

City of Delray Beach

*100 N.W. 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444*



Minutes - Draft

Thursday, February 15, 2024

09:00 AM

Environmental Services

Green Implementation Advancement Board

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM by Lindsay Zukerberg

2. Roll Call

Members:

Lindsay Zuckerberg, Vice Chair

Vinnie Ardillo, Second Vice-Chair

Heather Seaman, Board Member

Melanie Stefanovic, Board Member

Staff:

Kent Edwards, Sustainability Officer

Chris Chitester, Sustainability Coordinator

Daniela Vega, Assistant City Attorney

Present 4 - Lindsay Zukerberg, Heather Seaman, Vinnie Ardillo, and Melanie Stefanovic

Absent 1 - Evan Orellana

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Zukerberg, seconded by Stefanovic, that this be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Yes: 4 - Zukerberg, Seaman, Ardillo, and Stefanovic

Absent: 1 - Orellana

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Seaman, seconded by Stefanovic, that this be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Yes: 4 - Zukerberg, Seaman, Ardillo, and Stefanovic

Absent: 1 - Orellana

Attachments: [GIAB minutes - 2024-01-18 Draft](#)

5. Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Agenda Items

None

6. Old Business

a. Annual Report

Kent summarized the green board presentation from the February commission meeting.

City staff comments have been positive.

b. Climate Action Plan Memo

Kent summarized the memo draft and pointed out the new language and recommendation.

It was suggested that the memo be completed and delivered to commission during Earth Month.

It was discussed if it was worth getting the memo on the agenda for March instead of only sending the memo to commission and allowing them to decide to discuss it or not.

Kent summarized the Earth Month plans and how the events all tie into a Climate Action Plan (CAP).

It was discussed that the topics should stay broad as to not limit or exclude items that may come up in the future.

In response to a question about actual progress for the CAP the current strategies and trajectories were discussed.

Suggestions for editing the memo before completion and delivery

-Leave just section/topic headings without a detailed list of issues.

-Make the point of accountability of responsible departments by bolding language in the memo.

Attachments: [GIAB Climate Action Plan Memo Dft 020624](#)

c. Education Initiatives

i. Earth Day

Kent summarized current potential events at Cornell and Arts Warehouse.

-Discussed presentation of habitat restoration at Leon Weekes Preserve

-Reef institute to set up a reef modules installation

-HERS presentation

-It was suggested that sustainability provide lunch and learns for other city departments, for the purpose of gaining support for implementation of the CAP.

ii. Plastics

No new discussion

d. Legislative Issues

One environmental bill would grandfather the sea level rise projection used in the City's vulnerability assessment, but require a different projection for new assessments. These new assessments will determine risk based on a projection of lower sea level rise, i.e. less area assessed as being potentially at risk of flooding. Our lobbyist was asked to keep an eye on this bill.

7. New Business

None

8. Board Comments

*Melanie asked what happened to the native plant pocket preserve that was planned.
-This led into a discussion about the maintenance team cutting back the very slow growing Coontie plants that are essential to the habitat of the once thought to be extinct Atala butterfly.
Lindsay mentioned invasive plant removal at Atlantic Dunes Park with IRC.*

9. Staff Comments

None

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Seaman, seconded by Stefanovic, the motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Yes: 4 - Zukerberg, Seaman, Ardillo, and Stefanovic

Absent: 1 - Orellana