

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	APPOINTED BY:
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Martin Pinilla										P	P	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Sharon Trbovich	E	P	P	E	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Quesada
Rhonda Anderson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Lago
Greg Hamra									P	P	P	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	P	P	P			E	P	P	E	P	Vice Mayor Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	City Commission-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison
 John Osgood, Assistant Public Works Director-Field Services
 David Lindsey, Administrative Analyst

CALL TO ORDER:

The Vice Chairperson, Irela Bague asked Matt Anderson to fill in, in her absence. Matt called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

GUEST:

Teddy Lhoutellier, UM Sustainability Manager
 Ruth Balestra, Coral Gables Resident
 Patricia Delgadillo, Coral Gables Resident
 Luiz Rodrigues

MOTIONS:

***August 23, 2017 SAB meeting minutes* – Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes, Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Sharon made a motion to excuse Irela, Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rhonda made a motion in reference to trees, asking the commission to allow residents to pay to have the City swale trees maintained based upon a list of pre-approved arborist that would properly trim the tree canopy, Sharon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

***John Osgood (City's progress on the aftermath of Hurricane Irma)* – staff was on standby at the EOC (Emergency Operating Center) on Friday night before the storm, from 7 pm to 7 am. The Country was hit with two major Hurricanes within weeks of each other, therefore the resources were tougher to get, making the trucks, the tub grinders and the loaders in high demand with limited supplies. Before the hurricane the Rescue Recon Team was hunkered down at the Adult Activity Center with trucks staged at Merrick Park. There were 9 loaders, pickup trucks and bucket trucks ready to do their first pass after the hurricane. Sunday the storm hit all day, on Monday the crews were out clearing the streets. It took almost a week to do the whole City, to cut up the pieces that were thrown across the street and get them up off of the street. The recovery process started on Monday, September 18, 2017, the first week the crew cleared the pavement, sidewalks and streets. Some debris management sites were put together, one at 72 Avenue where the Public Works yard is located, one at 8th Street and Country Club Prado and a third site was set up, about 300 yards away from the Public Works location, behind the BJ's. Each one of these sites has a loader, an excavator and a large volume tub grinder to chip the material. The Sustainability aspect of this would be that hauling those big branches to landfills or to any distance is not efficient therefore the 3 sites chosen are close, once they are chipped the material is taken to a waste management facility called Monarch Hill. The chips are then buried, but they have a methane gas retrieval system which will be captured and used to power machines that make electricity.**

The board asked about making the debris into mulch. Mr. Osgood stated there are some FEMA rules that need to be followed, but staff is looking into it. Right now the mulch debris is going to Pompano Beach Landfill to be used to in landfill gas to energy process.

Enrique asked if the board should submit a resolution to the commission asking that they enforce the trimming of trees. Mr. Osgood mentioned that the City has 38,000 trees and 6,000 are trimmed a year.

Mr. Osgood said for safety reasons, crew members are not sent out to trim trees when a power or phone line has fallen or is leaning on the tree without the clearance of a representative from FPL or Phone Company.

Enrique asked if planting 3,000 trees are more important, while hurricanes are getting more severe or trimming the ones already in place.

Rhonda suggested that there be approved arborist on site when trimming, approving and or allowing trees to be planted on the street in front of the homeowner's property.

Sharon praised the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for their presence during and after the hurricane, she said she felt very safe

Matt added that there is 175,000 to 250,000 cubic yard of debris that has been picked up and we are making significant progress. He suggested going to the City's Facebook page and seeing all of the excellent coverage that CGTV is did before, during, and after the storm

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Marlin – The Art Cinema changed its children's film festival from Christmas to the first 4 or 5 days of November so we can target maybe April of 2018 to do the Green Cinema Event. Matt suggested around Earth Day.

Martin – walked around the downtown area and notice there are not a lot of trees to protect pedestrians from the sun. He also mentioned that he would like to discuss with Mayor Valdes-Fauli and get his opinion about a water treatment program for watering large green areas like the golf course.

Rhonda – made a motion in reference to the trees asking the commission to allow residents to pay to have the City swale trees maintained based upon a list of cities approved arborist that would properly trim canopies to hurricane approval.

Greg – 28 Republicans and 28 Democrats are on board with the Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus. He will forward Matt the information to forward to the board.

Upcoming Events:

Recycling 101 Seminar: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Coral Gables Museum. The focus this year will be on commercial and multifamily recycling.

Electronic Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, and Paper Shredding Event - Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9 am to 12 pm in the City Hall Parking Lot

South Florida Regional Climate Compact Annual Summit: Thursday, December 14th & Friday, December 15th, 2017 at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center. Matt, Jessica and the Mayor will be attending.

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Gables Greenways Community Meetings (Community Input on Proposed Bike Infrastructure) – Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the Coral Gables Museum from 6 to 8 pm and Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the Coral Gables Library from 6 to 8 pm.

Second Budget Hearing Highlights – Matt wanted to highlight capital projects that were approved as a part of the FY18 Budget that have sustainability components;

- Recycling Containers in Parks and Right of Ways: \$96,000
- Roof Replacements for City Facilities: \$437,846
- HVAC Replacement: \$154,534
- Optimized Energy and Water Efficiency: \$195,000
- Motor Vehicle Replacement/Additions: \$3,265,614
- Installation of Bike Infrastructure: \$600,000
- LED Streetlights: \$150,000

The City has also established a sea level rise mitigation fund and began setting aside \$1.4 Million dollars this fiscal year to help fund future sea level rise adaptation efforts.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Luiz – spoke about partnering with the Biltmore Hotel (possible partner for the Green Cinema event).

Ruth – spoke about the feasibility of permeable pavement within Coral Gables. Matt said that the City is looking to pilot permeable pavement in a few alleyways throughout the City and possibly in parking lots. We have included permeable pavement as a request we make to developers when reviewing development plans.

UM Upcoming Events (Teddy):

- *Corporate Sustainability Symposium 2nd Edition (Finance Banking System)* – Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6 pm.
- *Food Day (Food Security)* – Tuesday, October 24, 2017

NEXT MEETING:

The board unanimously approved moving next month's meeting to Tuesday, October 24.

ADJOURNED:

6:48 pm