



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

**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025**  
**AT 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of April 2025 Meeting Minutes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**DISCUSSION**

1. Main Street - Charles Rudd
2. Urban Forestry Story Map - Christina Cole & Holly Langston
3. Stormwater Stewardship Month & Storm Drain Murals - Holly Langston
4. BOC Presentation Debrief - Denise Mannino

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting is open to the public. Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The City of Tarpon Springs is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for access for the disabled. Anyone needing assistance regarding this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (727) 938-3711, fax a written request to (727) 942-5619, or email a written request to [cityclerk@ctsfl.us](mailto:cityclerk@ctsfl.us) at least two days prior to the meeting. For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at (727) 937-0017 or [TarponCode@tspd.us](mailto:TarponCode@tspd.us)

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

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

DENISE MANNINO	CHAIRPERSON
DR. CAROL MICKETT	MEMBER
SIOBHAN NEHIN	MEMBER
DIANNE BROWN	MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT:                      HOLLY LANGSTON                      SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Denise Mannino called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Langston called roll.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 2025 MINUTES:**

MOTION:	DR. CAROL MICKETT
SECOND:	SIOBHAN NEHIN

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public present.

**DISCUSSION**

1. **INTRODUCTION CONVERSATION- NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER**

The new Committee member, Dianne Brown, introduced herself and her path/interest in Sustainability. Each member took the time to share a bit of their background and connect as members of the same group.

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**2. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION/ ACTIONS UPDATE - HOLLY LANGSTON**

An overview of the status of plan actions Implementation was given by Ms. Langston beginning with the FY2024 Actions and briefly covering the FY 2025 starting timeframe Actions. Members asked questions and engaged in related discussions about aspects of the implementation process and associated projects.

**3. REVIEW OF PRESENTATION FOR BOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF 2024**

Chairperson Mannino presented the final updated draft version of the presentation she will present to the BOC for the required annual update at the April 22 BOC meeting. The other Committee members provided feedback and suggestions for speech to go along with the slides.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**

- The use of Round Up on City property by maintenance teams – as relates to integrated pest management Action in Sustainability Plan
- Economic Development
- Living shorelines/Seawalls
- Communications (invite neighborhood or Community organizations to Sustainability Committee meetings or attend their meetings to hear what Sustainability means to them and share what is being done)
- State legislation & preemption
- How to weather another big storm – hurricane preparedness
- Tree species list

**EXTEND THE MEETING BY FIVE MINUTES:**

MOTION: DR. CAROL MICKETT  
 SECOND: SIOBHAN NEHIN

To extend the meeting by five minutes to 8:05 PM.

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

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

- Announcements of City Earth Day activities
  - o Earth Day Proclamation at Board of Commissioners meeting on 4/22
  - o Library Display during Earth Week from 4/21 - 4/25
  - o Shred Day on 4/26
- Announcement that the City will receive a Future of the Region Award on May 16 at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council’s Annual Future of the Region Awards Luncheon

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

The Committee would like to work on the dissemination of information and more connections within the Community. Sharing the wins with other community groups & working together. Perhaps invite different neighborhoods to the Advisory Committee Meetings. There should also be more outreach with schools.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: DR. CAROL MICKETT  
 SECOND: DIANNE BROWN

To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

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

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DENISE MANNINO  
CHAIRPERSON

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HOLLY LANGSTON  
SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR

CITY CLERK'S NOTE: This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the recordings are kept on file in the City Clerk's office for the required retention period.

Example photo from: City of Clearwater Storm Drain Mural Program





## Murals Highlight Stormdrains – Pinellas Park



Is it art? Is it education? These murals are both.

Stormdrains — those holes on the side of the road where water runs when it rains — connect nearly every neighborhood in the region almost directly to the bay or nearby pond or river. When stormwater travels, it carries contaminants like oil, fertilizer and litter.

The goal of the murals is to ensure that stormwater, a vitally important freshwater source for the low salinity habitats that make estuaries so productive — stays clean for the fish and other critters that depend upon them.

The old adage, “only rain down the drain,” is a theme of many stormdrain murals for both water quality and flood prevention. Clogged drains don’t let as much water through as they should.

Even grass clippings and leaves count as “no-no’s” in stormwater drains. They contain high levels of nutrients that fuel harmful algal blooms. Grass clippings also slow down the flow of stormwater can lead to localized flooding.