program by the EPA to help cities achieve sustainable emission reductions. Information should be given to the Task Leader for Resource Conversation.

B. Grant Availability

Board members agreed to keep a log of available grant opportunities specific to their focus area for future discussion and planning purposes.

C. Electronic Bulletin Board

Dan Sloan discussed concept for electronic bulletin board. Joe Snider made a motion to pursue this issue with City Commission at their next Workshop, seconded by Nancy Schneider. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

7. BOARD COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Florida Green Building Coalition survey is now completed. There is a huge gap in what the City is now doing and what is required to become certified as a Local Green Government. Nancy Schneider will compile the information and identify where the City is (percentage wise) and what percentage is required to reach a basic level of certification. This information will be shared with the City Commission at their next Workshop meeting. Information will also be sorted and disseminated among the various Task Leaders for future discussion with City departments.

Nancy Schneider advised that she integrated the Mayor's Tips and will e-mail them to her.

Eco Zone Media helped City of Miami create a Green learning Center and they would like this to become a regional initiative.

Dan Sloan advised that he will be undertaking the renovation of a significant historic home located in the West Settler's District. He would like to use this as a green demonstration project.

South Florida Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council sponsors a design competition every year and they're getting ready to release an RFP for a non-profit organization, etc. to partner with on a project.

Emrock District (overlay district by tri-rail station on Congress) is going to be a transit oriented development.

Items for discussion at April 23rd meeting:

Multi Agenda Items
Task Leader Updates
Florida Green Building Coalition Checklist

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Richard C. Hasko, P.E., ESD Director/Staff Liaison

The undersigned is the Executive Secretary to the ESD Director and the information provided herein are the minutes of the meeting of said Green Task Force of April 9, 2008, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on

Kendra Graham, Executive Assistant