

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 BILTMORE HOTEL (GARDEN CLUB MEETING ROOM)
 1200 ANASTASIA AVENUE
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY:
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Martin Pinilla					P	P	P	E	*	P	P	E	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Sharon Trbovich	A	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	E	P	P	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	P	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert			E	P	P	E	P	P	*	P	P	P	Vice Mayor Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	*	P	P	E	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague	P	E	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
 David Lindsey, Administrative Analyst
 Mark Brown, Senior Multimodal Transportation Engineer

GUEST:

Jasper Brock, Coral Gables Resident
 Luiz Rodriguez, Coral Gables Resident
 Marleen Lambert, Coral Gables Resident
 Christian Weissbach, Coral Gables Resident
 Jose Riera, Coral Gables Resident
 Gabby Riera, Coral Gables Resident

MOTIONS:

January 24, 2018 SAB meeting minutes - Marlin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sharon made a motion to approve the absence of Enrique and Martin, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm and started by summarizing the Creation and Purpose of the Sustainability Advisory Board.

Irela read the following, “The Sustainability Advisory Board (formerly the Green Task Force) is hereby created for the purpose of promoting environmental sustainability for the City, which is a way of living and conducting business to ensure a quality of life for the future of Coral Gables. The Advisory Board shall make non-binding recommendations for taking environmentally progressive actions within the City in support of promoting environmental sustainability, in addition:

(A) The Advisory Board shall recommend items identified in the adopted Sustainability Master Plan as priorities as well as track the implementation of the Plan.

(B) The Advisory Board shall make recommendations with regard to (i) improving the environmental sustainability of City programs, services, equipment and facilities, (ii) increasing the awareness of issues of environmental sustainability with the residents and businesses located in the City, and (iii) encouraging increased environmentally conscious activities by the residents and businesses located in the City; and

(C) The Advisory Board shall make recommendations with regard to possible incentives for residents, businesses, and organizations to practice environmental conservation, water and energy conservation, green development, recycling, the reduction of waste, the improvement of energy efficiency, the preservation of green spaces, the use of nonpolluting transportation alternatives where possible, xeriscaping, and other measured to help reduce pollution and keep our environment healthy for future generations; and

(D) The Advisory Board shall make recommendations with regard to goals, criteria, strategies, and Green Building Standards for the City for green building design, including energy and water efficient construction, in the City consistent with standards propounded by the Florida Building Code, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the U.S. Green Building council (USGBC), and other leading groups setting forth standards on economic sustainability.”

GUEST COMMENTS:

Jose talks about the use of Round-Up by his neighbor on the property line of his yard. His dog had two seizures and passed away from contact from Round-Up. Board members are discussing banning the use of harmful pesticides in the City. Chicago banned the use of pesticides. The City of Miami Beach may have banned this pesticide within their city’s landscaping and public property operations. Jose also discusses the use of this product around kids. One idea that was

proposed was also doing a large education campaign. Matt suggested the board work closely with the Landscape Advisory Board.

Marleen asked about the plastic bag ban and if Publix will be complying. Matt stated that we will be starting soft enforcement soon and that all businesses have until May 10th to comply as that is when full enforcement begins.

Luis mentions that the City of North Miami banned the use of pesticides citywide.

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Irela discusses the City's Green Business Program and if a partnership is feasible with the CLEO Institute.

Marlin mentions that the Landfill Harmonic will be playing at the Coral Gables Art Cinema on April 14th & 15th. Marlin proposes the week of the 14th-21st to be Earth Week in Coral Gables. Matt has drafted the proclamation and it may be presented at the first Commission meeting in April. Marlin & Sharon discussed giving a handout at the April 21st HHW event discussing sustainability initiatives.

Sharon said the cinema has agreed to show a movie Tuesday, April 17th. The Garden Club has agreed to pay for part of the rental of the theater.

Rhonda is working on two projects: water reuse and metal roofing. Rhonda wants to be able to reuse water and clean water. She discusses the locations of septic systems within City limits. Rhonda has spoken with all of the Commissioners and Mayor about putting in water cisterns of different types. Rhonda would like to meet with the Waterway Advisory Board about limiting the use of pesticides and conducting water testing in the Coral Gables Canal. Rhonda provided samples of metal roofing to the Commissioners that may satisfy the Board of Architects' requirements. The cost of the metal roof will be approximately the same as a tile roof.

Greg wants to start education and outreach on the City's sustainability initiatives. Matt mentioned that he is planning on looping Greg in on employee sustainability training. Matt will update Greg on discussion with Smart Miami and CLEO.

Coral Gables and Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge

Matt discusses the Bloomberg Mayor's Challenge. The City is one of 35 champion cities in the competition out of 1,700 applicants. The City's idea is implementing a smart sustainable micro-grid that can be used during a natural disaster if power loss from the grid were to occur. Staff will be working over the next six months in implementing and testing their idea. After that they will reapply to try to win the first place (\$5 million) or 2nd-5th place (\$1 million) to fully implement their idea over the next 3 years.

Rhonda asked Matt to discuss the City's Solar Power Program. Matt gives an overview of city's solar initiatives such as the development of the solar best practices document that assists in the preliminary self-assessment, choosing a contractor, and site assessment. Matt discusses the PACE Program and the ordinance the city passed a few years ago waiving city permit fees for solar installations. Matt also mentioned as a part of the Sustainability Master Plan the City is looking at solar for the Youth Center and 72nd Avenue Maintenance Facility.

Sharon mentions that March 22nd is World Water Day. Marlin stated a quote from www.CharityWater.org, "The average American uses 150 gallons of water per day; the average person in a developing nation struggles to find five."

Upcoming Community Meetings/Events/Conferences

- a. **Bike to Work Day (Friday March 2: CG Museum (7:30-9:00))**
- b. **Earth Week (April 14-22)**
- c. **2018 Household Hazardous Waste Events (April 21 & November 17)**

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 28, 2018

ADJOURNED: 6:23pm