

# City of Delray Beach

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



## Minutes - Draft

Thursday, January 18, 2024

09:00 AM

434 S Swinton Ave

## Green Implementation Advancement Board

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Evan Orellana

## 2. Roll Call

### Members Present

Evan Orellana, Chair

Lindsay Zukerberg, Vice-Chair

Vinnie Ardillo, Second Vice-Chair

Heather Seaman, Board Member

Melanie Stefanovic, Board Member

### Staff Present:

Chris Chitester, Sustainability Coordinator

Kent Edwards, Sustainability Officer

Daniela Vega, Assistant City Attorney

**Present** - 5 - Lindsay Zukerberg, Evan Orellana, Heather Seaman, Vinnie Ardillo, and Melanie Stefanovic

## 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Heather Seaman.

Motion to approve seconded by Melanie Stefanovic.

Motion **PASS** by a vote of **5-0**.

## 4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Heather Seaman.

Motion to approved seconded by Melanie Stefanovic.

Motion **PASS** by a vote of **5-0**.

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

None

## 6. Old Business

### a. Annual Report

Kent stated the presentation is mostly ready to go and he will update the most recent tree program numbers to include the upcoming tree

giveaway this Saturday. Overall, the program is more than 50% toward the annual goals, for the year that runs into June. Prior green board members will be invited to the upcoming presentation.

## **b. Climate Action Plan Memo**

Recapping last month's meeting, it was decided to recommend a guidance framework for the Climate Action Plan (CAP) which will include main topics, sections or headings: outreach and equity, energy, water, transportation, green infrastructure, natural environment, climate resilience, legislative advocacy, and waste.

The Green Implementation Advancement Board (GIAB) previously sent a memo to the commission to encourage the City to create and adopt a CAP and suggests reusing the intro paragraph from that memo. Lindsay summarized the discussion and emailed draft language for the memo. OSAR will edit the language and a draft document will be ready for review at the next meeting.

Kent explained that the CAP will be a main topic of Earth Month.

After reviewing other cities' CAPs the Green Board agreed on the topics for the table of contents previously described, and will recommend including outreach and equity as part of the consideration in all aspects of CAP.

Kent suggests a "community message" summary that explains what the city is planning, but also communicates that there are things the public can be doing to prepare and contribute.

CAP should include measures for accountability.

It was suggested that the GIAB should be making specific recommendations rather than just stating what they think should be accomplished in the end.

## **c. Education Initiatives**

### **i. Single Use Plastics**

Kent stated that prior discussions on this topic have addressed more than just straws, touching on all single use plastics. Last

month there was a discussion of the City ordinance, including how changes could be made to make it easier for a code enforcement officer to enforce. Some straws can be difficult to identify as acceptable by observation alone. Source information, if made readily available, could simplify enforcement.

The City should be able to regulate plastic use on their properties. Kent voiced concern over state preemptions that prevent new ordinances from being passed. The current straw ordinance was reviewed.

## ii. Earth Day Planning

Evan suggested including the sections for the CAP in a presentation to inform the community.

Kent suggested inviting green building organizations (USGBC, FGBC, NGBS, Green Globes, etc...) to present.

Kent suggested involving FAU for presentations of GHG reduction and green building as possible topics.

A suggestion was made to pair a partner presentation with each topic of the CAP.

Evan suggested booths out front of Cornell, then deeper presentations indoors.

Evan suggested inviting other municipality sustainability teams to explain what they have done and are doing in their cities around FL.

A suggestion was made to have CAP tables at a corner of the green market.

Suggestion for a "Delray Blackout" is made.

Evan suggested a "city wide" street cleanup event.

An invasive species removal event was suggested.

Evan mentioned a previous event for restaurant single use

plastic education was very successful.

#### **d. Legislative Issues**

Evan described an ordinance that would preempt all new plastic ordinances making them ineffective, SB1126.

Kent addressed a bill about everglades conservation, and that though important, it is not an issue that directly affects the Delray community. Raising awareness and building an active community on these type issues is best started by focusing on issues that are happening right in Delray.

GIAB suggests drafting a memo recommending the City support a specific list of legislative issues provided.

Status of mylar balloon release ordinance was discussed.

Kent mentioned the vast availability of grants for sustainability issues.

### **7. New Business**

#### **a. Bylaws**

A small change to the GIAB bylaws was voted on.  
Motion to approve made by **Lindsey Zuckerburg**  
Motion to approve seconded by **Heather Seaman**  
Motion **PASS** by a vote of **5-0**

### **8. Board Comments**

Melanie asked a procedural question, regarding responding to email from the public that came in to her work email rather than City email. Daniela clarified the issues and made suggestion for handling these emails that involved steering them toward the GIAB rather than personal/work emails

### **9. Staff Comments**

Chris Chitester was introduced and provided a short background of his experience.

Chris mentioned HERS ratings as an accepted industry standard for

quantifying GHG emissions in homes and determining strategies that will reduce emissions.

Kent read from the resolution which formed the GIAB, Resolution 24-09, Section 2, which describes the topics the GIAB is to review and make recommendations on to the City Commission.

## 10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Lindsey Zuckerburg

Motion to adjourn seconded by Heather Seaman

Motion **PASS** by a vote of **5-0**

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