

## Report to Green Implementation Advancement Board

February 18, 2021

The following report details many of the major activities undertaken by Office of Sustainability and Resilience staff during the past month. Though the report is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of work, it does cover the main work initiatives and priorities.

### Trees

**Tree Inventory-** This project is for the contracting of services, to perform a tree survey for City property, and to write an Urban Forestry Management Plan. Previously, the Selection Committee has reviewed the RFP responses, and ranked them. On Jan 27, 2021, presentations were made by the 3 top-scoring vendors. The Selection Committee subsequently met and voted to proceed with negotiating with the top selection. Purchasing will be reaching out to the vendor to begin the negotiation process.

**Tree Planting RFP-** Previously, staff from the Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSAR), and Purchasing met, to discuss the writing of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for years 2 – 5 of the City tree planting program. The year 1 tree planting RFP was used as the starting point, and several areas were identified for editing. On Feb 8, 2021, OSAR and Purchasing staff had a follow up meeting to continue developing the RFP for Years 2 – 5. The language for the RFP document is largely complete, though some key areas of text and questions still remain. For instance, will the RFP be posted prior to the completion of the Tree Inventory? The Tree Inventory will be an important tool for planning tree plantings, but other maps are being constructed, showing potential planting areas, which may be sufficient for the RFP. though some editing.

### Plastic-Related

Stemming from the motion made last Board meeting, a resolution has been set for the Mar 2, 2021, City Commission agenda in support of Florida Legislature bills repealing preemption of local regulatory authority.

### FGBC Local Green Government Certification

The City's [Local Green Government](#) certification expires in April of this year. The effort for gathering information to make a successful application is extensive. It has required filtering out specific information requests for each Department in City government, meeting with contacts in each of the Departments, making a plan for documenting those criteria we meet, and collecting and organizing information for these criteria. This is an extensive project and OSAR has met individually with more than 10 City Departments and provided each of them with a list of criteria and documentation needed for certification. We have also reached out to FGBC and obtained clarification on many criteria. The goal for submitting the application, is prior to Apr 1, 2021, as our current certification expires in April.

### Green Business

The first City Green Business program certificate was awarded to the Yaxche Tearoom and Emporium. A site visit was made to the business on Feb 10, 2021, during which the certificate was awarded, and pictures were taken for use in social media and on the City website, social media and press release. Staff is creating the webpage that will serve as a directory of certified businesses. An

email has been sent to all Board members with information on this program to help with contacting businesses to participate in this program.

#### Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

A detailed briefing for staff is scheduled for Feb 18 at 1:00 pm. During this meeting, the consultants will present how to use the graphic interface (AccelAdapt) and show several of the most significant examples of Threat-Asset analysis. This should further encourage staff to use the tool for planning and analysis. The meeting will also begin the discussion of strategies to address high priority vulnerabilities. Final outreach activities illustrating the project work products, are also being planned. Outreach activities will include a public workshop, and presentation to City Commission.

#### EV Chargers

Florida Power & Light (FPL) reached out to the City, regarding the installation of EV chargers at Robert P Miller Park. Preliminary approval to consider the site was obtained from Parks and Public Work Department management. OSAR staff made a site visit on Feb 10, 2021 to assess electric infrastructure, and consistency with park operations. The park has 3 locations where 4 to 6 spaces could potentially be reserved for electric vehicle charging. A site visit will be coordinated with City staff and FPL, to consider the site in detail.

#### Palm Beach County Solar Co-op

The co-op is open and 27 members have registered. The co-op has a goal of 100 members, but will close on May 15, 2021 regardless of the number of members. Further information can be found at this site: <https://coops.solarunitedneighbors.org/coops/palm-beach-county-solar-co-op/events/> . Online public Information sessions are scheduled for Feb 18, 2021 at 6 pm, and Mar 16, 2021 at 6 pm. The co-op has been posted on the City's social media accounts in late December and January, which can be shared.

#### Purchasing Responsibilities

OSAR staff are studying, and attempting to learn City purchasing procedures, and Tyler New World financial tracking database.