

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MINUTES -

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY:
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Ramesh Airan	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Cason
Sharon Trbovich	A	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	Vice Mayor Quesada
Rhonda Anderson	P	P	P	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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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
 Tiffany Hood, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

GUEST:

Jasper Brock
 Marta Vicedo
 Teddy L'houtellier
 Maggie Fernandez

MOTIONS:

February 22, 2017 SAB meeting minutes – Roy made a motion to approve the minutes. Enrique seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Enrique made a motion to recommend that the City Commission support the Active Design Miami efforts as it is synergistic with the LEED initiative, GREEN Building initiative and recycling efforts the City is engaged in. Rhonda seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Enrique made a motion to excuse Ray from the meeting. Rhonda seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Enrique made a motion to support the City prohibition on plastic bags. Rhonda seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a presentation- Active Design Miami given by Marta Vicedo, on making a Sustainable Miami. (please see the attached information sheet for a summary)

Irela stated that as the Sustainability Advisory Board can make a recommendation for the additional Boards in the City of Coral Gables to review. Matthew added that Jessica Keller and Ramon Trias have reviewed this project and they are identifying what Active Design measures the City has already implemented and what additional measures can be implemented in the future.

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Enrique: spoke with Commissioner Vince Lago about the concept of a glass solar roof for City Hall. He stated that he would like to get with Tesla for them to provide the City of Coral Gables with a demonstration project. He also stated that there are two bills that are going through the Florida Legislature that are in opposition to promoting solar roof installation to protect Florida homeowners from being abused by contractors.

Rhonda: shared pictures of the City Swale Areas that are overrun with cardboard which has damaged the trees on Granada Circle. She suggested that possibly additional letters should go out to the residents to educate and help enforce the recycle processes. She requested that Publix should implement the placement of recycle containers for consumers on-site. Matt said the City has developed additional marketing materials emphasizing recycling cardboard and keeping it out of the swales. Matt said the City will continue to emphasize the importance of recycling.

Irela: provided an update on the work that they are doing with the Chamber on the development of the Green Business recognition program. Irela and Matt will continue to update the board and get input as we continue developing the program as the prohibition on plastic bags moves forward. With regards to sea level rise planning, Irela also mentioned Coastal Risk Consulting and the work they are doing with the City of Key Biscayne on flood scoring.

Roy: mentioned that he has seen the Florida Legislation work to protect homeowners from a case that took place over twenty years ago where homeowners were scammed into purchasing solar water heaters that were defective and the State of Florida won the case in favor of the homeowners.

Prohibition of Single Use Plastic Bags: updated the Board that at the March 9th City Commission Meeting the Ordinance on single use plastic bags received unanimous support on first reading from the City Commission and the Environmental Community. He mentioned that he is working with the City Manager's office, Economic Development and Mark Trowbridge from the CG Chamber of Commerce to get additional input from the business community and make modifications between first and second reading.

Recap of Past Month's Events

Coral Gables Museum Green Garage Sale (March 11)

Sharon and Irela joined Matt at this event. There were about 50 – 75 people that attended. The City set up a table to talk to attendees about all of the City's sustainability initiatives. Irela stated that she and the Museum are brainstorming ideas for future events to continue to educate the public on sustainability related issues.

Upcoming Events:

University of Miami Green Fair:

Matt stated that UM will be having their annual Green Fair on April 21st from 10am - 3pm. David and Matt will have a tent with a table and chairs to share sustainability and transportation information with attendees. Teddy briefed the board on what UM is doing with regards to testing composting on campus and working with Waste Management and using one of Publix existing routes where composting material gets shipped to the Okeechobee site.

2017 Electronic Recycling Events

Matt has confirmed with STS Electronic recycling the dates for 2017. The first event is taking place on Earth Day Saturday April 22 from 9am-12pm in the City Hall Parking Lot. We will be partnering with the police department to offer sensitive document shredding as a part of the event as well. John Osgood is coordinating household hazardous waste collection to be included in the event as well. The second event is scheduled to take place on November 18 which is the first Saturday after America Recycles Day (November 15). There is an additional opportunity to schedule one additional event during the summer if needed, however last year the summer proved to be the lowest turnout in terms of weight of material collected.

Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup at Matheson Hammock Park

We have partnered with the City of Coral Gables Police Explorers for the past three years to clean up the park and we encourage residents in the community to come out as well. This year this location has been selected as the VIP location for all the elected officials throughout Miami-Dade County.

Green Means Green Awards at CG Hyatt Regency (April 27th 6-8pm)

The Chamber of Commerce has an annual award ceremony for recognizing businesses and individuals for environmental and sustainability. Matt has submitted for applications for the Green Means Green Award and A City Livability Award.

2-year Term Appointments (Concluding May 31st)

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Matt reminded board members about the upcoming 2 year term appointments which are concluding on May 31st. Matt recommended reaching out and letting their appointers (City Manager/City Commissioners know if they wish to remain on the Board or if they wish to step down.

ADJOURNED:

6:30pm