



City of Doral Environmental Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, June 10, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
8401 NW 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Frank Gamez, Chair	Present
Johann Ali, Vice Chair	Present
Ricardo Gonzalez, Secretary	Present
Augusto Carvajal, Board Member	Present
Thomas Eriksen, Board Member	Present

Also present were:

Juliana de la Ossa, Public Works Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Public Comments were made by Nino Savino, Claudia Martinez, and Carolyn Dragseth with regards to water conservation and recycling bins at public places.

5. Approval of Minutes

- May 13, 2021

Motion to approve the May 13, 2021 meeting minutes made by board member Johann Ali and seconded by board member Thomas Eriksen. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Brownfield Zoning in Doral

The board discussed how it would be a really good way to repurpose some of the more industrial properties in the City and incentivize redevelopment in good ways that would benefit the residents of the city.

The EPA has come out with standards and recommendations as to how local governments can implement the designations for Brownfield. The board agrees that getting their hands on the published material would be a good way to start this process.

The board agreed to research some of the publications that have been done by the EPA and FDEP and bring in that information to the next meeting.

b. Discussion: Recycling Education Curriculum to Schools

The board agrees it's a good idea that not only they enforce existing regulations and ordinances and maybe propose some new ones but that it all starts with good education. If the board doesn't help educate the students and community, they'll never achieve their goal. An idea that was brought up was to include some environmental documentaries that are family friendly to the City of Doral Movies at the Park event. Another idea that was brought up was that instead of having a whole environmental documentary shown, they put a short clip before the movie begins, that way they have the attention of the community.

c. Discussion: Plastic Bag Ban

At the last meeting, the board agreed to look into reducing single use plastics. The board researched and found that as of 2008, there is a Florida statute that bans all Municipalities from implementing any such ordinance or law on reducing single use plastics. As of January, several of Florida's State Representatives are actively pursuing the appeal of that law and it's in the appeals court process right now.

Motion to table this discussion item to a future meeting date made by board member Johann Ali and seconded by board member Ricardo Gonzalez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

d. Discussion: Plastic Straw Ban

As of 2008, Florida banned all Municipalities from implementing any such ordinance or law on reducing single use plastics, which includes plastic straws. The board agreed to research more on the topic before they decide what the next step will be.

Motion to table this discussion item to a future meeting date made by board member Johann Ali and seconded by board member Ricardo Gonzalez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

e. Discussion: Littering/Dumping Fines (Local Ordinance)

The board wanted to research if the City of Doral or Miami-Dade County had any littering/dumping fines and if they were enforcing the fines. The City of Doral has an ordinance that was adopted in 2006 regarding littering/dumping fines.

The board wants to potentially revisit the fee structure. More will be discussed in a future meeting.

f. Discussion: Waste Management Infrastructure

The board discussed the Waste-to-Energy reports provided by board member Thomas Eriksen.

g. Open Discussion

7. Future Meeting Dates:

Board wants to have a special meeting on Thursday, August 4th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Board wants to have their regular meeting on Thursday, August 12th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment
Meeting adjourns at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ricardo Gonzalez, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Thomas Eriksen and seconded by Board Member Ricardo Gonzalez.

Frank Gamez, Chair
Johann Ali, Vice Chair
Ricardo Gonzalez, Secretary
Augusto Carvajal, Board Member
Thomas Eriksen, Board Member

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TC

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2021.



Frank Gamez, Chair