

**GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019, 9:00 A.M.  
SWINTON OPERATION COMPLEX BOARD ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lisa Shaheen  
Sarah Lucas  
Sandy Trento  
Hal Stern  
Susan Lebrun  
Mark Cassini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. Ana Puszkina-Chevin, Sustainability Officer

**GUESTS/OTHERS:**

Shaynaz Malleck  
Keir McGill  
Herb Levy

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mr. Hal Stern, at 9:00 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Lucas made a motion to approve the agendas of January 24, 2018, seconded by Ms. Shaheen. Said motion passed unanimously.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

December 20, 2018 Minutes were deferred.

**IV. COMMENTS BY CITIZEN:**

Ms. Shaynaz Malleck stated she has been a resident of Delray Beach for seven (7) years and is strongly passionate about the environment and in keeping a healthy lifestyle. She looks forward in volunteering and becoming a board member.

Ms. Keir McGill stated she has been a resident of Delray Beach for three (3) years. She is an influencer and an environmentalist. She expressed concern regarding trash litter in the central business district and businesses should be required to recycle.

Dr. Puszkina-Chevin stated the city is unable to required businesses to recycle due in part to the contract with Waste Management. The logistics and the mechanic have obstacles that are difficult to overcome with the current city's foot print.

Mr. Herb Levy spoke about what has been implemented at the Bel-Air Country Club. They are now recycling 65-70% of Styrofoam annually. He has done extensive research on recycling styrofoam and would offer his assistance to the board if needed. Also, He made a recommendation to considered water consumption on the board future goals.

**V. REVIEW OF THE GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD (GIAB) RULES:**

The Green Implementation Advancement Board rules were deferred.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Tree Canopy Analysis:**

Dr. Puzskin-Chevlin gave a brief report stating there are some major and minor revisions on the analysis. She stated the consultant did not set a goal.

The board had a discussion regarding the importance of having a goal on the analysis, land availability, percentage of tree planting and maintenance. Mr. Cassini will have a discussion with Mr. Justin Freeman regarding the analysis and will update the board.

**B. Greenhouse Gas Inventory:**

Dr. Puzskin-Chevlin stated the inventory is at the final stage to be completed. The biggest emission contribution comes from transportation follow by the building sector. The Development Services Department will be organizing a developer forum for the development community to meet and discuss policies related to building environment and issues of green building and solar requirements. She will meet with Mr. Tim Stillings, director of the Development Services Department to assist drafting the new policy and to ensure the Green Implementation Advancement Board (GIAB) inputs would also be considered in the forum. In addition, a city assessment was conducted, and the city's biggest components of green gas emission comes from the city's buildings electrical consumption and fleet. The City has subscribed to the Florida Power and Light (FPL) shared solar program that would help offset the consumption once the program is launched. Also, the Fleet Department was directed to investigate electric fleet vehicles and she will meet with Mr. Kevin Rumell, Fleet Maintenance superintendent.

**VII. UPDATE ON CURRENT INITIATIVES:**

**A. Skip the Straw Ordinance:**

Dr. Puzskin-Chevlin stated the Ordinance first reading was approved at the City Commission on January 15, 2019. The Ordinance second reading is scheduled to be presented to the City Commission on February 5, 2019. She explained the ordinance would be effective January 2020 and she has been task with the outreach section of the ordinance. A flyer or postcard has to be created briefly explaining what the ordinance is and when it would it take effect. One of the approaches is to have the support of Community Development Department and/or have students from Atlantic H.S to assist handing out the flyers to the restaurants. Also, she stated she has to draft a letter to be mail to all the businesses registered in the City.

The board had a discussion regarding the mailing list and Ms. Lucas suggested if the list could be customized to exclude businesses that are not restaurants.

**B. Year in Review Distribution:**

Dr. Puzskin-Chevlin passed the newsletters and asked the board to assist with the distributions of it.

There was a consensus that each board member will distribute the newsletter at different locations.

**C. Climate and Art Weekend:**

Dr. Puzskin-Chevlin stated she has not been able to reignite the event. She will meet with Suzanne Fischer, Parks and Recreation Director.

**D. Plans for Earth Day in April:**

There was no discussion.

**VIII. NEW TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

A. Next steps for Goals and Priorities discussed at Special meeting on January 10, 2019.

Mr. Stern discussed the goals and priorities of the board. He stated the City of Gainesville has passed a very aggressive ordinance related to the use of Styrofoam, polystyrene and plastic and would like to table the topic for discussion and asked if that board would like to follow their lead and be aggressive about it; he would provide the information for the board to review it if interested.

Dr. Puzskin-Chevlin gave a brief explanation on the ban of plastic and Styrofoam on other municipalities.

The board had a discussion on considering the banning of plastic and Styrofoam. One of the options suggested is to pass an ordinance banning the use of Styrofoam on city properties or city event.

There was a consensus to discuss the banning of the Styrofoam at a future agenda.

**VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Comments by Board Members**

None.

**B. Comments by Staff**

None.

There being no further business, Mr. Stern declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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 January 24, 2019, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on February 21, 2019.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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Advisory Board Liaison

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