



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.E

DATE: MAY 24, 2021
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: CLEAN CITIES BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Clean Cities program began in Florida in 1993 with the creation of the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition by Executive Order of the Governor and the subsequent designation by the U.S. Department of Energy. The role of the Coalition is to provide a fuel-neutral policy direction to maximize the use of vehicles operating on clean, alternative fuels throughout the region of nearly six million people living in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

Staffed by the Council, the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition is a public-private partnership composed of local government representatives and the private sector concerned with alternative fuel technology and programs.

- City Furniture
- Miami Dade County Office of Resilience
- Broward County Transit
- Brickell Energy / Obe Power Networks
- City of Fort Lauderdale
- Palm Tran Connection
- Greener Business Solutions
- Florida Power & Light
- ChargePoint
- Florida Department of Transportation, District 4
- Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Palm Beach County Office of Resilience
- TECO

Since 1993, former Councilmember Asseff represented the Council on the Coalition. With her recent retirement, staff would like to invite a Councilmember to serve as the Council's representative on the Coalition.

Recommendation:

Request a volunteer from the Council Member to serve on the Clean Cities Board.



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Clean Cities Highlights

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LISTENING SESSIONS

The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition (SEFLCCC) hosted two (2) Listening Sessions for the U.S. Department of Energy in December 2020 and January 2021. The Listening Sessions provided the Coalition with comprehensive knowledge on stakeholders needs in South Florida. The Coordinator chose a representation of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Propane end users, local governments, and private alternative fuel companies. The Coalition chose these individuals because of their experience of working with CNG and Propane as alternative fuels. The participants were very vocal when it came to cost savings and educational training. The stakeholders believe that an increase in public safety information will eliminate the concerns of using alternative fuels.

EV RIDE & DRIVE

The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition organized the first virtual EV Ride and Drive with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy on December 8, 2020. Due to the severity of COVID-19 impact in South Florida, social distance orders were put in place that prohibited gatherings in groups. The event provided an in-depth knowledge of electric vehicles and received positive feedback from all the participants. The Coalition partnered with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy for an Earth Day Virtual Ride & Drive on April 24, 2021.

FLEET TOUR

The Coordinator participated in a one-on-one fleet tour with City Furniture on December 4, 2020. The site tour allowed the Coalition to highlight a CNG fleet in an entertaining way. The Coalition took an in-depth look at CNG conversion and heavy-duty CNG vehicles focusing on the engine and maintenance. The Coalition showcased the type of media outreach that is necessary to engage typical diesel users on the aspect of converting to CNG as an alternative fuel.

WEBINARS

The Coalition hosted its first webinar of 2021 with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Tanner Martin, a senior transportation planner, presented Florida's EV Master Plan on April 14, 2021. Stakeholders had the opportunity for a live question and answer session with FDOT regarding the implementation and structure of the Master Plan. On May 13, 2021, the Coalition hosted its first ever Hydrogen Fuel Webinar. The webinar focused on hydrogen fuel technology, cost-sharing opportunities, and coordination with state leadership.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

The Coordinator positioned the Coalition for future events with prominent agencies and other Clean Cities Coalitions. The Coordinator is currently working with Patti Earley, the Fleet Fuel Operations Specialist at FPL, to conduct a tour of the Nuclear Plant and Biodiesel Fleet in June 2021. The Coalition is partnering with Clean Cities Georgia for a regional event on July 15, 2021, which will showcase CNG fleets in both states. The Coalition is planning an electric vehicle car show for National Drive Electric week in September 2021. The Coordinator will work with all EV stakeholders for support and outreach.

