

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MINUTES -

MEMBERS	A 15	S 15	O 15	N 15	D 15	J 16	F 16	M 16	A 16	M 16	J 16	J 16	APPOINTED BY:
Ramesh Airan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Cason
Sharon Trbovich	A	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	Vice Mayor Quesada
Rhonda Anderson									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	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague		P	P	P	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 5:00 pm.

GUEST:

John Osgood, Public Works Assistant Director – Field Services
 Luiz Rodrigues, Ecological Solutions - ECOMB

MOTIONS:

June 22, 2016 meeting minutes - Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes, Roy seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

Marlin made a motion to excuse Enrique, Roy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Coral Gables SEE GREEN Committee – Matt attended their scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 and gave the committee a recap on the S.A.B. recycling event. Matt also spoke to the committee about PARKing Day, which will take place on September 16, 2016. This allows businesses to apply and turn a parking space into a mini park, any time between 7 am and midnight. Matt also mentioned that the SEE GREEN Committee is adding a Green Educator component to their Green Means Green Award Ceremony, at the request of some of the members.

Electronic Recycling Day success – Matt thanked everyone who attended the event. He said even though the total weight collected during this past event was slightly down compared to previous events the total number of items and people that dropped off items was higher. Matt said that during the first two events we have collected the larger bulkier items (TV's etc.). The overall weight collected for the event was 4,500 lbs. That brings the total amount of weight of electronic waste the City has collected to over 22,000 lbs.

Ray asked the members if they have or know anyone who has a large size machine (treadmill, large TV, washing machine, massage machine etc.) that they want to get rid of. Ray will schedule a pickup for his machine but to make their trip worthwhile he wanted to see if others in the area had any large machines they wanted to get rid of in order for him to schedule it all, to be picked up on the same day.

Rhonda asked about paint recycling. Matt said that a professional collection company would be needed to come in and collect that type of material. Matt said a budget request has been submitted by John Osgood to conduct two Hazardous Waste Drop Off events. Matt will keep the board updated on the request.

Sharon asked if Matt has the numbers collected on the *paper shredding*. Matt will reach out to the Police Department to get the results.

Sharon also asked Matt how the Drop Bin for Prescription Drugs *is going*. Matt said he was told it has already been emptied out once, therefore it's going well.

Recycling 101 Event – Matt is coordinating with Irela, John, and Waste Management on a location (Youth Center or Coral Gables Museum) on scheduling the event for the first week in November 2016.

Last Electronic Recycling Event for the Year is taking place on Saturday November 12, 2016. It coincides with America Recycles Day on November 15.

Luiiz – asked if the City of Coral Gables has their own recycling ordinance. John said the City goes by the Miami Dade County ordinance.

MEMEBERS UPDATE:

Irela – Irela has been in communication with Waste Management and the City of Coral Gables Solid Waste Department to put together a Recycling 101 Event. The event is for educational

purpose and staff is currently coordinating with the Youth Center to have the event sometime during the first week in November of 2016.

Irela also mentioned that they are proposing a campaign with the Chamber where businesses can pledge to do away with plastic bags and offer reusable bags, or incentivize people to bring their own bags.

Rhonda – mentioned that the City is currently being sued by for banning Styrofoam and plastic bags. Rhonda met with Commissioner Lago in reference to *recycling at construction sites* and his question to her was, is the S.A.B. interested in having symposium with the contractors and discuss adding recycling at construction sites. Rhonda will like to schedule the meeting for some time in September.

Rhonda printed out a couple of pages (out of 145 pages) on the *Waste Management* contract and it does require cardboard recycling but they are not enforcing it. Rhonda stated that the City Administrators who provide the recycling bins are also not consistent because the bins say no cardboard boxes.

Roy – has taken the figures on the fuel savings that are projected through the Sustainability Plan with the 20 *Electric Vehicles* in service this year and 10 more next years, the City will save 6, 285 gallons of fuel and 120,000 lbs. (60 tons) of C02 in only the first year. In the second and third years the City would have saved 11,007 gallons of fuel and 210,000 lbs. (105 tons) of C02 in by using electric vehicles.

Sharon – she reached out to Fred Couceyro requesting that he put in the next article of the City Beautiful Magazine, recycling information and he said he would try to make room for the S.A.B.

Ray – said the *Metal Roofs* issue is still in progress. Peter Iglesias promised to have a response to Ray in reference to the language on how to present this to the City Commission. Ray requested to Mr. Iglesias that the language should include that we are doing it but that this is how it will be implemented. Mr. Iglesias agreed.

ADJOURNED:

6:29 p.m.