

# City of Doral Environmental Advisory Board Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 31, 2023 6:30 p.m. Doral Government Center 1st Floor Multipurpose Room 8401 NW 53rd Terrace Doral, FL 33166

 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
Carlos Pereira, Board Member Absent
Alejandra Paez, Board Member Present
Eduardo Osorio, Alternate Member Absent/Excused

## Also present:

Dulce Pantaleon, Public Works Department

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Public Comments

The chairman announced to the board the relocation of the Covanta plant. He presented the 2018 emissions report. He gave his recommendations to reduce emissions by increasing the use of solar panels on government buildings. increase energy efficiency in buildings. reduce transportation emissions by improving public transportation services.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

May 18, 2023

Motion to approve May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes made by the board. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

#### 6. Discussion Items

 composting program which will be presented to the board at the next board meeting to sponsor students at Downtown Charter School and Doral Academy for a 1-year pilot program.

## 7. Open Discussion

- Tree planting plan presented by: Dr Morillo
- Create a census of all existing trees in the city and monitor their maintenance and preservation to achieve a publication.
- Elaborate a project on the control of pests and diseases of trees, plants and plants of the city.
- Implement landscaping in various sectors of the city.
- Incorporate schools and universities through community work for the recovery and maintenance of green areas.
- Composting for life: Francisco Torres General Manager and Founder, Composting for Life speaks about composting and about the services that Compost for Life provides, Aerated Static Composting. The program started in 2020. 1,909,019 Lbs. of food have been diverted, 33,049 trash bags recycled instead of landfilled. 85,913 gal of gas avoided.

# 8. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items

• The Projects: Community Gardens and possible selection of commercial areas for verticals gardens

#### 9. Next Meeting

October 26, 2023. at 6:30 p.m.

#### 10. Adjournment

<ul> <li>The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.</li> </ul>	
Respectfully submitted,	
Gina Romero, Secretary	
Motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2023. Environmental Advisory Board Meby Board Member and seconded by Board	
Cesar Abarca, Chair Katty Acon, Vice Chair Gina Romero, Secretary Alejandra Paez, Board Member TERMANDO DA SAVA BOARD MEMBA APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of October, 2023.	

Cesar Abarca, Chair