

**AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE (ETF)
COMMUNITY CENTER ROOM A
May 22, 2023
6:00 PM**

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Chair Vivien McLean-Bunce	X	Member Emily O'Mahoney	X
Vice-Chair Willie Puz	☐	Member Anne Shoffner	☐
Member Christina Akly	X	Member Kim Hanes (Alt)	X
Member Christa Cherry	X	Member Paul Kabalin (Alt)	X
Member Evan Nader	☐		

Staff Liaisons: Barrett Cruce, Natural Resources Supervisor
Stephanie Thoburn, Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning

- **Stephanie Thoburn introduced herself and informed the members of her credentials**
- **Barrett Cruce introduced himself and informed the members of his credentials**
- **Ms. O'Mahoney requested to introduce the new board members and Staff advised this would be happening later in the Agenda**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

All non-agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to go to the podium and state his/her name and address for the record. **The Task Force will not discuss these items this evening.**

No public comments

**Motion to approve the Agenda made by Member Akly
Second made by Member Christa Cherry**

Akly Yes	Cherry Yes	O'Mahoney Yes	Hanes Yes	Kabalin Yes
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Agenda approved

MINUTES

1. Approval of the February 13, 2023 ETF Meeting Minutes [Attachment]

No changes to the meeting minutes

**Motion to approve the Agenda made by Member Christina Akly
Second made by Member Emily O'Mahoney**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. Welcome newly appointed members: Anne Shoffner, Kim Hanes and Paul Kabalin
Mr. Kim Hanes - introduction and provided background on his career

Mr. Paul Kabalin – introduction and provided background on his career

Ms. Anne Shoffner - not able to attend due to unforeseen work obligations

2. Comments: Jupiter Town Vice Mayor Cheryl Schneider
Vice Mayor thanked each member for their involvement, expressed appreciation for the work involved in the creation of the draft sustainability plan assessment and has requested the committee help break this down to manageable tasks.

Vice Mayor requested that the Committee take a practical look towards this to determine priorities which can be used to implement the plan.

3. Town of Jupiter Sustainability Plan- Phase I (Contact Elizabeth Conley at 561-741-2589 or email elizabethc@jupiter.fl.us to get a copy of attachments):

Staff clarified that the document is a first step in the development of a sustainability plan, referring to it as the Sustainability Plan - Phase I in the meeting. This included a review of the process staff utilized in gathering the background information necessary to understand where the Town **currently stands**.

Staff reviewed the overall timeline for development of the plan and provided an update on where we are currently. Staff explained that the original goal was to have the first phase completed by February, but due to staff turnover, the timeline will be adjusted.

Staff anticipates coming back to the Task Force a total of three times.

1. February
2. Today is the second meeting where Staff would like members to look at the big-ticket items they would like Staff to look at for the next meeting
3. July will be prioritization of these items

Staff provided the members with a summary of topics that the Task Force asked to be considered for the sustainability plan **at a meeting in 2021**. The list of topics was broken into 5 main categories which will be to develop priorities and the main objectives for the overall sustainability plan. Staff advised the Task Force that the goal of this meeting is review the summary and make recommendations on what is missing and what needs to be added. Phase 1 will then be revised to align with comments from tonight's meeting.

Staff presented the 5 categories and requested approval from Chair Bunce

Climate Adaptation:

Staff advised status on the Vulnerability assessment and Florida Resilient Grant and the actions that are being taken.

Staff explained what the purpose of the Vulnerability Assessment and how it relates to the group and the current status

Staff went through the items listed within Climate Adaptation previously provided by the committee from 2021

Ms. Akly: Will the assessment identify the vulnerable areas and the strategies that are needed?

Hazen and Sawyer responded stating the assessment has a descriptive outline laid out by the State of Florida. This will be included when the grant is submitted.

Ms. O'Mahoney: Is most of this Town Action for Town Properties? It is not directed at commercial piece of land? – Recommends" Creation or encouragement of carbon sinks" – there needs to be an emphasis. Wants to make sure that these items need to apply to all of us, the residents and the Town. Wants to make sure that all of these items listed in the categories have a community relationship that is understood for the public. There is a place for the public, not just the Town

Staff provided examples of the items that could be included. Members added carbon sink and heat island adaptation

Mr. Hanes asked how or if these items are going to be vetted?

Staff advised that they would be looking at each of the items and will be bringing them back for the members to prioritize

Mr. Hanes: I am concerned that we are going to get too far in the weeds

Committee agreed to the process

Ms. Cherry request more Town of Jupiter pictures in the report

Staff explained the timeline

4. Task Force Member Comments

Mr. Kabalin – FPL did not elect solar panels on their new building

Ms. Cherry – Is there anything the Town can do about black and dark brown roofs

REPORTS

5. Staff updates

Staff Liaison advised Member Evan Nader has submitted his resignation from the committee

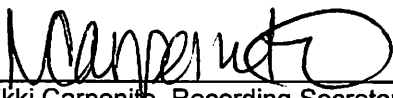
6. Next meeting July 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Community Center, Room A

ADJOURNMENT

7:58 pm

Approved ✓


Willie Puz


Nikki Carpenito, Recording Secretary

Staff confirmed the goal would be to have the Committee prioritize and set a 5-year plan and we come back with updates

Mr. Hanes: Where does the funding come from?

Staff advised funding resources will be identified by Council and the Committee will need bring their priority plan to Council as a recommendation

Mr. Hanes: Is this Grant a linchpin to the entire thing?

Staff: This grant opens the door to future grants, but we want to provide you with the big picture

Natural Systems:

Staff discussed the items within the Natural Systems category and discussed what the Town currently offers within this category

Staff advised the committee will need to identify the main topics and then they can start working on developing the plan and how to approach these items as well as discussed what the implantation would look like

Ms. O'Mahoney would like to add "Improve, protect and increase canopy coverage" she would like for staff to add an action verb to that item

Staff confirmed the action item should be "Create establish green infrastructure, increase and advocate and promote"

Mr. Kabalin does not see the specifics of the partnership for each agency

Staff requested that she would like the committee's approval to add partnerships with local agencies within this action item

Staff confirmed to add "Community and Governmental outreach"

Vice Mayor confirmed

Ms. O'Mahoney asked what is expected for the "Green house emission"

Hazen and Sawyer defined the effects of greenhouse emissions from the point of a community like Jupiter

Hazen and Sawyer also advised that there is existing language in the code regarding emissions and water conservation that the committee should consider reviewing

Staff discussed different incentive options that the committee can review to make recommendations to the council

Ms. O'Mahoney request that action verbs and she would like to see a lot more on development and _____. There are a lot that we should be able to incentivize for development as it relates to sustainability

Ms. O'Mahoney states that the item regarding buildings does not necessarily touch on anything building related.

Staff confirmed they will be adding living building and green buildings to include in the action items to prioritize.

Ms. O'Mahoney also requested to add biodiversity

Staff agreed and will add under natural systems

a. Next Steps

Staff discussed the process – Explained what the prioritization process would look like and explained it would be very similar to the TC strategic priority process