

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	APPOINTED BY:
	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	19	
Martin Pinilla	E	E	*	P	P	P	*	P	E	*	P	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Sharon Trbovich	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	E	*	E	E	Commissioner Quesada
Rita Teutonico	P	P	*	-	-	-	*	E	P	*	E	P	Vice Mayor Lago
Greg Hamra	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	P	*	P	E	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	P	*	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	E	E	*	E	P	P	*	P	P	*	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Irela Bague	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, Senior Sustainability Analyst
David Lindsey, Administrative Analyst
Jeannette Reyes, Public Works Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

GUEST:

Rhonda Anderson, Resident
Teddy Lhoutellier, Sustainability Manager for UM
Daniel Martinez, Resident 1201 Hardee Road
Paola Ferreira, Resident
Ian Martinez, Resident
Isabella Martinez, Miami Dade County Sierra Student Coalition
Molly Kiely, Resident
Colette Worm, Resident
Monique Selman, Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Board
Anders Mygind, Resident

Jasper Brock, Resident
Sheryl Gold, Resident
Emily Gorman, Sierra Club Organizer Representative
Luiz Rodriguez, City of Miami Beach Sustainability Committee

MOTIONS:

December 5, 2018 SAB meeting minutes – Martin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rita made a motion to excuse Sharon and Greg, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Martin made a motion to ask the Commission to Support the establishing of the Biscayne Bay Taskforce, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Isabella – City Hall is one of the landmarks for the Earth Hour Event scheduled for Saturday March 30 Earth Hour (8:30pm-9:30pm). Turn off your lights/electronics in celebration of Earth Hour. Please visit www.coralgables.com/sustainability or www.earthhour.org for more information.

Daniel – Was at the last S.A.B. meeting speaking about the issues he was having on Solar Panels. Since then, he heard that several other homeowners were denied as well. He is here today, asking the Board to please encourage the City Officials to adopt new aesthetic guidelines on Solar Panels.

January Commission Meeting Updates –

- The Commission adopted on second reading and it passed unanimously, on increasing the membership on the Sustainability Advisory Board. The Board will now have a member of the University of Miami, The Chamber of Commerce and FIU.
- The Commission passed on second reading an ordinance on prohibiting plastic straws and stirrers on City Facilities, City Parks, Special Events Permits and by City Contactors and Vendors. An exemption was added for individuals with disabilities.

Luiz suggested that other plastics, other than bags and straws be added to the resolution. Matt is already speaking with his counterparts in Miami Beach in reference to the Plastic Free Miami Beach Campaign, to incorporate Coral Gables into that.

Coral Gables Solsmart Application/Designation– the City is currently working with SolSmart, a Department of Energy Organization who is providing free consulting to cities on how to provide their solar permitting and zoning process, aesthetics is going to be a much larger discussion. The Planning and Zoning Director, Development Services Director and the City Manager will be meeting with Matt and the Consultant next week, to discuss the application.

Planning for 2019 –

- Green Business Program

Irela mentioned that she would like to work with Monique and the Chamber of Commerce on the launching of the Green Business Program, but would like to make sure there are no Sunshine Law violations.

- Skip the Straw Campaign
- Earth Month
- HHW Events
- Projects (Enrique – Solar, Irela/Rita – Green Business, Sea Level Rise and Water Quality, Sharon – Garden Club, Native Landscaping and Water Conservation, Greg – Green Business and Employee Education, Marlin – Earth Month and Household and Hazardous Waste Events, Monique – Green Business and Skip the Straw, Teddy – Recycling and Composting, Martin – Walkability and Trees).

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Enrique thanked Matt and his colleagues for finally installing the pet waste station he's been requesting for months.

Irela was invited on a tour to the recycling plant, she said it was an eye opening and educational experience. She stated that it would be good to organize a tour for the Board, if the Sunshine Law allows it.

Rita stated that a buoy was launched on the side of Blue Road, it will stay there for a couple of months collecting data on measuring temperature, oxygen, chlorophyll etc.

Irela mentioned that there was a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Rebecca Sosa; it went through committee and passed, establishing a Biscayne Bay Taskforce. It will be going to the County Commission for approval in February. Irela said the Board should ask the Commission to send their support.

Upcoming Community Meetings/Events/Conferences –

- Farmers Market (January 19th – March 30th)
- Solar Bench Ribbon Cutting (February 8th at 3 pm at the William Kerdyk and Family Park)
- Sanitation Plans Community Meetings (February 7th at 6pm and 9th at 10 am at the Youth Center second floor conference room)

Next Meeting – February 27, 2019

ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm