

**GREEN TASK FORCE MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010, 6:00 P.M.
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPT. TRAINING ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Yalmaz Siddiqui, Chair
Edward Bispham
Ana Demelo
Rita Johnson
Jayne King
Matthew O'Connell
Nancy Schneider

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Hawke, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Randal Krejcarek
Rich Reade

GUEST/OTHERS

Pablo del Real

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Green Task Force meeting was called to order by Yalmaz Siddiqui at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rita Johnson made a motion to approve minutes of December 7, 2010 and Jayne King seconded. All approved. Nancy Schneider made a motion to approve minutes of January 4, 2010 and Rita Johnson seconded. All approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rich explained that having the staff make announcements will let the public know what is going on and becomes part of the record.

Rich announced that the sustainableelray.org website is not up yet. Also, City's pilot recycling project with Planning & Zoning and Community Improvement started 2/1/10 for one month.

Rich discussed recent events; he and Randal attended a seminar at Pinecrest and a meeting at FAU. FAU students will help with GHG inventory which will take about fourteen weeks. FAU asked for help to offset cost of graduate student which is around six thousand dollars.

Next commission meeting a new member will be chosen as Suzanne left the state.

COMMENTS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC

Pablo del Real stated that currently the City does not allow raising chickens. Rich advised that Code Enforcement would be the department to talk to.

COMMENTS FROM THE GTF CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Yalmaz stated he agreed that the City shouldn't pay the FAU intern since the opportunity benefits both parties.

AGENDA

Jayne's presentation was on community gardens. Discussion followed. Yalmaz asked Rich if there would be barriers to start community gardens in the city. Rich stated that funding and esthetics, making the garden look nice would be barriers as well as parking issues.

Yalmaz suggested getting the City to donate an area of land for a period of time and start a pilot where citizens are invited to manage the land. If it works it can be expanded.

Rita's presentation was on a public bike system. Rita discussed having eleven to fifteen kiosks throughout the City with bikes to rent. Rich discussed issues of funding, esthetics and people riding the bikes on streets and sidewalks.

Yalmaz discussed the projects: bike, trolley, green business district, kiosks, charging vehicles, rain barrels, xeriscape, education stations.

Rich summarized the four icon projects the Board wants to focus on: community gardens, public bike system, the trolley and green business district.

Nancy Schneider made a motion to accept the GTF Roles and Principles and made a recommendation for approval from commission. Jayne King seconded and all approved.

Discussion on GTF recommendations with specific departments. Discussed bringing board members from other cities to compare where they are with their board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Rich Reade, Sustainability Officer/Staff Liaison

The undersigned is the Administrative Assistant to the City Engineer and the information provided herein are the minutes of the meeting of said Green Task Force of February 22, 2010, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

BJ Wigderson, Administrative Asst.