



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

Town Hall Commission Chambers
3614 South Ocean Boulevard
Highland Beach, Florida 33487

Date: February 05, 2025
Time: 11:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Nestle called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Member Christine Viegas
Board Member Alan Blumberg
Board Member David Newman
Board Member Karen Jones
Vice Chairperson Joshus Davison (arrived at 11:02 AM)
Chairperson Barbara Nestle
Deputy Town Clerk Jaclyn DeHart

ABSENT

Board Member Kenneth Shriberg

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: Viegas/Newman - Moved to approve the agenda as presented which passed 5 to 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT *(limited to three (3) minutes per speaker)*

Chairperson Nestle gave an update for the Turtle Team update. They will be having a thank you party for their volunteers and wanted to thank the Town for letting them have a booth at Mingle Jingle.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Town Planner Update

1. Beach Rakers

Town Planner Allen introduced Town Manager Marshall Labadie.

Town Manager Labadie provided a history on beach rakers in regard to the extensive steps the Town has taken and mentioned that The Town communicates with the Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP) on a regular basis.

The Board discussed their concerns, one of them being large pieces of trash not being picked up.

Town Manager Labadie will send a letter to the raker companies and the FDEP expressing concerns and reminder of rules on behalf of the Natural Resources Board and concerned residents. A copy will be provided to the Board.

At the previous meeting, the Board requested approval to hold a joint event at the library featuring Mr. Mann and a wine tasting company. Town Planner Allen confirmed that the Town Manager is fine with this. The Board will need to contact wine companies and develop a plan. Member Jones volunteered to handle outreach to the wine companies and will report back with information at the next meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 06, 2024

MOTION: Blumberg/Jones – Moved to approve the minutes of November 06, 2024, which passed 6 to 0.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Bucket Trees

Member Newman shared that the Town Houses of Highland Beach are interested in obtaining buckets for their existing garbage can enclosure. Town Planner Allen will email Member Newman the details on how to acquire the buckets.

Member Jones mentioned that they (Bel Lido) only have one bucket left on their tree. Town Planner Allen advised Member Jones to email her or the public works director, Pat Roman, and they will send someone out with more.

Town planner Allen gave history of how the bucket trees came about.

There was discussion about getting t-shirts for people who pick up trash.

B. Future Dune Restoration/Management-related events

There Board discussed having a beach clean up event. Chairperson Nestle noted that some local schools are interested in organizing a beach clean-up event. However, their efforts are currently restricted to Parker Highland property, as the surrounding areas are privately owned. She is waiting to hear back from the schools regarding a date. Town Planner Allen added that the Town is unable to sponsor such clean-up activities due to private property and liability issues.

Town Planner Allen recommended that when Board Members contact the condo associations regarding dune management, they could also encourage the associations to organize a community clean-up day for their residents.

Chairperson Nestle compiled a spreadsheet of beachfront condo associations. Board Members divided the list among themselves and assigned who would reach out to each association. Their outreach will include questions about dune-related events, trash can availability, beach raking, and if associations would organize/encourage a beach clean-up day on their own property with their residents.

Chairperson Nestle has been in contact with the event coordinator at Delray Sands about having an event there. She is waiting for them to contact her with more information and will report back at the next meeting. Town Planner Allen will check with the Town Manager about the event. Chairperson Nestle would like Delray Sands to sponsor and pay for the event but will get pricing for the event.

Chairperson Nestle will contact Delray Sands Resort, Penthouse Towers, Ambassador East, 45 Ocean, Boca Highland, and Parker Highland. Member Newman will contact Town Houses of Highland Beach, Wiltshire House Condo, City of Delray Beach, and Highland Place Condo. Member Jones will contact Trafalgar, and Toscana. Member Viegas will contact Villa Magna, Ocean Pines, Ocean Dunes, Villa Mara, and Clarendon. The Board members will contact the condo associations and report back at the next meeting.

Member Jones gave an update on Ocean Place estates and Jamica Manor. They have agreed to host a dune event but there is a lack of parking. Chairperson Nestle questioned if the Town would pay for Ubers. Town Planner Allen advised them to place the information in their packet to be presented to the Town Manager.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Member Updates on Assigned Projects

There was discussion about the Boards website in regard to creating a QR code for them. Member Viegas picked three things from the website that would be good for QR codes. Town Planner Allen will put out FDEP handouts in the building department they are already in Town Hall.

Member Newman gave an update that he is going to recycling center in two weeks in west palm beach for field trip.

Member Jones mentioned that she knows someone from American Sea Wall who was willing to go out on the Town's Police Boat to survey the sea walls in the intercostal. Town Planner Allen reminded them again that the Town Commission would have to approve them going out on the Marine Patrol Vessel owned by the Town.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 11, 2025	1:00 PM	Special Magistrate Hearing
March 04, 2025	1:30 PM	Town Commission Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

APPROVED at the May 07, 2025, Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting.

ATTEST:

Chairperson Barbara Nestle

Transcribed by
Jaclyn DeHart

Date: May 07, 2025

Jaclyn DeHart
Deputy Town Clerk

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