

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	
Martin Pinilla							P	P	P	E	*	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Sharon Trbovich	E	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	E	Commissioner Quesada
Rhonda Anderson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	Commissioner Lago
Greg Hamra						P	P	P	P	P	*	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P			E	P	P	E	P	P	*	P	Vice Mayor Commissioner Keon
	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	*	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	*	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison
 Jeannette Reyes, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The Vice Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

GUEST:

Ruth Balestra, Coral Gables Resident
 Teddy Lhoutellier- Sustainability Manager at the University of Miami

MOTIONS:

October 24, 2017 SAB meeting minutes - Rhonda made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Rhonda made a motion to excuse Sharon, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Enrique made a motion to nominate Irela as the S.A.B Chair, Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marlin made a motion to nominate Rhonda as the S.A.B. Vice-Chair, Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Updates:

Recycling 101 – the November 14, 2017 recycling 101 seminar was moderately attended. No businesses were there and about 25 to 30 people were in attendance. Irela suggested next time incorporating it into one of the family fun day events at the Museum. Marlin also suggested having the recycling truck at the Big Toy event. The board agrees that the best way to reach out to the businesses is by having someone actually go to them, present the importance of recycling and also providing them with an educational video they can view. The group thanked Waste Management and John Osgood the Public Services Director again for their continued support on our recycling initiatives. Matt indicated that he has spoken with CGTV and they talked about doing a Facebook live event where our recycling experts can be in studio and we can educate the public from anywhere in the world on recycling.

Electronic Recycling Event – it was a huge success, in a matter of just 3 hours 315 cars passed through the Electronic Recycling Event. It was estimated that at least 600 people attended. It was the second largest event thus far as far as e-waste collected (15,800 lbs. of electronic recycling), but the largest event in terms of household hazardous waste with 19,000 lbs. and 3,800 lbs. of sensitive documents collected. To date 67,000 lbs. of electronic waste, 23,800 lbs. of household hazardous waste and 5,000 lbs. of sensitive documents have been collected. Next year's events are scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018 and November 17, 2018 with a possible third event during the summer.

Upcoming Events:

December 15 and December 16, 2017 is the Climate Compact Summit which is taking place at the Broward County Convention Center. Staff including Matt, Jessica, and David will be there representing the City of Coral Gables. Irela, Greg and Teddy also indicated they will be attending.

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Enrique: asking that solar power, one of the topics for 2018, that the order of topics be changed for February. If approved by the City, the roof at the new building at Biltmore Park will be filled with 100 kwh of solar panels. The panels will provide all electricity to the common areas in the building. It is currently in the planning stages, Enrique met with the developer and the contractor for the project. The plans still need to be submitted to the City for approval. Enrique asked the board to reach out to their contacts, to make sure there are no objections to this project. This will be the first multifamily building installation in Miami-Dade County. Enrique invited the developer of this project to the February Sustainability Advisory Board meeting as a guest speaker. Enrique also mentioned that now that the streetscape project is almost completed, he noticed that the illumination of the streets is very uneven. He said some areas are very bright and some are dark.

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Greg: there were about 150 people in attendance at the climate conference he attended last week. The conference was about businesses and climate change. Greg presented on one of the panels

Rhonda: Rhonda met with Peter Iglesias to address the weight loss issue on metal roofing versus cement and clay tiles. Rhonda performed a calculation of weight loss and how to make it up by providing tie downs, free bar and cement to the foundation and the conclusion was that Peter suggested meeting with zoning attorney and make a comment that only 60 % of the weight loss is made up. A meeting is scheduled for December 26 she will provide a report to the board at the January meeting.

Martin: a meeting is scheduled with the Mayor, Raul Valdes-Fauli in reference to waste water re-use as well as walkability and the importance of our tree canopy. The meeting is scheduled for December 19, he will provide a report to the board at the January meeting.

Planning for 2018 - Matt has put together a draft schedule for the board to review and approve on topic discussions for the Sustainability Advisory Board 2018 fiscal year, as follows:

January – Sustainability Master Plan
February – Solar Panels
March – Biking Infrastructure
April – Trees Native Landscaping
May – Energy Efficiency
June – Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations
July – Trolley Alternative Transportation
August – Water Conservation
September – Sea Level Rise
October – Recycling/Trash
November – TBD
December – LEED/ENVISION Certifications

Board members agree that the City needs to makes decisions on where to place dog poop stations without the resident having to be the one to request it as well as placing garbage cans where there are heavily populated traffic areas.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Teddy asked if Commercial Composting can be added as one of the S.A.B. topics for this year.

ADJOURNED:

6:00 pm