

City of Delray Beach

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



Minutes - Draft

Thursday, October 20, 2022

9:00 AM

434 S. Swinton Avenue

Green Implementation Advancement Board

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Sarah Lucas.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Sarah Lucas, Chairperson
Evan Orellana, Vice-Chairperson
Lindsay Zuckerberg, Second Vice-Chairperson
Nancy Chanin

Staff Present:

Kelly Brandon , Assistant City Attorney
Kent Edwards, Sustainability Officer
Mary Wozny, Assistant Sustainability Planner

Heather Seaman was appointed to the GIAB at the Commission meeting on October 11th. As of today, she has not completed the required training, but is working with City staff to accomplish that. She should be in attendance at the next meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Evan Orellana made the motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 - Chanin, Lucas, Zukerberg, and Orellana

Absent: 2 - Seckler, and Donohue

4. Approval of Minutes

Evan Orellana made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 - Chanin, Lucas, Zukerberg, and Orellana

Absent: 2 - Seckler, and Donohue

Attachments: [GIAB Minutes Draft 091522](#)

5. Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

None

6. Old Business

a. Green Building Ordinance Update

The Green Building Ordinance is addressed in the OSAR Staff Report. Additional details were provided by OSAR staff.

The Ordinance passed the 1st reading at Commission on October 11th with a vote of 4-1. Commissioner Boylston voted no because he requested stronger requirements in regards to the square footage threshold and level of certification. The Ordinance will go to Commission for 2nd reading on November 1st. OSAR staff will give a brief presentation on it and there will be time for public comments. This Ordinance would be a step forward, and allows for reevaluation within 4 years. It will help address our carbon emissions throughout the City. Several other Cities are awaiting the outcome of this meeting to determine how they proceed in their own Cities.

b. Tree Discussion

Trees are addressed in the OSAR Staff Report. Additional details were provided by OSAR staff.

The Tree Trust Fund calculations have been clarified and OSAR staff can run the report to obtain the balance.

OSAR staff is meeting regularly with Community Greening to identify acceptable tree planting locations, develop planting plans, and to discuss other events and outreach. Looking forward, we're taking into consideration the possibility of amending the agreement to plant more trees in a year than we originally planned.

7. New Business

a. GIAB Annual Report to Commission

The GIAB is required to make an annual presentation to the Commission in February of each year. A copy of the annual report from last year will be sent to the Board members for their reference and a link will be included on the next agenda. This annual report can be used to describe the topics that have been focused on over the year and what the Board plans to focus on throughout the upcoming year. Various topics were discussed that could be potentially included as priorities for the upcoming year.

Topics in plastics were brought up including City policies, the state statutes, preemption, and education and outreach. Green Business programs were also discussed in regard to reducing single use

waste. The Board members requested to be sent, as reference, past memos and policies the City has pertaining to plastics. OSAR staff will provide them before the next meeting. At the next meeting, there will be an agenda item to discuss drafting a possible memo/resolution expressing opposition to the preemption of legislation that would move forward a reduction in single use materials (plastic bags, Styrofoam, cutlery, etc).

The City's approach to the Coastal Resilience Plan is another topic that could be addressed in the future. A stormwater master plan is being worked on and dune restoration projects are underway. A memo/resolution could be drafted urging the City to focus efforts on a Coastal Resilience Plan and sustainability. This topic will also be added to the agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

Another topic for public education and awareness could cover food waste and carbon emissions from using certain food products like meat.

8. Board Comments

A Board member brought up the C.O.A.S.T. buckets along the beach being filled with garbage. She will forward pictures to OSAR staff so they can follow up with Public Works about the concern.

9. Staff Comments

Attachments: [GIAB Staff Rpt 102022](#)

Topics detailed on the OSAR staff report were discussed. Additional comments not found in the report are recorded below.

Trees: OSAR staff is working on putting together an RFP for the removal of dead and critical trees throughout the City. City staff cannot handle the additional maintenance load of this, so we will look to a contractor to complete this work.

Community Gardens: Community gardens are another potential topic for the GIAB to look at. The current ordinance makes it very difficult for community gardens to be established in the City. The ordinance can be looked at to see how it can be reworked to engage more residents.

Website update: The OSAR website is continuously being updated. The Solar United Neighbors co-op information was removed due to a consensus of the Commission on October 11th to not participate in the co-op. Other general information about solar energy has been added to

our website instead.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Evan Orellana and it was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:55am.