City of Clearwater

Main Library - Council Chambers 100 N. Osceola Avenue Clearwater, FL 33755



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

4:00 PM

Special Meeting

Main Library - Council Chambers

Environmental Advisory Board

Present 4 - Chair Jared Leone, Board Member Glenna Wentworth, Board Member Kelly Dobbin, Board Member Michael Rubino, and Board Member Jason Drizd

Also Present–Cassie Cordova – Sustainability Manager and Danielle DeBois – City Clerk Specialist

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board meeting.

Member Wentworth moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Citizen Brian Beckman said the solar installation rate in clearwater is within the parameters of the cities green initiatives and spoke on rebates Dunedin provides its citizens as a possible incentive to replicate for Clearwater residents.

4. New Business Items

4.1 Review 2025 Legislative Priorities

Chair Jared Leone thanked Sustainability Division Manager Cassie Cordova for putting together a summation of the 2025 Legislative Priorities and said there are several priorities in relation to the board that can be encouraged and reviewed.

In response to discussion, member Glenna Wentworth said she appreciated seeing goals in relation to the Greenpoint plan.

4.2 Review presentation about Floatovoltaics

Managing Director of D3Energy Stetson Tchividjian provided a power point presentation on Floatavoltaics and addressed questions regarding floating solar panels.

4.3 Elect EAB officers for 2025

Member Leone made a motion for the advisory board to reelect the previous officers for continuation as chair and vice chair. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Old Business Items

Ms. Cordova said the Stevenson Creek Feasibility Study will be presented to city leadership on the 24th with the recommendation of creating a manatee zone for no wake. Mr. Cordova said Coopers Bayou and Lake Belleview projects are pending progression with no firm presentation.

6. Director's Report

Ms. Cordova said the letter of support by CRS was shared and adjustments are being made based off feedback received from the vulnerability assessment. Said the EV vehicles grant most likely will be honored under current administration due progression in the grant however other grants that were not fully executed for EV infrastructure and road mapping are now on hold. Ms. Cordova said the Greenpoint 3.0 is making preliminary progress, being narrowed down to realistic timeline goals.

7. Board Members to be Heard

The board discussed potential future availability for the April meeting. Ms. Wentworth announced a sustainability event through the CR Club in March with a focus on rebuilding and renovating sustainably.

Board led discussion ensued regarding the airparks new building and solar use, a citizen thanked Ms. Cordova for her efforts towards a sustainable Clearwater.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Attest:

Chair Environmental Advisory Board

Board Reporter