

Green Advisory Committee Meeting NOTES

Thursday, May 8, 2025

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

KC Wright Building - 600 SE Third Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale
Pre-Function Board Meeting Room - Lobby Level

- I. Call to Order, by Chair Alec at 4:35pm
 - a. Introductions for Committee and Audience
 - b. Additional Items for Agenda
- II. Chair's Report
 - a. Advisory Board Chairs Meeting
 - I. Continue work
 - II. 3 options for consolidation
 - III. Potential changes to policy 1070
 - IV. Green Advisory Council is exactly the type of advisory committee they want and are looking for
- III. Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - a. March Minutes – approved by Julie, seconded by Michael
- IV. Old Business - none
- V. New Business
 - a. P3 EcoAwards
 - I. 13th annual at Long Key Nature Center on May 7
 - II. Over 30 schools applied, and overall winner was Griffin Elementary
 - III. 3 commissioners attended
 - IV. How do we make it grown? How do we get it advertised by local news media? Catherine will reach out to Louis Aguirre
 - b. How Low Can You Go media release went out after event
 - c. Sierra Club – Green Schools Campaign presentation by Dr. Julie Long
 - I. Promoting on Viva Engage, at P3, and at BASE meeting by Summer
 - II. How do we get schools and the school district involved?
 - III. Net Zero and green energy goals
 - IV. IRS – Clean Energy Tax Incentive: Elective Pay Eligible Tax Credits
 - I. You need initial capital – challenge
 - I. Solar and Geothermal (which does not apply)
 - I. Solar with battery backup really needs to be a consideration for schools that serve as shelters

- I. FPL is giving us microgrids
 - II. Can get tax credits for the structure – example is solar panels on a play structure cover
 - d. Superintendent did not add a Director of Sustainability to the 2025-2026 Org Chart
 - e. LED lighting retrofit – looking for more schools – interest rates are challenging because of the upfront costs
 - f. Facilities Task Force Update from Alec
 - I. Conditions Assessments are happening
 - II. Roughly 36 schools need to close due to enrollment decline
 - III. Procurement and design standards need to be updated
 - IV. How do we help them make suggestions and requests to the board?
 - g. Motions to the board –
 - I. **Improve sustainability and resilient building standards and design specifications not limited to**
 - I. **Landscaping and groundscaping**
 - II. **Design specification**
 - III. **Canopy coverage**
 - IV. **Considerations of flooding and heat**
 - V. **Energy efficiency**
 - II. Motion to recommend a **Flood and Heat Vulnerability Risk Assessment** to the board
 - I. Work alongside Broward County
 - III. Alec motion to pass, seconded by Julie (one board member writes a background memo) - passes unanimously – Alec will write
 - h. How do we get people to help campaign?
 - I. Broward Coalition for the Environment is what we need
 - II. League of Women Voters, and Climate Alliance Network would be a great start
- VI. Next Board Meeting – moved from July 11, 2025, to **June 4th** virtually at 4:00 (informational meeting)
 - a. Everyone will need to be reappointed
 - b. Alec will invite Ms. Paul, Chief Operations Officer, to speak at the next meeting.
- VII. Adjournment – motion by Michael, second by Catherine at 5:30