

# City of Delray Beach

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

**09:00 AM**

**SOC Conference Room**

**Green Implementation Advancement Board**

## 1. Call to Order

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

## 2. Roll Call

**Present** 3 - Evan Orellana, Heather Seaman, and Melanie Stefanovic

**Absent** 2 - Lindsay Zukerberg, and Vinnie Ardillo

## 3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Zukerberg, and Ardillo

## 4. Approval of Minutes

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Zukerberg, and Ardillo

**Attachments:** [GIAB Meeting Minutes - 2024-06-20-Draft.pdf](#)

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

No public present.

## 6. Old Business

### 6a. Climate Action Plan

- i. Evan started out mentioning the memos that were discussed in the previous meeting. The memo for GHG/Energy will be discussed in 6F
- ii. The continued marketing efforts of the CAP survey were discussed. A booth was set up at Green Market July 13, and another will be on July 27. Signs with QR code at Chamber, DDA, City Hall, email post master & contact list, American legion. Hopportunities. Also will contact CoCo Market.
- iii. It was suggested that the new coffee shop that opened may have a lot of foot traffic for a survey sign.
- iv. Kent explained the timeline for the survey, Climate and Culture, and the CAP survey presentation to commission.

## 6b. Educational Initiatives

### 6bi. Climate & Culture

1. Kent explained the two main events for Climate and Culture (C&C). Climate and Cocktails on September 6th, and a meet and greet at Cornell Museum on the 7th.
2. Kent updated the group on progress for the logo and narrative for C&C.
3. Kent mentioned additional partners that he plans to reach out to. Restaurants, other businesses, and schools.

### 6bii. Plastics

1. Evan brought up the smart plastics guide.
2. Kent reminded the group about last months discussion about what plastics are the best to recycle and asked the group if they would be interested in drafting a memo.
3. Melanie suggested that education about different kinds of plastic and what happens to their recyclables in Delray Beach.
4. Evan asked about what a memo would include. Kent suggested walking through the guide and including points important to Surfrider or Heather's PhD research.
5. Kent showed the Smart Plastics PDF for reference. 1& 2 are easily recycled and could be cited in a memo. An outright ban is very difficult to achieve, but an economical least impactful option could be a memo topic
6. Chris reinforced that a memo must have a goal for what it is meant to achieve. Thus far there has not been a focus for the direction of the memo.
7. Chris suggested that the discussion sounded like it was headed toward an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy for the city.
8. Evan expressed concern for making a recommendation that had a chance of gaining support from leadership and legislature. He suggested that next meeting the Board should put together bullet points of what they think should be in a memo.

**Attachments:** [StrangeDaysSmartPlasticsGuide.pdf](#)

## **6c. Legislative Issues/Priorities**

1. The balloon release ordinance mentioned in the previous meeting passed. This was not the expected outcome.
2. The safe waterways act was vetoed and will be reintroduced next year. Kent suggested the possibility of another memo in support of this bill for next time it is introduced.

## **6d. GHG/Energy Memo**

Discussed in Section 6f.

## **6e. Mylar Balloon Release Memo**

1. Evan suggested a memo to raise awareness of the newly passed balloon release legislature
2. Melanie suggested that language be included in the application to reserve a pavilion in any city park making people aware of the new law.
3. Evan verified that the city does in fact have language prohibiting balloons entirely. He suggested a memo would suggest additional language be added to point to the state legislature.

## **6f. Green Building Ordinance**

1. Evan recapped the last meetings discussion. It was pointed out that this memo would be the same as the Green House Gas/Energy Memo.
2. Kent mentioned that on August 16th there is a Green Building Ordinance (GBO) webinar to discuss potential modifications to the ordinance for the November 1 re-evaluation. The memo should connect the GBO to the Climate Action Plan through energy savings & GHG reduction
3. Melanie stated that benchmarking city buildings might be a good starting point
4. Evan asked for a draft of a memo to commission that outlines the major points to be made.
5. Kent suggested that "Existing Buildings" would be a new heading in the GBO.
6. The group discusses how Green Building Ordinance, energy modeling, and benchmarking relate. GBO only addresses new

buildings currently. Adding provisions regarding energy modeling would reduce GHG without changing square foot or certification level requirement. Benchmarking addresses energy usage in existing buildings necessary to meet GHG reduction goals.

## 6g. Plastic Recyclability Memo

Discussed in Section 6bii.

## 7. New Business

No new business

## 8. Board Comments

- a. Melanie shared some information from Coastal Stewards, informed the group that they are revamping their outreach, and suggested they be invited to Climate and Cocktails.

## 9. Staff Comments

- a. Kent reviewed the OSAR staff report, only covering topics not discussed earlier in the meeting.
- b. Tree planting year 3 completed with tree drop off performing well. Year 4 agreement is in preparation.
- c. Removal of dead trees is continuing/
- d. Tree Trust Fund money available for next year is around \$290K.
- e. Lilioceris beetles are being released in Orchard View Park and Barwick Park on July 19th.
- f. Lawn equipment conversion to electric is still being discussed by other municipalities. OSAR testing indicated battery technology is not feasible yet.
- g. EV chargers were discussed. Chris talked with Public Works about adding more and they asked about utilization of our existing chargers. Chris is trying to get this information.
- h. Kent described a couple of grants beings worked on with community partners.

Attachments: [GIAB Staff Rpt 2024-07-18](#)

## 10. Adjournment

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Zukerberg, and Ardillo

Green Implementation Advancement Board  
September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The undersigned is the Secretary of the Green Implementation Advancement Board and the information provided herein is the minutes of the meeting of said Green Implementation Advancement Board on July 18, 2024 which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on September 19, 2024.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. O. Miller", is written over a horizontal line.

CHAIR

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kent Edwards", is written over a horizontal line.

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