

GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
SWINTON OPERATION COMPLEX BOARD ROOM
REVISED

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Ana Puszkin-Chevlin, Sustainability Officer
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney
India Adams, Assistant City Manager

GUESTS/OTHERS:

Shaynaz Malleck
Maura Abad
Jim Chard
Rachel Mezza
Josh Rosenberg
Emily Gussack
Emily Diamond
Elliot Komishock
Elyah Schwartz
Grady Borcharding
Adrian Graham
Teresa Lansdale Romano

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 agenda of February 21, 2019, seconded by Ms. Trento.
Said motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Shaheen made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019, seconded by Ms. Lucas.
Said motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Ms. Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2019, seconded by Ms. Trento. Said motion passed unanimously (5-0).

IV. BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES UPDATES:

Ms. Lynn Gelin, City Attorney, made a presentation regarding the Palm Beach Code of Ethics, the Sunshine Law Rules, and the Green Implementation Advancement Board Rules and Procedures.

The board had a brief discussion. Mr. Stern asked for a copy of the hearing procedures listed on Article VI of the board rules and procedures.

Ms. Gelin stated she will email the hearing procedures and recommended to table the item to the next available meeting.

Ms. Lucas made a motion to table the board rules and procedures to the next available meeting, seconded by Ms. Shaheen. Said motion passed unanimously (5-0).

There was a consensus to have an election of a second (2nd) Vice-Chairperson and recommendation to change the name of the board from Green Implementation Advancement Board to Green Board at the next available meeting.

V. COMMENTS BY CITIZEN:

Ms. Rachel Bissonette from Space of Mind Schoolhouse was accompanied with a group of students that introduced themselves to the board and briefly spoke of their interest in participating in the Earth Day Event.

Mr. Chard spoke on behalf the Chambers of Commerce regarding the Single Use Plastic Awareness event that would be held on April 29, 2019. He stated that the event would include attorneys, Waste Management, artists and a couple of different speakers and asked the board for their support.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/BOARD INITIATIVES UPDATES:

A. Skip the Straw – Communications & Education Campaign Phase I:

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin gave a brief update stating the ordinance passed and was adopted; hence forth all restaurant and beverage establishments may distribute plastic straws only upon request of a patron. A formal notice will be mailed to the restaurant and beverage establishments to let them know of the new ordinance.

Ms. India Adams stated that an educational video will be on the City's website sustainability page, and it will also be included on the Delraywave. She stated that a lot of positive feedback has been received throughout social media.

B. Climate and Art Weekend-Outreach and Marketing:

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin stated a letter had been mailed out to all the participating venues asking them to commit to a climate theme in order to create a schedule for the event. Ms. Trento and Ms. Lebrun attended the Public Art Advisory Board meeting and stated the board is excited about participating in the event and that different ideas were discussed.

The board had a discussion regarding different ideas for the event.

C. Earth Day Planning:

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin briefly spoke about the event and stated that in an effort to have an educational impact the board is working with the education coordinator. This year's theme is Species Diversification. She introduced Ms. Janet Meeks, the Education Coordinator, who spoke about the concept of creating origami animals, including cranes, turtles and owls to engage youth and adults and promote biodiversity and species awareness. The board would provide the content information on the endangerment of species and the exhibition could be displayed at different locations.

The board had a brief discussion regarding the organization of the event.

D. Green Implementation Advancement Board Annual Report – April 9th:

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin stated the board will be presenting an annual report at the City Commission workshop meeting scheduled on April 9, 2019. The report will include the tree canopy analysis, the greenhouse gas inventory, the climate and art weekend event, the textile program and should include the 2019 prioritized sustainability and resiliency initiatives that the board discussed at the special meeting on January 10th. The report will link initiatives to the Strategic Business Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

The board had a brief discussion on the preparation of the presentation. Ms. Lucas and Ms. Shaheen will work with Mr. Stern. Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin will work on the power point.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tree Canopy Analysis:

Mr. Mark Cassini gave a brief update to the board. He stated that the tree canopy in the City is at 23%, which is lower than surrounding municipalities. He stated one suggestion is to have the City to commit to a planting goal instead of a specific percentage of cover.

A discussion ensued regarding the number of trees needed to be planted, the manpower availability, tree survival, funding, inventory and expenses.

B. Tree Give Away Program & Collaboration with Faith based Organizations:

None.

C. Florida Bike Week Proclamation:

Dr. Puszkin-Chevlin stated the proclamation is scheduled to be presented at the regular City Commission meeting on March 12, 2019.

D. Chamber of Commerce – Single Use Plastic Discussion:

Mr. Jim Chard stated the Chamber of Commerce is promoting a single use plastic awareness event and asked the board for their support of the event.

Mr. Hal spoke briefly about the Skip the Straw ordinance and the ordinances that other cities like Coral Gables and Gainesville have passed banning the use of single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam. He presented three (3) draft proposed resolutions for the board to review to make recommendations to the City Commission on the banning of such products.

The board had a discussion regarding the proposed ordinances.

Ms. Lucas made a motion to table the proposed ordinances until a future meeting, seconded by Ms. Trento. Said motion failed (2-3) (Ms. Lebrun, Ms. Shaheen and Mr. Stern dissenting).

Ms. Shaheen moved to advance the proposed resolutions, seconded by Ms. Lebrun. Said motion passed (4-1) (Ms. Trento dissenting).

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS – SUSTAINABILITY NEWS & IDEAS:

A. Sunscreen Reef Issue & Discussion:

None.

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

ATTEST:

CHAIR

Advisory Board Liaison

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