



City of Doral Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024
6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Cesar Abarca, Chair	Present
Katty Acon, Vice-Chair	Absent/Excused
Gina Romero, Secretary	Present
Alejandra Paez, Board Member	Present
Diego Moreno, Board Member	Present
Fernando Da Silva, Board Member	Present

Also, Present:

Councilwoman Maureen Porras, Mayor & Council
Dulce Pantaleon, Public Works Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments:

Mr. Julio Tejera from South Florida Water Management District was present. He briefly explained that the South Florida Water Management District is the principal control for flood management. Anytime that there is a hurricane or storm coming in, they're the ones that manage the major canals, do the draw down and help with any emergency flooding situation. They also focus on

environmental management, such as wanting to restore the everglades and rehydrate it.

Roxanna Garay and Nelda Dezzeo are both residents of Doral and were invited to learn about the different environmental situations in Doral.

Councilwoman Porras was recently appointed as the council liaison for the Environmental Advisory Board. The Councilwoman was welcomed and thanked for all the hard work she has done representing the City of Doral. She briefly spoke on how one of her priorities is focusing on the environmental issues that the city is facing. She wants to make sure that Doral is leading the way in becoming a sustainable and resilient community. Just recently, the city passed a resolution that she initiated, which is to give support to Plastic Free 305 program. She also started working with different environmental groups such as Debris Free Oceans and they've been doing a lot of environmental work at the schools, so the Councilwoman has been working with different groups and schools for the city to become plastic-free.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 31, 2023 and October 26, 2023 meeting minutes made by the board. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Inclusion of Community Garden Project

The community garden project and commercial areas for the vertical garden initiative, sponsored by the Vice-Chair, will be included in the agenda for the next meeting as the Vice-Chair was not present for this meeting.

2. Arborization Plan for City of Doral

Dr. Juan Dalmiro Murillo, Forestry Engineer, Ph.D. in Plant Physiology, presented a proposal regarding the TREE PLANT PLAN, which ensures environmental sustainability and establishes trees for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The committee agreed to adopt the tree plant plan based on the existing City of Doral model, which is the Inventory Trees Plan. The board recommends that they put him in communication with the Parks & Recreation Director, Erin Sullivan, so he can present the plan and receive feedback from her, so they can then bring the project back to the board and make decisions based on the recommendations of the director.

3. Composting Program Discussion and Further Analysis

Discussion of the composting program presented on August 31, 2023, requires further analysis regarding alignment with Miami-Dade County training policy to coordinate training with the University of Florida for workshop programs and obtain legal clearance from the DEPA-Florida Administrative Register, Chapter: Criteria for organic processing and recycling facilities on permitting criteria for the solid waste organic recycling pilot program, section 62-709.460.

After extensive discussion, the following points were decided:
The board has 3 alternatives to train and teach students and residents of City of Doral.

1. Councilwoman Maureen Porras will present to the City of Doral Mayor & Councilmembers. Training to the residents and students of the city by introducing the composting academy with the support of the city as suggested by Debrief Free Ocean.
2. Digital Marketing for both programs for the City of Doral and the Miami-Dade County website.
3. Bring the initiative to the Green Club and listen to their feedback/requests to support the projects.
4. **Request for Presentation by Ms. Pantaleon, Sustainability Department**
The presentation will be moved to the next meeting, which will be on April 11, 2024.

7. Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment:


The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,


ON BEHALF OF GINA ROMERO (NOT PRESENT).
Gina Romero, Secretary

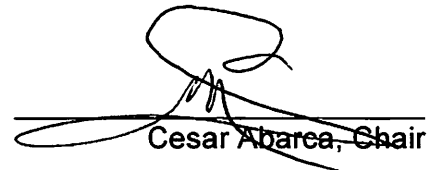
Motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member CESAR ABARCA and seconded by Board Member FERNANDO DA SILVA

Cesar Abarca, Chair
Katty Acon, Vice Chair
Gina Romero, Secretary
Alejandra Paez, Board Member
Diego Moreno, Board Member
Fernando Da Silva, Board Member





APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2024.


Cesar Abarca, Chair