

# City of Delray Beach

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**434 S. Swinton Avenue**

**Green Implementation Advancement Board**

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am by Sarah Lucas.

## 2. Roll Call

### Members Present:

Sarah Lucas, Chairperson

Evan Orellana, Vice-Chairperson

Lindsay Zuckerberg, Second Vice-Chairperson

### Staff Present:

Kelly Brandon , Assistant City Attorney

Kent Edwards, Sustainability Officer

Mary Wozny, Assistant Sustainability Planner

**Present** 3 - Sarah Lucas, Lindsay Zukerberg, and Evan Orellana

**Absent** 4 - Nancy Chanin, Isabelle Seckler, Suzanne Donohue, and Heather Seaman

## 3. Approval of Agenda

Evan Orellana made the motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg. The motion passed unanimously.

**Yes:** 3 - Lucas, Zukerberg, and Orellana

**Absent:** 4 - Chanin, Seckler, Donohue, and Seaman

## 4. Approval of Minutes

Evan Orellana made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg. The motion passed unanimously.

**Yes:** 3 - Lucas, Zukerberg, and Orellana

**Absent:** 4 - Chanin, Seckler, Donohue, and Seaman

**Attachments:** [GIAB Minutes Draft 102022](#)

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

None

## 6. Old Business

### a. Green Building Ordinance Update

The Green Building Ordinance is addressed in the OSAR Staff Report. Additional details were provided by OSAR staff.

The Second Reading for the revised green building ordinance occurred at the November 1st City Commission meeting. It passed with a vote of 5-0. The ordinance will take effect on Nov 1, 2023. This revision of the ordinance started with a recommendation made by the GIAB in 2019. At the Commission meeting there was discussion about the certification level and square footage threshold. There was a modification to the evaluation period, decreasing it from 4 years to 2 years. This ordinance will play an important role in the City's green house gas emissions reduction.

OSAR staff has reached out to the IT staff to discuss how we would be able to utilize the new e-permitting system to collect data on green building projects. This data could be used to address incentives and other modifications to the ordinance in the future.

OSAR staff is also working with the Public Information Office to announce the passing of the Green Building Ordinance and to provide details and resources to the public. OSAR staff plans on doing outreach in regard to this ordinance throughout the year. It will also be highlighted during the next Climate and Art event. Other municipalities, such as Boca Raton, were following this ordinance to help them begin working on their own green building ordinance.

#### **b. Tree Discussion**

Trees are addressed in the OSAR Staff Report. Additional details were provided by OSAR staff.

OSAR staff is meeting regularly with Community Greening to identify acceptable tree planting locations, develop planting plans, and to discuss other events and outreach. There has been tremendous progress in all areas of the tree planting project including planting city and partner trees and tree giveaways. OSAR staff is working with the GIS staff to have the tree inventory data and the year 1 tree planting program data entered into City Works which is our City maintenance program.

A Board member addressed the fact that the Tree Trust Fund will not cover the full length of the tree planting program and alternative sources of funding need to be considered.

#### **c. GIAB Annual Report to Commission**

Attachments: [2022 GIAB Annual Report ed](#)

The GIAB is required to make an annual presentation to the Commission in February of each year. A copy of the annual report from last year was attached to the agenda to use as reference. This annual report can be used to describe the topics that have been focused on over the year and what the Board plans to focus on throughout the upcoming year. Various topics were discussed that could be included as priorities for the upcoming year.

There was a consensus to keep topics addressed on last year's report in the presentation for this year. These topics include: solid waste management, the green building ordinance, greenhouse gas emissions, trees, and plastics. In addition, the GIAB members would like to add a section on a coastal resiliency plan to establish it as a priority moving forward. All of these topics will be presented highlighting the importance of education and outreach.

OSAR staff will develop a draft presentation to bring to the Board at the December meeting for discussion.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Discussion about drafting a memo/resolution expressing opposition to the preemption of legislation that would move forward a reduction in single use materials**

This discussion was about drafting a possible memo/resolution expressing opposition to the preemption of legislation that would move forward a reduction in single use materials (plastic bags, Styrofoam, cutlery, etc). There was consensus to focus on plastics on municipal property (FS 500.90) and the FDEP plastic bag report for this memo.

Evan Orellana made a motion to send a memo to the Commission to have the City send a resolution to the State regarding preemptions. It was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg and passed unanimously. OSAR staff will draft the memo to bring to the Board.

### **b. Discussion about drafting memo/resolution urging the City to focus efforts on a Coastal Resilience Plan and sustainability**

There was a discussion about potentially drafting a memo/resolution urging the City to focus efforts on a Coastal Resilience Plan and sustainability for the future.

There are other coastal resiliency plans that the GIAB can use as a reference. These include Miami Beach and Miami Dade County. OSAR

staff will look for other examples of coastal resiliency plans to provide the Board with. It was suggested by the Board members that this topic be researched further to better understand the complexities before drafting a memo/resolution to send to Commission. It will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

## 8. Board Comments

None

## 9. Staff Comments

Attachments: [GIAB Staff Rpt 111722](#)

Topics detailed on the OSAR staff report were discussed. Additional comments not found in the report are recorded below.

**Recycling:** OSAR staff will be checking with Public Works on the status of beach recycling. It was scheduled to start on the beaches in January.

**Urban Heat Island Mapping:** OSAR staff is looking into participating in a NOAA funded project with other local cities to map urban heat islands.

**Habitat Restoration:** OSAR staff held a training for Parks and Recreation staff that is responsible for Barwick and Orchard View Parks where habitat restoration projects have taken place since June. George Gann from the Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC) led the training onsite at Barwick Park. The talk started with background information on habitat maintenance in regard to invasive species control. It continued with a tour around the park discussing treatments that have taken place and possible ways to continue this treatment to maintain the areas. There will be a total of 10 trainings with Parks staff and IRC throughout the year to address habitat restoration and maintenance efforts.

## 10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Evan Orellana and it was seconded by Lindsay Zuckerberg. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:59am.

Green Implementation Advancement Board  
November 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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 November 17, 2022 which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on December 15, 2022.

ATTEST:

  
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CHAIR

  
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ADVISORY BOARD LIAISON/ SECRETARY

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