

TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM 3618 South Ocean Boulevard Highland Beach, Florida 33487 Date: February 07, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Barbara Nestle called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Member Joshua Davison

Board Member Diane Matthewman

Board Member Christine Viegas

Board Member Alan Blumberg (arrived at 11:04 A.M.)

Board Member Kenneth Shriberg

Vice Chairperson Barbara Nestle

Deputy Town Clerk Jaclyn DeHart

ADDITIONAL STAFF PRESENT

Town Planner Ingrid Allen

ABSENT

Chairperson Nicole Stansfield

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Viegas/ Matthewman - Moved to approve the agenda as presented

which passed 5 to 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Janixx Parisi, Boca Raton, spoke about bottle caps on the beach and the process of bottling soda.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Town Planner Updates

Town Planner Allen mentioned that the article provided by Mr. Bowman about plastics decomposition will be in the next Managers Minute with an encouraging note about bucket trees and contact the town for bucket trees. She emailed the Board Members the recommendation memorandum.

She advised the Board that the Sea Turtle Ordinance was adopted yesterday.

Town Planner Allen mentioned to the Town Commission that the Natural Resources Board Members were willing to do educational outreach if needed, and she will follow up with Town Manager.

There was discussion about adding in an article about bottle cap plastics to the Managers Minute.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 11, 2023

Motion: Davison/Shriberg – Moved to approve the minutes of November

11, 2023 which passed 6 to 0.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Future Dune Restoration/Management-related events

Vice Chairperson Nestle introduced the item and spoke about the Mingle and Jingle event that happened in December and how it was well attended. In future they would like the turtle permit holders to be included at their table.

Member Shriberg commented that the event was well done with information laid out and the PowerPoint presentation was helpful.

Member Viegas thought it was very well attended and good information was given out. She asked if they could have a larger sign or tent for the table for the next event, so it was easier to identify them. She mentioned that the Penthouse Towers event was well attended and that she could not attend due to parking.

Town Planner Allen will ask the Town Manager about banner/larger sign for future Town events.

There was discussion about having an educational outreach in another couple of months with Elaine Prentice because the last one was very well attended. The Board will reach out to her and see if she wants to hold another event in a couple of months.

The Board inquired if they could have a table at the Fire Station opening event and Town Planner Allen said she would inquire and let them know.

Member Blumberg asked if they could have nametags for the next event.

Vice Chairperson Nestle mentioned that Parker Highland is having an event with Saint Andrews Schools where students will help on Presidents Day weekend with the dunes. She updated the Board on the progress they had made with their dunes and once it is done, she will ask the Park Highland Board to do an event for the residents to show off the final results.

Member Blumberg volunteered to do research on mangrove protection and will email Town Planner Allen his findings.

Town Planner mentioned that they got a draft of the update to the beach restoration study, which is being reviewed by staff, eventually it will go to the Commission.

There was discussion about the study and having a future event based on the results of the study.

B. Board Member Updates

Vice chairperson Nestle gave an update on the neighboring town ordinances, in regard to dune restoration, and reported that she has not found anything that tells people that they have to clean up or manage dunes. She looked into Florida state law, and she found several ordinances that she found on private dune regulation. She spoke about Palm Beach County ordinances in regard to dunes and construction, ordinances that have to do with removal of sand, and property maintenance codes that address vegetation.

There was discussion about nuisance vegetation.

Member Matthewman reported that she also found nothing in regard to local ordinances that enforce dune management.

The Board discussed possibly including more educational materials, a recycling flyer from South Florida Waste Management, proper disposal of yard waste and batteries in the Managers Minute.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairperson Barbara Nestle read the announcements as follows.

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1:30 PM

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March 05, 2024

1:30 PM

Town Commission Meeting

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1:00 PM

Code Enforcement Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.

APPROVED at the May 01, 2024, Natural Resources Freservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:



Vice Chairperson Barbara Nestle

Transcribed by Jaclyn DeHart

Deputy Town Clerk

Date: May 01, 2024

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