



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA
324 EAST PINE STREET
2ND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025
AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

1. Approval of July 2025 Meeting minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION

1. Union Academy Neighborhood Revitalization Committee
2. Peace Pole - Robin Saenger & Rotary
3. Creating a Pathway to Preservation - Robin Saenger

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA

STAFF COMMENTS

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
JULY 17, 2025

THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET IN THE CITY HALL MEDIA ROOM, 324 E. PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

DENISE MANNINO	CHAIRPERSON
DR. CAROL MICKETT	MEMBER
SIOBHAN NEHIN	MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT:	HOLLY LANGSTON	SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR
	SHANNON BREWER	MUNICIPAL ARBORIST
	PAT MCNEESE	PLANNING SUPERVISOR

GUESTS	JOHN SNOW	TREE CHECKUP, LLC
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Denise Mannino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Langston called roll.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2025 MINUTES:

MOTION:	DR. CAROL MICKETT
SECOND:	SIOBHAN NEHIN

To approve the minutes of May 2025 Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting.

Vote on motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public present.

DISCUSSION

1. Final Discussion and Committee Endorsement of the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP)

Ms. Brewer presented a summary of the composition of the UFMP to both inform the Committee as well as to show what a presentation to the Board of Commissioners would include if such presentation were required. The letter from the Committee Chair that is included has a few recommended changes: Change "staff" to "City Staff"

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and "citizens" to "residents & visitors". With these changes being agreed upon, a motion was made to accept the letter & present it to Ms. Brewer for incorporation into the Urban Forest Management Plan.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER FOR INCLUSION INTO THE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN:

MOTION: DR. CAROL MICKETT
SECOND: SIOBHAN NEHIN

To accept the letter & present it to Ms. Brewer for incorporation into the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Vote on motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Sustainability Webpage Updates

Ms. Langston gave a brief overview of the updates included in the new Sustainability webpage. Would Committee members like to have photos included on the Committee subpage? If so, please send a photo via email to Ms. Langston.

3. Scheduling

Ms. Langston acknowledged that September 30, 2025, is the end of Chairperson Mannino's term on the Sustainability Advisory Committee and she has reached the term limit of 6 years set forth in the Committee's founding resolution 2019-15. Additionally, both Dr. Mickett's term and Ms. Nehin's terms also end on September 30, 2025. Dr. Mickett expressed the need for time to decide if she will continue as a Committee member for another year. Another point of information given by Ms. Langston is that the Committee could decide in the future to meet less frequently such as other Committees have done.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA

1. Union Academy Neighborhood Revitalization Committee presentation
2. Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP)

STAFF COMMENTS

- Summer Newsletter sent out via Connect Tarpon Springs
- Outdoor Watering Awareness Flyer sent out in utility bills - this will be part of a conservation education series
- Storm Drain Mural Program - positive outcome from the July 9 Public Art Committee Meeting
- Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF) update - we have a Resolution going before the BOC on July 22
- Building Energy Audits kicked off - Duke Energy offers free audits and a business rebate program

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Dr. Mickett shared that Committee Volunteers should be shown more support and acknowledged publicly for their work for the City. Perhaps a volunteer appreciation event once a year- only the Committee Chairs were presented on the night of the Volunteer Appreciation Resolution (April 22). Additionally, prospective volunteers should be able to meet and interact with current Committee members to see where they might want to volunteer - there could be a one-night event for potential volunteers. Creating social connections would be a great way to expand interest in volunteering.

Other comments included possibly sharing the UN Status report, as well as revisiting the use of RoundUp by City Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: DR. CAROL MICKETT
SECOND: SIOBHAN NEHIN

To adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Vote on motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DENISE MANNINO
CHAIRPERSON

HOLLY LANGSTON
SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR

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