

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MINUTES -

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

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

STAFF:

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison
 David Lindsey, Administrative Analyst
 Tiffany Hood, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair person, Ray Airan called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

GUEST:

Jasper Brock

MOTIONS:

October 26, 2016 meeting minutes – Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Rhonda seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Irela made a motion that the Board should look into additional vendors for electronic recycling. Sharon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Matthew introduced the Public Works staff David Lindsey, Administrative Analyst and Tiffany Hood, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Bernal asked David to research how much we pay for landscape lighting as opposed to street lighting. The schedule of meetings for calendar year 2017 was discussed and processes for confirming attendance.

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Enrique mentioned that he has been working with the Hometown Trolley Company to get a better price quote on Electric Trolleys

Roy mentioned he also reached out to a competitor that builds electronic vehicles called BYD, looking into getting quotes for a forty (40) passenger trolley. Roy also requested to research the feasibility of adding signage for electric charging stations being placed on Miracle Mile to increase public awareness.

Matt stated that he will reach out to Kevin Kinney, the Parking Director and also the Streetscape people to look into the possibilities of implementation of these signs. He also expressed that there is advertisement for electrical vehicle charging on the City of Coral Gables website and periodically in the E-News.

Enrique – mentioned that he spoke with a gentleman with the Hometown Trolley and informed him of the interest of our board meeting with him for a discussion regarding the cap in price on diesel vs. electric to come down on the proposed pricing. He agreed to speak with the board when he comes in town again. Rhonda asked Enrique if he spoke with the individual about retrofitting any of the existing vehicles. He responded that when he comes, we can engage in a discussion about the possible options that we can look into. Matt stated that he will invite Kevin Kinney, the Parking Director to be present when we have that discussion.

Irela-remarked on the November 3, 2016: Recycling 101 Seminar at the C. G. Museum. She stated that there was a great turn out and it was very informative for everyone. She then suggested a follow-up seminar to be held next year. Sharon suggested a questionnaire be completed by the concerned residents prior to the meeting to insure that those concerns would be addressed. Irela suggested that we create surveys for residents to complete with regards to recycling knowledge which should give us a better idea as to what should be addressed.

Enrique brought forth concerns of recycling in multi-family structures and the research of solutions. Irela then stated that she has been working with Matt on the Green Business plan which will tentative launch during April 2017 “Earth Month”.

Marlin– helped coordinate the Electronic Recycling Event with Matt that took place on November 12, 2016 from 9-12 in the City Hall Parking Lot. She added that over 11,000 pounds of electronic waste was collected. Matt stated that for the year we collected over 33,500 electronic waste. Eyeglasses and shoes were collected as well. Marlin mentioned that the people were just so appreciative. Marlin mentioned the waste of paint cans.

Matt said that he will be working with John to coordinate a household hazardous waste drop off event to bring in a professional company to handle that type of event. Funding has been approved by the City of Coral Gables Commission. He further stated that the plan is to combine electronic recycling, household hazardous waste and shredding into one big event, hopefully during April 2017.

Ray-stated that he wants to request that the resolution regarding sustainable roofing materials be amended to instead of focusing on just metal roofs as a product that we look at all sustainable products and measure their environmental and economic benefits. Ray stated that the NEEM tree has great fluoride health and a proven deterrent to mosquitoes. He planted some trees in the swale area in front of his house. He says that he has six trees available to offer to the City of Coral Gables or anyone that is interested.

Matt commented that Coral Gables TV covered the Recycling 101 Seminar, they did a spectacular job. He stated that it has been posted on our webpage, Facebook, YouTube and he will be sending out the link to the board once the editing has been completed. Ray mentioned the presentation at the City of Coral Gables Commission Meeting. Matt stated that he attended and Marlin came in support of the Board for the proclamation of “America’s Recycles Day” November 15th. Marlin stated that the City Commission was very complimentary to work that is being done in regards to sustainability efforts overall.

Matt provided an update on our Public Service department that has been testing out the electronic leaf blower as opposed to the gas powered blowers and the feedback has been great. Matt commented that In January we will present to the City of Coral Gables Commission the results that were received. He also stated that they are quiet and that noise test study will be done to measure the decibel levels.

Upcoming Events:

Matt stated that the Coral Gables Museum would like to have some type of Garage Sale event in April and would like to know if the SAB would like to be a part of it. The event will be held in the community meeting room. Irela suggested that one of the members of the Board should meet with them prior to this event.

Marlin mentioned the scheduling of an electronic event. Matt stated the possibility of scheduling three events in 2017, in January, April and November. Irela stated that the Board should look into other vendors for electronic recycling. Marlin stated that Earth Day is Saturday April 22nd.

Jasper-commented about his experience in Vancouver, British Columbia in a green community where the city made it mandatory for food scraps to be composted. He stated that it could possibly be incorporated in the future.

The next Sustainability Advisory Board was moved up to Wednesday, December 21, 2016

ADJOURNED: 5:47pm