

City of Delray Beach

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



Minutes - Draft

Thursday, April 18, 2024

09:00 AM

SOC Training Room

Green Implementation Advancement Board

1. Call to Order

Evan Orellana called the meeting to order at 9:00am

2. Roll Call

Kent Edwards called roll

Present 3 - Evan Orellana, Vinnie Ardillo, and Melanie Stefanovic

Absent 2 - Lindsay Zukerberg, and Heather Seaman

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Stefanovic, seconded by Ardillo, that this be approved.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Orellana, Ardillo, and Stefanovic

Absent: 2 - Zukerberg, and Seaman

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ardillo, seconded by Stefanovic, that this be approved.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Orellana, Ardillo, and Stefanovic

Absent: 2 - Zukerberg, and Seaman

Attachments: [GIAB minutes - 2024-02-15.pdf](#)

Attachments: [GIAB Meeting Minutes - 2024-03-25.pdf](#)

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

No public present

6. Old Business

6a. Climate Action Plan Memo

Kent informed the GIAB that the Climate Action Memo was delivered to
commission by Michelle Pandolfo.

Attachments: [GIAB Memo_CAP 032724.pdf](#)

6b. Education Initiatives

6bi. *Earth Month*

Kent summarized the events thus far in April. He described the invasive species removal in Atlantic Dunes Park. He explained that the video that was posted explains that there is a plan with the removal and that the native plants can already be seen coming back.

He described the webinar with Community Greening where the Tree Planting Program was discussed.

He described the webinar that was posted with "The Invading Sea" where basic climate action vocabulary and concepts were discussed.

Kent explained that there is a QR code that will be posted to access the climate action survey. He hopes for 200-300 responses to get a good sample of what the community wants.

Kent explained the attendance last year for the earth month talks was about 20 people. He is expecting more attendance this year.

Kent described the talks that will be held on April 20th at Cornell Museum.

Chris described the presentations he will be giving on the 20th. The explanation of the benchmarking sparked a discussion of should there be a new memo drafted to recommend that the city include a mandatory benchmarking requirement in the green building ordinance. Consensus was agreed upon to add a "Benchmarking Memo" to New Business.

There was a discussion about the advertising for the April 20th events has been limited and could affect attendance.

Kent described the final presentation that will be on the climate action plan.

Kent mentioned the invasive plant removal at Orchard View on May 4th

6bii. *Plastics*

Evan suggested some ideas for plastic education events

Melanie suggested events during restaurant month in September

The discussion shifted to Climate and Art.

Evan suggested an outline for Climate and Art events be added to the new business for the next meeting. There was consensus.

6c. **Legislative Issues**

Kent shared a list of legislative items

Evan shared his disappointment that the mangrove replanting initiative did not pass.

Chris shared an article about the International Code Council (ICC) removing decarbonizing items from the new 2024 model energy code. A 2 hour appeal hearing violated the ICC's internal processes and overturned 3 years of work in favor of special interests.

7. **New Business**

No new business

8. **Board Comments**

Melanie shared that she received her free dropoff trees. She said it was a “seamless” process. She suggested that Community Greening provide more planting and care instructions with the dropoff.

Kent mentions that the tree planting program will not hit 2000 trees next year due to the amount of money in the fund and that larger trees will still meet the canopy increase by 2035.

Melanie shares that progress monitoring is important and that she would expect a course correction 3 years into a program. She went on to say she would be more concerned if we hadn't been doing a program evaluation with new recommendations and strategies for the remaining years.

9. **Staff Comments**

No staff comments.

Attachments: [GIAB Staff Rpt 2024-04-18.docx](#)

10. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Stefanovic, seconded by Ardillo, that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - *Orellana, Ardillo, and Stefanovic*

Absent: 2 - *Zukerberg, and Seaman*