

City of Delray Beach

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Minutes - Draft

Thursday, December 18, 2025

09:00 AM

SOC Lobby Conference Room

Green Implementation Advancement Board

1. Call to Order

Chair Evan Orellana called the meeting of the Green Implementation Advancement Board to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Evan Orellana, Vinnie Ardillo, Adam Jones, and Catherine Toms

Absent 1 - Max Zengage

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Yes: 4 - Orellana, Ardillo, Jones, and Toms

Absent: 1 - Zengage

4. Approval of Minutes

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

Yes: 4 - Orellana, Ardillo, Jones, and Toms

Absent: 1 - Zengage

Attachments: [GIAB Meeting Minutes - 2025-10-16-draft.pdf](#)

5. Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

One member of the public was present.

There were no public comments.

6. Old Business

6.a. Climate Action Plan

6.a.i. Rebranding

Staff provided an update on discussions with senior City leadership regarding the naming and framing of the Climate Action Plan. It was noted that Public Works leadership recommended reframing the plan as a resilience-focused plan, with adaptation actions embedded within it.

Board discussion included:

The importance of aligning climate, resilience, and adaptation actions into a single cohesive and adoptable document.

Recognition that “resilience” is a broadly accepted term locally, particularly in relation to hurricane preparedness and infrastructure durability.

General agreement that the specific title is less important than the outcomes and actions included in the plan.

Board members agreed to continue informal brainstorming on potential plan names and to provide suggestions to staff as appropriate.

6.a.ii. Consultant

Staff reported that City management expressed support for retaining a consultant to assist with consolidating existing work products — including the Climate Action Plan materials, Adaptation Plan, and relevant Comprehensive Plan policies — into a unified, non-redundant document.

It was noted that:

A list of qualified consultants has been provided to staff for review.

The goal is to complete and adopt the plan within the next several months.

Involving multiple departments in the consultant-led process is expected to foster shared ownership and implementation support.

The Board expressed support for this approach.

6.b. Green Building Ordinance evaluation

Staff reported that the City’s Green Building Ordinance has reached the evaluation period outlined in the ordinance following its adoption and implementation.

Discussion included:

Clarification that the ordinance has been in effect for approximately two years.

Observation that no buildings over the current 15,000-square-foot threshold have yet been permitted, though several projects have advanced through development review.

Interest within Development Services in reconsidering the threshold.

Staff's recommendation that lowering the square-footage threshold would be more effective than counting non-conditioned or non-thermal-envelope spaces.

Board discussion emphasized the importance of encouraging higher-performance buildings while maintaining a viable development environment.

6.c. Educational Topics

Board members discussed potential Earth Month educational events, including the possibility of hosting an event at the Cornell Art Museum. General interest was expressed in continuing to explore educational programming opportunities tied to sustainability and resilience.

6.d. Legislative Topics

Additional legislative updates were provided by staff, including:

SB 240 / HB 575 – Legislation related to single-use auxiliary containers and plastics, generally viewed as a positive bill due to its allowance for certain local government actions and environmental considerations.

HB 629 – A bill characterized as problematic from a sustainability perspective, as it would further restrict local authority related to plastic and waste regulation.

SB 302 – Legislation addressing nature-based solutions, including the use of natural infrastructure for resilience and environmental protection.

No formal action was taken.

6.d.i SB180

Senate Bill 180 was briefly discussed in general terms as part of the broader legislative landscape impacting local governments.

7. New Business

The Board agreed that Freebee transportation services would be included as a discussion item under New Business on a future agenda.

8. Board Comments

No board comments.

9. Staff Comments

Chris Chitester reviewed the monthly Office of Sustainability & Resilience (OSAR) staff report, which was included with the meeting agenda.

Attachments: [GIAB Staff Report - 2025-12-18.pdf](#)

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Evan Orellana at 10:41 a.m.