

GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING
9:00AM – 11:00AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hal Stern, Chairperson
Sarah Lucas, Second Vice-Chairperson
Susan Lebrun
Lisa Shaheen
Shaynaz Malleck
Christina Hammond
Maren Graben

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Molly Daly, Assistant Sustainability Planner
Kent Edwards, Sustainability Officer
Brian Ruscher, Transportation Planner
Missie Barletto, Director of Public Works

GUESTS/OTHERS:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Hal Stern at 9:00am. Information was provided pursuant to Executive Orders 20-69, 20-179 and 20-193 about holding Advisory Board meetings virtually.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by staff.

3. Approval of Agenda

Lisa Shaheen made a motion to approve the agenda of September 17, 2020, seconded by Sarah Lucas. Said motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Molly Daly stated that the following edit needs to be made to the minutes: remove Sandy Trento's name and add Shaynaz Malleck to the list of Board Members present during the meeting. Sarah Lucas made a motion to approve the August 20, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Said motion was seconded by Shaynaz Malleck and the motion was passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Election of Officers

Per the Board's Bylaws, the election of the following officer positions must be held every September: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Second Vice-Chair. Susan Lebrun made a motion to nominate Hal Stern as Chairperson, which was seconded by Sarah Lucas and passed unanimously.

Hal Stern made a motion to nominate Sarah Lucas as Vice-Chairperson, which was seconded by Lisa Shaheen and passed unanimously. Hal Stern made a motion to nominate Lisa Shaheen for Second Vice-Chairperson which was seconded by Sarah Lucas and passed unanimously.

7. Old Business

a. Commission Agenda Schedule for Annual GIAB Presentation

The Board's annual presentation is scheduled to be delivered to the City Commission during the meeting held on October 6th, 2020. Hal Stern will be available on that day and will hold the presentation remotely through WebEx. Hal Stern said that these are important issues and will encourage the City Commission to be involved in these topics.

b. Polystyrene and Other Plastic -Related Initiatives

i. Memo to Commissioners Regarding State Preemptions

Kent Edwards drafted a memorandum that details the motion the Board made during last month's meeting. This memorandum will be sent to the City Commission to inform them of the issues and to convey the Board's recommendation. It includes details about the State's preemptions that prevent local governments from regulating the use of polystyrene and details recommendations to encourage the State to repeal or amend said preemptions and negotiating a "no polystyrene use" clause into City contracts on a case by case basis. Sarah Lucas made a motion for Kent and Hal Stern to add language to the last paragraph of the memorandum that would recommend to the City Commission to also regulate plastic drink stirrers, toothpicks, and disposable cutlery. Said motion was seconded by Susan Lebrun and passed unanimously.

ii. Amendment to Ordinance 10-19

Kent Edwards will be scheduling one on one meetings with each of the City Commissioners and will discuss this memorandum during that time.

c. Green Business Certification Program

The program is in great shape and is ready to be released to the public. Information was shared with staff about restaurants who have already voluntarily switched to more sustainable materials for disposable items. Kent Edwards asked the Board if they would be interested in hosting a virtual meeting with businesses to inform them about this voluntary program, how to meet certification and why it is important to the community. This meeting can be held on Microsoft Teams and businesses can ask staff and the Board questions.

Christina Hammond expressed interest in supporting the City's outreach efforts and has both experience and contacts that will be helpful. Sarah Lucas and Shaynaz Malleck also offered staff help with this but would like more details.

Christina Hammond suggested that staff and the Board contact Delivery Dudes since they are supportive of green movements and have many contacts in the community. Susan Lebrun advised staff to contact John Brewer, a member of the community who put together the Socially Distanced Supper Club group on Facebook that has around 10,000 members and has helped support businesses throughout the pandemic. The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce will also be helpful to contact businesses outside of the restaurant industry as well. Lisa Shaheen recommended contact classes at Space of Mind since the students should be interested in helping.

d. Tree Trust Fund and Tree Canopy Program

Kent Edwards attended Community Greening's tree giveaway on August 22nd at Catherine Strong Splash Park. The event went very well, community members were very excited and only a few trees were left over. Participants were able to safely socially distance from each other by staying in their cars. The next tree giveaway in Delray Beach is scheduled for Halloween.

Staff did not have an update on the RFP for a tree inventory.

Community Greening is giving staff a tour next week to look at past planting projects and potential sites for future events.

During the last meeting, the Board asked staff to provide the Board with information on what is in and what has been spent in the Tree Trust Fund. Kent Edwards provided the Board with a general ledger report and has requested more detailed and up to date information from the City to answer the Board's questions.

e. Green Building Ordinance

The next meeting to continue drafting the ordinance is scheduled for October 8th, 2020 between the Office of Sustainability and Planning and Zoning Department.

f. Coastal Resilience Partnership - Brian Ruscher, Transportation Planner

Step 3 of the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment is well underway and should have deliverables ready by the following month. A PowerPoint of the previous two (2) steps was developed already and slides for Step 3 will be added to the presentation as the content is developed. This PowerPoint will be presented to the City Commission in October or November and an overview will be given to the Board during the next meeting.

Step 3 will provide a series of maps that will be used to identify the adaptation strategies and will include a survey for the general public so we can understand their priorities and concerns about climate change and the threats we will experience. Also, a staff workshop will be scheduled within the next month.

Missie Barletto said that information about seawall requirements to address sea level rise will be brought to the City Commission in the near future. Also, Missie

shared that the City brought down their Community Rating System another point, which gives residents a 5 percent savings on their flood insurance in addition to the 15 percent savings the City had achieved previously.

g. RISE: Climate & Art (Virtual) 2020

The full schedule can be found by going to www.ResilientDelray.com/RISE. Registration is available to receive email updates with livestream events since there are many sessions that are being held. The City is hosting the Kickoff Event with the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, October 1st at 6pm and will discuss the science related to climate change and what the City is doing to prepare the community.

8. New Business

a. Homeowner and Condo Owner Contact Lists

A list was sent to Shaynaz Malleck that contained the most up to date information that staff had available, but much of the contact information was missing or incomplete. To complete this contact list, it will take time and work. Shaynaz Malleck has volunteered to take this on since it is an important to the Board to establish these relationships.

b. Bike Rack Update – Brian Ruscher, Transportation Planner

The Board requested more information about this Land Development Regulation amendment and Brian Ruscher provided an overview. The City is lowering the requirements for outdoor bicycle parking for proposed development in the Central Business District and creating new requirements for the remainder of the City. Bicycles stored indoors have a much better chance of working longer and being better maintained. Developers will be required to provide indoor and outdoor bicycle parking onsite if the project meets certain criteria.

9. Comments by Board Members

Sarah Lucas thanked the staff for their hard work and requested that EV chargers be on the next month's agenda.

10. Comments by Staff

Molly Daly asked for clarification if Hal will be giving the Board's annual presentation to the City Commission remotely or in person and asked if there will be another Board member available during that time in case of an issues. Hal Stern responded that he would give the presentation remotely and Sarah Lucas confirmed she can be available if a backup is needed.

Kent Edwards brought up the issue of net metering with the Board and encouraged them to pay attention to the Public Service Commission meeting that is going on now.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sarah Lucas and seconded by Lisa Shaheen. Said motion passed unanimously and Hal Stern declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10am