

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – THEATER ROOM
 405 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MINUTES -

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

GUEST:

John Osgood, Assistant Public Works Director – Field Services

MOTIONS:

March 23, 2016 meeting minutes - Irela made a motion to approve the minutes, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

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Marlin made a motion to excuse Sharon’s absence, Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ray welcomed Rhonda; she is now officially a newly appointed S.A.B. member.

Matt introduced John Osgood the newly appointed Assistant Public Works Director overseeing Field Services. Mr. Osgood is in charge of the Sanitation Division, to include trash & recycling and Landscaping Services; he said he has Sustainability goals in both those areas. Mr. Osgood said in his past life in Tempe, Arizona he worked creating a Green Organics Decompose Program, he would like to communicate with the University of Miami, Miami Dade County, the Region and Private Sector moving forward to see if there's potential for the same type of model in the City of Coral Gables.

Recap the Past Month's Events:

Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce SEE Green Committee Monthly Meeting – Matt provided them with an update on what the S.A.B. is doing as well as on upcoming events. SEE Green was finalizing their Green Means Awards of which the City was a finalist for.

Sea Level Rise Discussion Series Part III – the 3rd and last one took place on April 13th, over 100 people attended. Three students from FIU presented their projects they have been working on in Key Biscayne on Virginia Key. The City's sea level rise page at www.coralgables.com/sealevelrise provides video recording of the discussion series and a lot more information such as conferences, websites and resources for the public.

Farmers Market – Matt thanked everyone who was able to attend and assist. We had a number of people visit our booth and talk about sustainability and transportation initiatives.

Commission meetings update – on March 29th an Ordinance was passed by the Commission on Expanded Polystyrene with the City exercising home rule. The City is staying on task with this item and the educational process has begun.

The *LEED* ordinance was passed on first reading at the April 12th Commission meeting, what this consist of is any new City buildings will be built to LEED Silver certification or equivalent and any private buildings over 20,000 sf. (square feet) will be asked to be built to LEED Silver. At the next Commission the agenda will include on first reading a Green Procurement Policy.

Irela's Update – The *Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Sea Level Rise Solutions Event* on April 1st had a great turnout, about 180 people attended the event, there were Engineers, Architect, Developers, Government from all levels, Congressional, State, Cities and the County. There was discussion about solutions to Sea Level Rise, the event received an incredible amount of media, a link with a summary of the event was sent to Matt for him to forward to the members. Also the Army Corp of Engineers spoke about a study they will be performing, a Risk Assessment Study along the Coastal area from North Carolina to the Florida Keys. The County provided 10 topics they are focusing on and dealing with resiliency, everyone had to vote on the top 3 things needed to be focused on, they are:

1. *Communication and Collaboration.*
2. *Building Resiliency.*
3. *Water Management.*

Ray mentioned that the City is establishing another board to focus strictly on waterways. Irela said there are two Cities: the City of Fort Lauderdale and the City of Miami Beach who will be looking at raising seawalls, her question is, would the new Waterways committee deal with these types of issues or would it be the S.A.B committee. Matt said he will have to ask to confirm.

Matt mentioned that the past weekend the City participated in the County's Baynanza Cleanup Day and he along with two detectives as well as the Police Explorers and Police Athletic League participated in the Matheson Hammock cleanup.

Ray mentioned that he has encountered walking along the Granada Golf Course empty water bottles. Marlin said, if you want to see a worst area with trash thrown all over the place, go to the Cocoplum Circle. The reason for this is because there is no trash or recycling cans anywhere. Marlin also brought up the dog waste and how there are no dog waste receptacles anywhere either.

John said that at the April 26, 2016 Commission meeting there will be a discussion on the trash collections and swales. One of the topics that will be discussed is requiring private landscaping companies to haul away whatever they cut versus dumping it in trash holes as well as having them register to at least keep track of who's doing business in the City of Coral Gables.

Upcoming Events:

Earth Day Event – Scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016 @ the City Hall parking lot.

Prescription Recycling Update – Matt said the Prescription Drug Disposal Bin has been delivered and installed at the Police Dept. You can now take your old prescription drugs and drop them off inside of the bin located on the first floor on the Public Safety Building. The City is the first to offer this kind of service here in South Florida.

Table at The Earth Day Event on April 24 at the Coral Gables Congregational Church Event – Matt will be at the event from 12 pm – 1pm, sharing information on the City's sustainability Initiatives.

The Green Means Green Award - is scheduled for April 29, 2016 from 8-10 am at the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables, 50 Alhambra Plaza.

Chairperson and SAB Member Reports:

Rhonda's Update - Rhonda announced that GM is bringing the plug in volt to South Florida on May 17, 2016. Rhonda had a few questions for the Board member:

1. Has anyone looked into what the star community score ratings would be, for having metal roofs? Matt said he would look into it.
2. Would it be appropriate at the Earth Day Event to have information on furniture recycling?

Enrique's Update – He continues to work with Staff and the Commission on the City of Coral Gables Street Lighting LED Project. The City proposed \$900,000 to replace the 583 City owned lights; Enrique proposed \$120,000 to replace the lights. There are concerns at Public Works with the UL approval, Enrique did some research and is satisfied that it is not an issue.

Ray suggested having Enrique perform a tutorial session at the June 2016 S.A.B. meeting. Enrique asked that a project be provided for his power point tutorial.

Roy's Update – FPL presented at the Governor's office an expansion to the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant, with 2 new nuclear reactors, numbers 6 & 7 that were going to result in 10 miles of 105' high concrete power lines going through 3 miles of Coral Gables. Metrorail people said a group called the friends of the underline wants to convert it into a biking, walking park like trail. The third district court of appeal of Florida announced today that they reversed the power plant siting board decision, saying they improperly failed to consider local ordinances, improperly made a decision that they couldn't order FPL to bury their underground lines at their expense. Roy will send the article to Matt so he can share with the Board members.

Ray's Update – Ray asked the board if the motion made at the March meeting in reference to the metal roofs presentation could be re-modified. Ray mentioned to Matt that he is requesting a meeting with Roy sometime next week and therefore he would like Matt to post it, Ray will let Matt know the date and time. The reason for modifying the motion is, instead of having just one presentation it is recommended to have a few other products presented. Enrique suggested having multiple presentations at the Board meetings, have the vendors present their viewpoints then develop a list of topics from their presentations. Then advise the multiple companies in question that the board would like them to present their product to the commission; otherwise the commission will be hearing sales pitches. Ray asked the board if they wanted the companies to do a presentation like the one Gerard did and if so that means it will not get to the commission until 5 or 6 months from now, or the list of topics suggested can be forwarded to other vendors advising those are the topics to be presented at the commission and have them start their markup. Ray asked that the modification be tabled until the next S.A.B. meeting but in the meantime he requested that members help in recruiting vendors, draft the questions, have the markups ready and have a professional architect or engineer to prepare for the presentation. Enrique mentioned that at the last meeting, with the feedback he got from City staff he was under the impression that this issue should be presented to the Historic Board. Ray said he personally spoke with Donna Spain as well as a couple of members that are on the Historic Board, people on the Historic Preservation Society and he spoke to the City Manager about the verbal conversations he had with them.

Sustainability Master Plan – Matt said that budget requests are being made to implement a number of the projects identified in the S.M.P.

Ray asked Matt if Sustainability is strictly part of Public Works. Ray feels there are issues that he believes can be part of other departments other than Public Works. Ray suggested speaking to the CM to see how this can be addressed; Ray suggested having engaging liaisons from other boards sit in on the S.A.B. monthly meetings.

ADJOURNED: 7:00 pm