



Town of Southwest Ranches Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday June 04, 2024
7:00 pm

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members

Harold Gubnitsky
Rose Allbritton
Debbie Green

Debra Goff Rose
Alessia Martinez

Council Liaison

Vice Mayor David S. Kuczenski, Esq.

Staff Liaison

Dan Stewart

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS**
 - a. Introduction of Board Member Alessia Martinez**
 - b. Approval of May 07, 2024 Minutes**
- D. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion Items**
 - i. Clean Tech Innovation Topic**
 - ii. Zero Waste Task Force Update**
 - iii. Home Composting**
- E. OLD BUSINESS**
- F. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
- G. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**
- H. STAFF COMMENTS**
- I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- J. ADJOURNMENT**

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Town of Southwest Ranches Zero Waste Advisory Board Minutes

May 7, 2024
7:00 pm

Board Members

Rose Allbritton, Debra Goffe-Rose, Debbie Green,
Harold Gubnitsky, Alessia Martinez

Council Liaison

David Kuczenski

Staff Liaison

Dan Stewart

Members present:

Rose Allbritton
Debra Goffe-Rose
Debbie Green
Harold Gubnitsky

ZWAB Members absent:

Alessia Martinez

Staff present:

Debra Ruesga

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Jim Allbritton
Steve Breitzkreuz
David Kuczenski
Bob Hartmann

Others present:

Richard Ramcharitar
Lori Parrish
Doug McKay
John Garate

Call to order at 7:00 PM

The members present reviewed the staff minutes of the April 2024 meeting.

Rose Allbritton motioned to approve the April 2024 minutes. Harold Gubnitsky seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair announced the new board member, Alessia Martinez. Dawn McCormick, the WM Director of Communication in Florida, gave a presentation. Dawn is also chair of the NWRA organization. She spends a lot of time in Tallahassee. Dawn is also active with the Florida Recycle Partnership Foundation. Davie and Deerfield C & D debris is recycled at a facility. If we collect C & D separately, we could benefit from this. 15M tons of volume recycled by WM across the country. WM making \$1B investment in Recycling infrastructure. WM Recycling South Florida is breaking ground as we meet and will be the state-of-the-art facility and largest in the country. A question for us to ask is what we can do to help to buy products with recycled content. Renewable Natural Gas facilities at Medley Landfill and Okeechobee Landfill. WM trucks run on CNG. WM.com/sustainability has educational materials. WM has a curriculum for K-12. WM has organic facilities around the country. Dawn expressed that organics seem to work if mandated and subsidized. The downside of single stream recycling is contamination.

Biochar takes yard waste and heat it and process it through pyrolysis. The yard waste then becomes charcoal and can be used as animal feed and soil. Another possibility is to separate yard waste to divert from landfill and incineration.

Ask staff to request Emily, town grant writer, to look on TCTAC for the many federal grants now out there for Zero Waste implementation.

Articles in the Town's newsletter is helping to share the education of recycling right.

Barbara will send us dates for May and June for possible tour of WM facility

Richard Ramcharitar reiterated that we should request the Town to collect separately compost and yard waste.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.