

# City of Delray Beach

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



## **Minutes - Draft**

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

**09:00 AM**

**SOC Conference Room**

**Green Implementation Advancement Board**

## 1. Call to Order

### 2. Roll Call

Evan Orellana called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM

### 3. Approval of Agenda

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

**Yes:** 4 - Zukerberg, Orellana, Seaman, and Ardillo

**Absent:** 1 - Stefanovic

### 4. Approval of Minutes

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

**Yes:** 4 - Zukerberg, Orellana, Seaman, and Ardillo

**Absent:** 1 - Stefanovic

**Attachments:** [GIAB Meeting Minutes - 2024-04-18.rtf](#)

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

No public present

### 6. Old Business

#### 6a. Climate Action Plan

- i. Kent commented that Earth Month events went well
- ii. Kent announced the Climate Action Survey
- iii. Chris detailed the locations that have a display with the QR flyer
- iv. Chris asked for ideas for getting larger groups of surveys
- v. Evan asked about residents vs non residents taking the survey
  1. Kent and Chris explained that Palm Beach County residents opinions will be valued
  2. Kent explained he would like 300+ survey responses over the next few months. No hard end date currently

- vi. Chris reinforced the importance of sharing the survey in social networks, not just work networks

## 6b. Education Initiatives

6bi. September/ Climate & Art/ Restaurant Month

- 1. Evan talked about strategies for restaurant week and low/no plastics
- 2. Kent mentioned Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Chamber of Commerce participation in restaurants and plastics event.

6bii. Plastics

- 1. Discussed in the Climate and Culture section
- 2. Heather summarized the findings of her studies on turtles and plastic ingestion and the effects on the endocrine system
  - a. This topic sparked a discussion among the group about the specifics of plastic harm.
- 3. Kent pointed out that for Delray to be seen as a sustainability hub it is important to be on the cutting edge of important topics.

## 6c. Legislative Issues

- i. Evan mentioned a new law signed that removes the words "Climate Change" from the legal vocabulary of the state.

## 7. New Business

### 7a. Greenhouse Gas/ Energy

- i. Kent mentioned that the Earth Month presentations are all posted
- ii. Kent ran through the upcoming outreach efforts and Climate and Culture

- iii. Vinnie asked about changes to the Green Building Ordinance (GBO)
  - 1. Kent summarized some of the key points of the GBO and some of the suggestions for incentives to the builder for voluntarily increasing the certification level.
  - 2. Chris explained the benefits of benchmarking across an entire city and other potential additions to the GBO
  - 3. A new topic will be added to NEW BUSINESS "Green Building Ordinance"

## 7b. Tree Statute

- i. Kent explained the tree statute
- ii. Vinnie asked a clarification question about who this affects
  - 1. Chris explained his interpretation that it is limited to single family homeowners.
  - 2. Kent explained what a specimen tree is.

**Attachments:** [2023 Florida Statute 63.045 - Tree pruning](#)

## 8. Board Comments

No comments

## 9. Staff Comments

- a. Kent reviewed the OSAR report update.

**Attachments:** [GIAB Staff Rpt 2024-05-16.docx](#)

## 10. Adjournment

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

**Yes:** 4 - Zukerberg, Orellana, Seaman, and Ardillo

**Absent:** 1 - Stefanovic