



Sustainability Committee Update to BOC
January 11, 2022



Introduction

- Committee Members include:
 - Dory Larsen, Chair
 - Dr. Paul Robinson, Vice Chair
 - Karen Gallagher
 - Taylor Mandalou
 - Denise Mannino
 - Dr. Carol Mickett
 - Robin Saenger
- The Committee has met monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm



Recent Work Completed

- Board of Commissioners approved a dedicated Sustainability Coordinator position
- A Sustainability Coordinator has been selected and is now a part of the City staff!
- Welcome Robin Rives, Sustainability Coordinator!

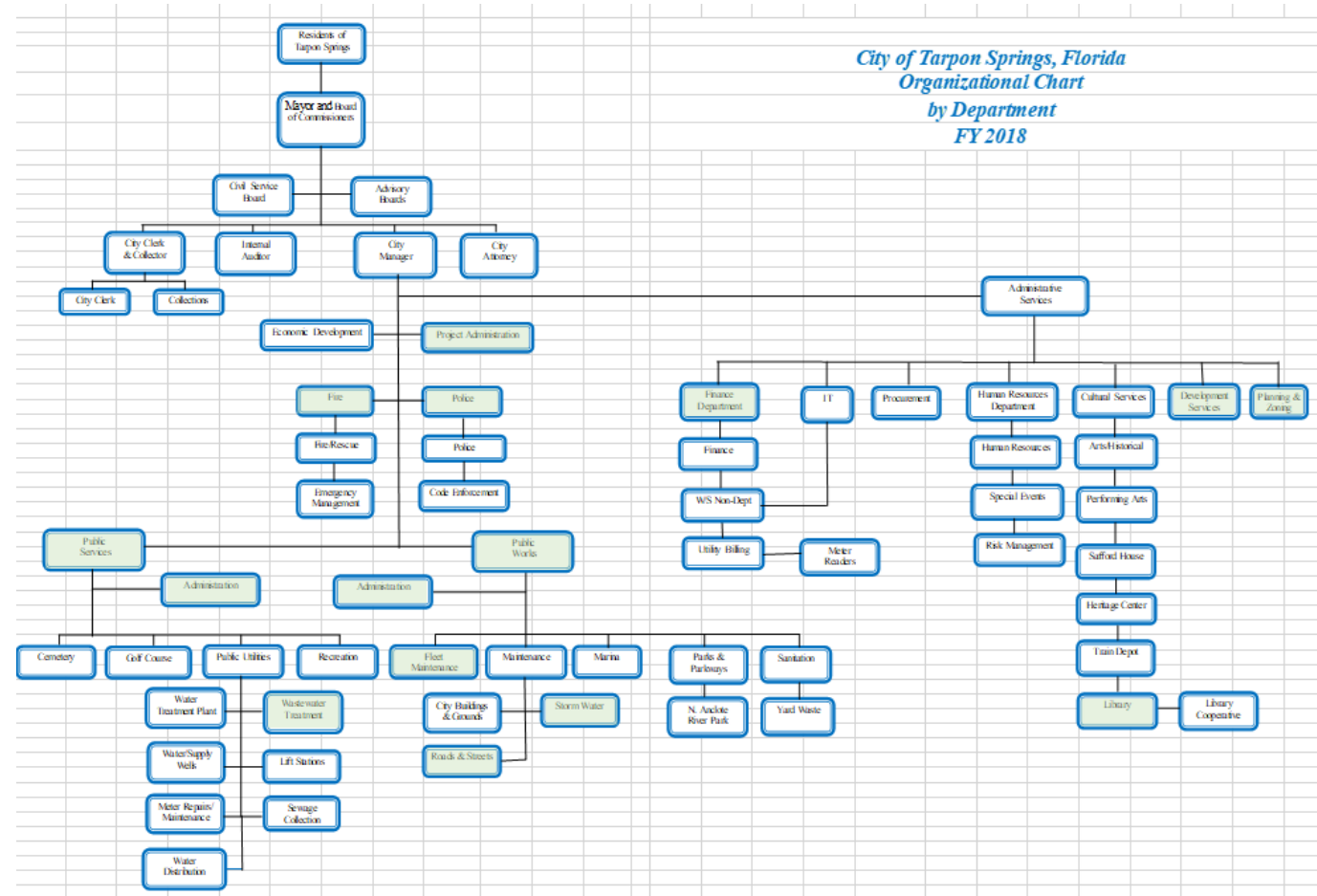
Recent Work Completed (continued)

