



City of Doral Environmental Advisory Board Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2023

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	Present
Gina Romero, Secretary	Present
Alejandra Paez, Board Member	Present
Eduardo Osorio, Alternate Member	Absent

Also present:

Rita Carbonell. Public Works Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Solu Bag presentation: Flexibles, products committed to the preservation of the planet (Film & Fabric Bags, Doggie Bags, Laundry Detergent). Presentation made by Mr. Christian Olivares.

5. Approval of Minutes: Move approval of the August 31st minutes for the next meeting due to time limitations.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Recommendation for Certifying Solubag as a Purveyor of the City of Doral:

The committee recommends certifying Solubag as a purveyor of the City of Doral for purchasing plastic bags and other products used to substitute plastic. As a first step, we recommend buying dog plastic bags used in Public Parks. Later, based on experience, the City can replace other plastic packaging products. The committee recommendation is based on the following points: an extensive offer of different products, fully biodegradable material, and certification by several international organizations in the U.S. and Europe. It also recommends assessing Solubag's request to partner in promoting this innovative recycling product in the City of Doral to potential consumers.

APPROVED

2. Minute Processing Procedure Adoption:

The committee agreed to adopt the minute format and process based on the existing City of Doral model. This model recommends capturing only the conclusion of the discussion, the action to be taken, and the steps to follow in the process.

APPROVED

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 particular permitting criteria for the solid waste organic recycling pilot program, Section 62-709.460.

MOVED TO THE NEXT MEETING

4. Request for Presentation by Ms. Pantaleón, Sustainability Department:

Request Ms. Pantaleón, Sustainability Department, to present her department's plans and implementation schedule to identify initiatives where we can cooperate with her department's implementation.

APPROVED

5. Presentation of Doral, Florida Code of Ordinances:

The Chairman presented Doral, Florida Code of Ordinances, ARTICLE III, Committees, Boards, Commission, Section 101-General Purpose, and Section 102-Objectives and mission to the members who agree to abide by them.

APPROVED

MOVED TO THE NEXT MEETING

7. Inclusion of Community Garden Project in the Next Meeting:

The Community Garden project, sponsored by the Vice-Chairman, will be included in the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for November 28, 2023.

MOVED TO THE NEXT MEETING

This revised format provides clarity and consistency in presenting the minutes and decisions taken during the committee meeting.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday November 28, 2023. at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Romero, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2023. Environmental Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member _____.

Cesar Abarca, Chair
Katty Acon, Vice Chair
Gina Romero, Secretary
Eduardo Osorio, Board Member
Alejandra Paez, Board Member





APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2024.

Cesar Abarca, Chair




