

City of Delray Beach

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Delray Beach, FL 33444*



Minutes - Draft

Thursday, December 15, 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 (left meeting at 10:45am and the Vice-Chairperson took over)

Evan Orellana, Vice-Chairperson

Lindsay Zuckerberg, Second Vice-Chairperson

Nancy Chanin, Board Member

Heather Seaman, Board Member

Staff Present:

Kelly Brandon , Assistant City Attorney

Kent Edwards, Sustainability Officer

Mary Wozny, Assistant Sustainability Planner

New Board member, Heather Seaman, introduced herself and a short background was given on the GIAB and other Board members.

Present 5 - Nancy Chanin, Sarah Lucas, Lindsay Zukerberg, Evan Orellana, and Heather Seaman

Absent 2 - Isabelle Seckler, and Suzanne Donohue

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: 5 - Chanin, Lucas, Zukerberg, Orellana, and Seaman

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: 5 - Chanin, Lucas, Zukerberg, Orellana, and Seaman

Absent: 2 - Seckler, and Donohue

Attachments: [GIAB Minutes Draft 111722](#)

5. Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

Member of the Public Present:

Vinnie Ardillo - met Kent Edwards at the IRC cleanup at Atlantic Dunes and is interested in learning more about the GIAB and sustainable efforts throughout the City

6. Old Business

a. Discuss draft memo/resolution opposing preemption of City authority to restrict single-use plastics

This discussion was about 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). Draft language was put together by OSAR staff and suggested edits were made by the Board. It was suggested to move the "ask" paragraph to the beginning of the document and to include additional human impact statistics of plastic pollution. The Assistant City Attorney suggested slightly altering the language regarding the statutes mentioned.

A motion was made by Evan Orellana to present a memo to Commission with the amendments as discussed and to allow the Chairperson, Sarah Lucas to discuss and finalize the memo with OSAR staff. It was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg and passed unanimously.

Yes: 5 - Chanin, Lucas, Zukerberg, Orellana, and Seaman

Absent: 2 - Seckler, and Donohue

b. Coastal Resiliency Plan discussion

Attachments: [Broward Climate Action Plan](#)
[Miami Climate Action Plan](#)

There was a discussion about what action the Board wants to take urging the City to focus efforts on a Coastal Resilience Plan and sustainability for the future.

Example resiliency plans were provided to the Board by OSAR staff to review. The City of Delray Beach does not have a formal plan in place. The City does have the Always Delray Comprehensive Plan which has sustainability goals throughout. OSAR staff will provide the Board with information on the plan including the link to the full plan and highlights of which goals directly or indirectly mention sustainability initiatives.

There was consensus to keep this item on the agenda in order to learn more about the existing goals of the City before potentially sending a memo to Commission. The plan for the Board is to come up with 4-5 topics/goals to focus on for further discussion.

c. GIAB Annual Report to Commission

Attachments: [2022 GIAB Annual Report Final](#)

Attachments: [2023 GIAB Annual Report Draft](#)

The GIAB is required to make an annual presentation to the Commission in February of each year. Last year's report and a draft for 2023 was attached to the agenda.

The topics to focus on for 2023 include: solid waste, the green building ordinance, greenhouse gas emissions, trees, plastics, coastal resiliency, and education. Bullet points for each topic were agreed upon by the Board members. OSAR staff will edit the draft report based on the discussion and create a final draft.

A motion was made by Evan Orellana to allow OSAR staff to confer with the Chairperson, Sarah Lucas, to edit and finalize the report before bringing it back to the Board at the next meeting. It was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg and passed unanimously.

Yes: 5 - Chanin, Lucas, Zukerberg, Orellana, and Seaman

Absent: 2 - Seckler, and Donohue

7. New Business

None

8. Board Comments

A Board member asked for background information on the Green Building Ordinance. The GIAB sent a memo to Commission in 2019 requiring buildings more than 5,000sf throughout the City to obtain Gold level green building certification. It was initially supported, but then direction was given to hold more public outreach before moving forward. This led to revising the draft ordinance to require buildings more than 15,000sf throughout the City to obtain entry level green building certification. This passed by Commission and will go into effect November 1, 2023. Revisions will be revisited within 2 years.

9. Staff Comments

Attachments: [GIAB Staff Rpt 121522](#)

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

Alternative Board Members: The Assistant City Attorney made the Board aware that the City is looking at the role of alternate board members. There is the potential that alternate board member positions will be eliminated.

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 11:02am.