

GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD MINUTES
SWINTON OPERATIONS COMPLEX
THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
9:00AM – 11:00AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hal Stern, Chairperson (Virtual)
Sarah Lucas, Vice-Chairperson
Lisa Shaheen, Second Vice-Chairperson
Christina Hammond
Susan Lebrun
Shaynaz Malleck

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Maren Graben

STAFF PRESENT:

Molly Daly, Assistant Sustainability Planner
Kelly Brandon, Assistant City Attorney (Virtual)
Casey LaRosa, Sustainability Intern

GUESTS/OTHERS:

Nancy Chanin

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by staff.

3. Approval of Agenda

Sarah Lucas made a motion to approve the agenda. Said motion was seconded by Lisa Shaheen and the motion was passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Sarah Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes. Said motion was seconded by Lisa Shaheen and the motion was passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments

Nancy Chanin said she applied to be on the Board, and she is excited to be here and loves what the Board is doing.

6. Discussion of Monthly Staff Report

Lisa Shaheen asked that with the Tree Inventory agreement being prepared, does that mean that the city has the funding for the tree inventory?

Molly Daly said that there is funding, and we are in negotiations with it going forward. The RFP went out including an urban forestry management plan. Molly Daly stated that once the proposal is approved that she will be able to share it with the Green Board.

Sarah Lucas stated that the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (CCVA) is an important item that deserves the attention of our commission. She asked, is there a reason why Delray did not have a presentation like the other cities? Molly Daly stated that she was not in that meeting but from her understanding through Kent that the City Commission Agenda was full. Kent has met one on one multiple times with the City Commissioner.

Susan Lebrun asked if the board could put in any formal request that that the CCVA topic be rescheduled for a future meeting in city commission. Hal Stern made a motion to approve that there is a formal request that the CCVA topic be rescheduled for a future meeting in City Commission. Said motion was seconded by Susan Lebrun and the motion was passed unanimously.

Molly Daly stated that the Solar COOP raised its CAP to 150 participants.

Sarah Lucas stated that for the Green Building Ordinance as it goes to commission, the Board should be a part of the conversation for first and second reading to demonstrate the importance of the topic.

7. Old Business

Hal Stern stated that there are a couple organizations in Florida that are considered with recycling market. He stated that he wanted to get a couple presentation from SWA to see how the recycling is in the Delray area. The board is waiting on response from SWA to get a presentation together.

8. New Business

a. Tree Sections LDRs

Lisa Sheehan did research on her own before the meeting. In her research the paper was printed out for the Board to use for the meeting. In her research it stated that the larger trees absorb more CO₂ than smaller trees and her concern was if the contractors are removing large canopy trees if they are being replaced by large trees as well.

Kelly Brandon stated the Historic Preservation Board does look into historic trees and the board does make sure that trees are replaced properly because they look at the trees diameter and make sure if a tree does get taken down that it does get replaced.

Sarah Lucas brought up an idea to look into trees that have been around for a long time and possibly having a program for them too. This can help get the community more involved on the importance of trees.

Lisa Sheehan made a motion to make a recommendation to Commission that staff research existing campaigns for tree education and come back to GIAB with the findings. Said motion was seconded by Hal Stern and the motion was passed unanimously.

b. CCVA Survey Results

Molly Daly stated that the survey was emailed out to everyone on the Board. The survey was a good turn out it gave the city an idea of where the communities priorities were on climate change to help with future research.

Molly proceeded to read off what the results were in the survey. In the survey 15% of the responses were in Delray Beach. The survey stated that 57% of people are familiar with climate change. 13% of the survey stated that they are not concerned about climate change.

Molly Daly stated that the survey study for Delray helps with future workshops to help engage the community on the importance of climate change and what they are most worried about in climate change.

c. Board Vacancies

Susan Lebrun has one more meeting till she is termed out the rest of the board members can renew their term.

9. Comments by Board Members

Sarah Lucas stated that the board is very grateful for all the work Molly Daly has done as this is the last meeting for Molly before she leaves.

Sarah Lucas stated that it's important for us all to be more aware of how our everyday activities contribute carbon dioxide. She mentioned that food production for items such as meat and dairy contribute a large amount of carbon dioxide.

10. Comments by Staff

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sarah Lucas and seconded by Lisa Sheehan. Said motion passed unanimously and Sarah Lucas declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30am.