

**BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 26, 2012
Room 122, Governmental Center
11:30 AM**

Minutes of Meeting

Chair Mayor Minnet called the meeting to order at 11:41 AM. She wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked them for coming. Present were Mr. Mark Clark, Ms. Jill Cohen, Commissioner Sharon Fyffe, Carole Morris, Sam Poole, Deputy Mayor Donald Rosen, Lynn Shatas, Jack Shifrel, Marianne Winfield, and Jennifer Jurado. Also present was Jill Horowitz, Jeff Halls, Harvey Schneider, Randy Probost, and Executive Assistant Sely Cochrane. Mayor Minnet introduced Mr. Halls and Mr. Schneider from the Wellfield Protection office of Broward County to present the proposed changes to Chapter 27, Article XIII, of the Broward County Code of Ordinances. Mr. Halls briefly shared that the wellfield ordinance was designed to protect the wells. He reviewed a summary of the proposed changes to which mostly captured the diminish policies implemented to address any issues that arose under the current code. Chair Minnet thanked them for this presentation and agreed to present the summary to the Board of Directors.

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Rosen, seconded by Sam Poole, the minutes of 10-22-12 were approved as presented. The committee reviewed the sample Earth hour resolution for municipalities. Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Rosen, seconded by Sam Poole, the Earth Hour resolution was approved as presented. The committee reviewed the 350.org information that was included for informational purposes only. Jennifer Jurado shared the 80% reduction goal by 2050 is the same as the county's. The committee reviewed the Broward County 2011 Green Initiative Survey. Jill Horowitz shared some additional data from the survey and the next steps. The county has formed a clearing house for municipalities to access this information. Jill also shared that they will be putting together a Sustainability Stewards workshop towards the end of February. Mayor Minnet suggested that Jill Horowitz visit each city commission and present them with the summary of the survey.

The committee discussed conducting another Green Initiatives Showcase for a General Membership meeting. The one held last year was very successful. The committee decided to once again host a Green Initiatives Showcase prior to the General Membership meeting. The committee reviewed HB 2738. Jennifer Jurado shared that this bill is not moving or expected to advance however it is a great model to look at. She also shared information about a program sponsored by FDOT encouraging a plethora of transportation options when traveling to and from school. The committee decided to forward the information to the Education Committee. Mayor Minnet shared that Weiss Serota Helfman is working on a PACE program for Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and will bring it forward at the next committee meeting. The next meeting was set for 2/23/12 at 11:30 AM. The meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO
CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE XIII, BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 27-375: A declaration of intent has been added to the ordinance.

Sec. 27-376: Many new definitions have been added (e.g. community water system, water well).

Sec. 27-377: The regulated substances list has been updated with a list based on published water quality standards. The proposed list is now based on groundwater cleanup standards for carcinogenic chemicals and microbiological standards.

Sec. 27-378: The wellfield protection zones for new supply wells (constructed after the last wellfield protection model approved in February 2001) for zones 1, 2 and 3 will be 250 feet, 500 feet and 1,320 feet, respectively. Wells constructed prior to February 2001 will continue to have the wellfield protection zones reflected on the February 2001 map.

Sec. 27-380: The notification section has been expanded to include notifications from utilities for newly constructed public supply wells and from multi-tenant facilities.

Sec. 27-381: The prohibitions and restrictions section has been expanded to include both general and specific prohibitions and restrictions.

Sec. 27-381: Restrictions for chlorinated hydrocarbons have been added to the zone 3 requirements.

Sec. 27-382: The exemptions section has been expanded to include a variety of de minimis activities.

Sec. 27-382: The ordinance has been clarified to only provide protection for the Biscayne Aquifer and not the confined Floridan Aquifer.

Sec. 27-383: A new raw water sample section has been added that includes authority for the EPGMD Director to require raw water testing for chemicals that are not regulated substances but that may have a human health impact.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] SUPPORTING EARTH HOUR 2012 ON MARCH 31, 2012 AND URGING ALL INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, AND GOVERNMENTS WITHIN [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] TO TURN OFF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL LIGHTING ON THIS DATE BETWEEN 8:30 PM AND 9:30 PM

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2012, the world will once again observe "Earth Hour" when hundreds of millions of people, organizations, corporations and governments around the world will come together to make a bold statement about their concern for climate change by turning off their lights for one hour between the 8:30pm and 9:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour is a global climate change initiative that involves over 4,000 cities in 88 countries to increase awareness about the collective action that cities across the planet can take to conserve energy and fight climate change; and

WHEREAS, during the first Earth Hour celebration in 2007, more than two million businesses and households in Sydney, Australia turned off their lights, and during the celebration in 2009 it is estimated that more than hundreds of millions of people in 88 countries participated; and

WHEREAS, last year, 80 million Americans and 318 U.S. cities officially voted for action with their light switch; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that participation in Earth Hour will help the earth's environment by reducing light pollution and energy consumption by as much as 15% of the energy consumed on an average Saturday night; and

WHEREAS, the energy savings will reduce carbon emissions into our air, preserve the natural resources used to produce this energy, set a positive precedent for the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, participation continues to grow; with a record 128 countries and territories joining the global display of climate action during Earth Hour 2011; and

WHEREAS, turning off all non-essential lighting controlled by [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY], committing to a positive action for the planet and encouraging our citizens to do the same, will help lead the burgeoning global resolve to realize our role as custodians of the planet; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour provides an excellent forum for all citizens, including business, individuals, parents and educators, to hold meaningful discussions about the ways that our community can take action and be part of the solution to our environmental challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] THAT:

Section 1. The by [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] supports Earth Hour 2012 and urges all individuals, businesses, and governments in Broward County support this observance between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 31, 2012.

Section 2. The by [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] commits to extinguishing all non-essential lighting in all municipal buildings and public landmarks between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 31, 2012.

Section 3. The [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] will further support Earth Hour 2012 by encouraging residents and local businesses to participate by:

- Including a link to the Earth Hour website on the municipal website
- Including Earth Hour messages on bills/statements/catalogues/other printed material distributed
- Displaying Earth Hour posters in municipal buildings
- Adding the 2012 Earth Hour video to website
- Including Earth Hour in any email, SMS, or social media bulletins

ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2012

SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

For an electronic copy of this resolution please email a request to selymojica@bellsouth.net