



City of Doral Environmental Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, October 7, 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 6:14 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

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

Also present were:

Dulce Pantaleon, Public Works Department

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- September 9, 2021

Motion to approve the September 9, 2021 meeting minutes made by board member Johann Ali and seconded by board member Thomas Eriksen. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

5. **Discussion Items**

a. **Discussion: Littering/Dumping Fines (Local Ordinance)**

The littering/dumping ordinance was created in 2006 and hasn't been updated since. The current fines are \$100 for the first fine, \$250 for the second fine and \$500 for the third fine. The board researched how much the fines are in neighboring cities and discussed which route they want to take. The board wants to propose to council that they raise the current fine for littering and dumping as it stands because it has

not been updated since its inception. They also want to educate people when it comes to littering and dumping. More will be discussed at the next meeting, as the board has to create a memo to present to Mayor and Council about potentially adjusting the littering/dumping ordinance.

b. Discussion: Adopt-A-Trail to Supplement the Adopt-A-Street Program

The board doesn't want to propose any changes to the Adopt-A-Street program. What the board wants to do is copy the criteria of Adopt-A-Street to create Adopt-A-Trail for bike/walkways where lower age residents could participate. More will be discussed at the next meeting, as the board has to create a memo to present to Mayor and Council about creating an Adopt-A-Trail program.

c. Discussion: Brownfield Zoning in Doral

Board Member Johann informed the board that they are still doing some research regarding Brownfield Zoning. They can set a meeting for them to come to the board meeting to discuss what it'll take to make Brownfield Zoning happen. More will be discussed at a future meeting date.

d. Discussion: Educational Videos

Dulce informed the board that the Public Works Department has added additional information and some short videos on the city website, so that residents could be more informed and have easy access to all these documents/information.

e. Discussion: EV/Fuel Efficient Vehicle Designated Parking at Parks & City Facilities

All new city facilities that are built, such as Doral Legacy Park, have the minimum required handicapped parking that must be close to the entrance, and they have also designated parking for EV/fuel efficient vehicles. Older city facilities, such as Morgan Levy Park, don't have the designated parking for EV/fuel efficient vehicles. The board wants to see if they recommend to the city council to expand this initiative to other city properties but first, they are going to research to see if the city already has plans to expand the designated parking for EV/fuel efficient vehicles. More will be discussed at a future meeting date.

f. Discussion: Topics of the Environmental Advisory Board

The board is crossing off of their list some of the proposals that they believe won't work out. They're trying not to bring in any new topics, so they can maintain their focus on the ones they are currently working on.

g. Open Discussion

6. Public Comments

Board member Frank informed the board that he has received multiple emails from the Doral Academy Green Club regarding banning plastic bags, straws and single use plastic and board member Frank has been emailing them back with the state statute that bans them from creating an ordinance like that and how they can write to their congressman about changing that ordinance.

Luimar Garza spoke to the board and asked questions regarding different projects that is happening throughout the city.

7. Future Meeting Date:

- Thursday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ricardo Gonzalez, Secretary

~~Juanita Cruz for Ricardo (Absent)~~

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Johann Ali and seconded by Board Member Augusto Carvajal.

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







APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2022.



Frank Gamez, Chair

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