- The Committee has been working diligently through the STAR framework to align objectives with community needs
- Engagement with City staff and the entire community is an important next step

| | | ← Goal Areas → | | | | | | | |
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| | | BE | CE | EJ | EAC | EE | HS | NS | IP |
| | | Built Environment | Climate & Energy | Economy & Jobs | Education, Arts & Community | Equity & Empowerment | Health & Safety | Natural Systems | Innovation & Process |
| Objectives | 1 | Ambient Noise & Light | Climate Adaptation | Business Retention & Development | Arts & Culture | Civic Engagement | Active Living | Green Infrastructure | Best Practices & Processes |
| | 2 | Community Water Systems | Greenhouse Gas Mitigation | Green Market Development | Community Cohesion | Civil & Human Rights | Community Health | Biodiversity & Invasive Species | Exemplary Performance |
| | 3 | Compact & Complete Communities | Greening the Energy Supply | Local Economy | Educational Opportunity & Attainment | Environmental Justice | Emergency Management & Response | Natural Resource Protection | Local Innovation |
| | 4 | Housing Affordability | Energy Efficiency | Quality Jobs & Living Wages | Historic Preservation | Equitable Services & Access | Food Access & Nutrition | Outdoor Air Quality | Good Governance |
| | 5 | Infill & Redevelopment | Water Efficiency | Targeted Industry Development | Social & Cultural Diversity | Human Services | Health Systems | Water in the Environment | |
| | 6 | Public Parkland | Local Government GHG & Resource Footprint | Workforce Readiness | Aging in the Community | Poverty Prevention & Alleviation | Hazard Mitigation | Working Lands | |
| | 7 | Transportation Choices | Waste Minimization | | | | Safe Communities | | |

Staff Engagement

- The Committee has been working with City staff throughout the STAR framework review process
- The City Manager has formed a **Sustainability staff team** composed of department representatives
- The Sustainability Committee will be meeting with the staff team as a group, which is planned for January 20th to review work completed so far and to get input on ideas
- This input will be utilized to further shape the Sustainability Plan for community engagement



Community Engagement

- The Committee has engaged the public in a limited way over the past year due to COVID:
 - Flyer
 - Listening sessions via Zoom
 - Public meetings (televised)
 - Events: Drive Electric, Arbor Day, etc.
- In-person meetings and survey are recommended to further engage the community
- Propose 3 workshops in various locations: Estimate to take place in April 2022
- In the meantime, initiate a vigorous campaign effort to increase awareness and invite residents for survey
- Partnering with Florida Sea Grant to get additional community input

| Timelines for Sustainability Action Plan Engagement | | | | | |
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| | Dec-21 | Jan-22 | Feb-22 | Mar-22 | Apr-22 |
| Sustainability Committee | 12/16/2021 - discuss presentation - survey - public workshop details | 1/20/22 - workshop with Staff Group - SC mtg, discuss input, finalize | | | |
| City Staff Work Group | 12/14/21 1st Intro mtg. Review SAP | 1/20/22 - workshop with Sust. Comm. | | | |
| Public | | | Campaign for Survey 1. online link 2. decals at businesses and flyers at City locations 3. utility bills | | Workshops 1, 2, 3 1- Community center(s) 2 - Craig Park 3 - Businesses, Chamber via Church on Bayou or other space? |
| Planning and Zoning | | | Workshop on Comp. Plan with Advisory Boards - #1 Overview and Input | | Workshop on Comp. Plan with Advisory Boards - #2 Review of draft product |
| Florida Sea Grant/ IFAS | | | | | Workshop 1 1- Community center(s) |

Recommendations to the BOC

- Initiate community engagement campaign to foster input and participation
- Hold several public workshops in different locations
- Review input with the Board of Commissioners before composing a final draft of the Sustainability Plan
- In parallel, ensure Sustainability Committee is giving meaningful input into the Comp Plan and Strategic Plan

