

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

LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM 3618 South Ocean Boulevard Highland Beach, Florida 33487 Date: August 30, 2023 Time: 11:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Board Member Joshua Davison Board Member Christine Viegas Board Member Alan Blumberg Board Member Kenneth Shriberg Vice Chairperson Barbara Nestle Chairperson Nicole Stansfield (Via Zoom)

ABSENT

Board Member Diane Matthewman

ADDITIONAL STAFF PRESENT

Town Planner Ingrid Allen

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Davison/Viegas - Moved to approve the agenda as amended, which passed 6 to 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joann Ryan, Sea Turtle Permit Holder, provided comments about sea turtles nesting this season in Highland Beach.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Dune restoration presentation - Penthouse Towers (Elaine Prentice)

Vice Chairperson Nestle read the title of the item and introduced Elaine Prentice.

Elaine Prentice gave a PowerPoint Presentation about dunes and presented photos of various plants and invasive plants. She commented on the process that Penthouse towers went through to restore their dunes.

The Board discussed costs associated with the process and inquired about having a community event. Town Planner Allen mentioned that she will speak with the Town Manager and update them at the next meeting.

B. Updates from Town Planner

Vice Chairperson Nestle read the title of the item and referred it to the Town Planner.

Town Planner Allen spoke about trimming dune vegetation and the importance of obtaining a Florida Dept State Permit.

The Beach Feasibility student was approved by the Commission and the same firm is doing the study. It is in progress now and they will provide the Town with draft a report after 12 weeks of notice to proceed.

She did not hear from turtle permit holder Joann about trashcans that are needed or missing so she will follow up with Joann to see if there is additional need.

She commented on the letter that was mailed to all residents about dune protection.

The upcoming managers monthly will be an article about Florida friendly landscaping that was provided by Town Planner Allen.

The sea turtle lightening ordinance is still with the Commission, but it has slowed down a bit and it will be put back on the agenda in future.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 04, 2023

Motion: Davison/Viegas - Moved to approve the May 04, 2023 minutes as presented, which passed unanimously 6 to 0.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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A. None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome To New Board Members

Christine Viegas

Alan Blumberg

Kenneth Shriberg

Vice Chairperson Nestle introduced the new Board Members. The new Board members introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their background information.

B. Board Member Updates

1. Member Barbara Nestle

Vice Chairperson Nestle has spoken to neighbors about dune restoration and working together to restore dunes. She has received pushback from residents who think dunes are fine and they don't want to make changes. Her own condo will be talking about it at their meetings. They have multiple proposals, but the cost is very high they are doing none of the work themselves. They have received twenty-to-thirty-thousand-dollar estimates.

The beach raking tire ruts are still an issue. She mentioned that the Costal Star printed an article about turtles and beaches.

Town Planer Allen commented that she reached out to Delray Sands about bucket trees. They said they have to check with their corporate office, and they have not gotten back to her, but she will follow up with them.

There were no other board member updates.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairperson Nestle read the announcements as follows:

September 05, 2023	1:30 P.M.	Town Commission Meeting
September 05, 2023	5:01 P.M.	Town Commission First Public Hearing Budget Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 P.M.

APPROVED at the November 01, 2023, Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting.



Chairperson Nicole Stansfield

Transcribed by Jaclyn DeHart

Date: November 01, 2023

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