

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
 CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 HAVIGHORST LOUNGE  
 3010 DESOTO BLVD.  
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MINUTES -

<b>MEMBERS</b>	J 16	F 16	M 15	A 15	M 15	J 15	J 15	A 15	S 15	O 15	N 15	D 15	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
Ramesh Airan							P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Cason
Sharon Trbovich							-	A	P	P	E	E	Vice Mayor Quesada
Meg Daly							A	P	P	E	P	E	Commissioner Lago
Roy Wasson							P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Slesnick
Marlin Ebbert							P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal							A	P	P	P	E	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague							-		P	P	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole

A – Absent  
 P – Present  
 E – Excused  
 (\*) no meeting

**STAFF:**

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison  
 Jeannette Reyes, Administrative Staff Support

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair person, Ray Airan called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

**GUEST:**

- Rhonda Anderson, Resident
- Ruth Balestra, Resident
- Ted Knigge, Resident

**MOTIONS:**

**November 18, 2015 Ray asked that the October minutes reflect the attendance, as it was left out of the meeting minutes. Irela made a motion to approve the minutes, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Marlin made a motion to excuse Sharon Trbovich and Meg Daly absence, Roy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

*Electronic Recycling Update* - Marlin spoke with the City Manager and explained the idea for electronic recycling, the CM gave Marlin the ok to proceed. Marlin will be going in front of the Special Events Committee for their approval for January 2 from 9-12 in the City Hall Parking Lot

*Big Toy Event January 9, 2016* – Marlin spoke with Fred from Parks & Rec to see if it's ok to have electric vehicles at the event and he indicated it would be ok. Matt will provide Roy with Fred's contact information to coordinate participation.

*Farmers Market* - Ray said there will be a table set up for City Boards, he just needs to know who will be available to provide information and educate on sustainability. There are 10 weeks in the Farmers Market event, Ray suggests that the Sustainability Board commit to two weekends. He also suggested that the board reach out to the communities such as, the schools, Chamber of Commerce etc. to also sit at the table and provide sustainability information as well.

Irela suggested sending an e-blast to all the boards with the scheduled date's availability, ask whoever will be participating to select the days until all slots are full.

Rhonda suggested distributing out door tags with educational recycling information.

Irela also suggested having recycling bins displayed at the event with the articles that are supposed to go in the bins as well as items that should not be in them.

Matt will look into providing surveys, educational pamphlets, recycling bins and some type of banner display for the table set up at the event.

*Earth Day* - Matt suggested Earth Day be the main event of the Sustainability Advisory Board. The Board will continue to discuss location, date and vendors.

*Bill Miner's presentation* - Bill thanked the SAB for sending forward the resolution on wide range of initiatives and for being the first board to stand up and say they support this. Bill provided the board with information and discussed the guidelines on all new commercial construction projects in order to comply with the City's green LEED. Bill also discussed the International Green Construction Code. Bill will be back in a month or so to give the SAB an update on the City's green progress.

Rhonda brought Ted as a guest who has some suggestions. Rhonda's suggestion was on urging the board to encourage businesses to do recycling and dealing with waste management as well.

Roy said Matt will be in contact with the City Waste Department because they have a contract with Waste Management. Matt will need to find out what's in the contract as far as businesses are concerned.

Matt stated that at the direction of Commissioner Lago, staff met with Waste Management, the BID was also present. Waste Management will be increasing their marketing efforts to all the businesses within the City.

Ted presented to the board some suggestions for water retention on the City's medians or swale.

*Ray's report* - he attended the commission meeting and as far as metal roofs are concerned the commission liked the recommendation and idea but they need to have some parameters on how the zoning codes will be changed. The commission would also like to have some samples because of static values and what the feel of it looks like versus pictures. If the board has everything in place they can present this to the commission at the January 12 meeting which is before the SAB January meeting. Ray will be at the January 12 commission meeting and he asked if anyone from the board would like to join him to please do so.

Matt stated that at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting they passed on first reading a ban on polystyrene. As written, the city will not be purchasing any items made from expanded polystyrene, vendors or contracts will not be able to use them, they will not be used at special events and businesses will not be able to offer for sale or use, or provide food in expanded polystyrene food service articles. Originally there was going to be an education period of 90 days, but it more than likely will be expanded out to 6 months based on an upcoming meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Businesses Improvement District. There will be a meeting on Friday to discuss this further. Matt will give an update at the next meeting on what has been changed between first and second reading.

**ADJOURNED:**

6:45 pm