

CORAL GABLES GREEN TASK FORCE  
PUBLIC WORKS – CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	N 11	D 11	J 11	F 12	M 12	A 12	M 12	J 12	J 12	A 12	S 12	O 12	APPOINTED BY:
Anabella Smith	P	*	E	P	E	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	C. G. Chamber of Commerce
Brook Dannemiller	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	City Commission
Bruce Christensen	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	P	E	City Commission
Carlos Ruiz de Quevedo	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	City Commission
Ian McKeown	P	*	E	P	E	A	P	*	*	*	P	A	University of Miami
Oscar Hevia								*	*	*	P	E	City Manager
Jenny A. May	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	City Commission
Miroslav Mladenovic	E	*	E	E	P	E	P	*	*	*	P	E	City Commission
Nati Soto	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	City Commission
Sallye Jude	P	*	P	A	A	E	P	*	*	*	P	E	City Commission
Sharon Trbovich	P	*	P	P	E	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	Garden Club

A – Absent  
P – Present  
E – Excused  
(\*\*) New Board Member  
(\*) no meeting

**STAFF:**

Ernesto R. Pino, Interim Public Works Director  
Kenneth Ingersoll, Public Works

**GUEST:**

Patrick Salerno, City Manager  
Robert Ruano, Former Sustainability Director- City of Miami

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chairman, Mr. Ruiz de Quevedo called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**ROLL CALL:**

The Chairman, Mr. Ruiz de Quevedo proceeded with the roll call.

**MINUTES APPROVAL (May 23, 2012, September 12, 2012):**

Ms. Soto made a motion to approve the minutes of both meetings, Ms. May seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- **Special Guests- Patrick Salerno- City Manager  
Robert Ruano- Former Sustainability Director- City of Miami**

Ms. May stated that the Green Task Force is trying to find a way to get a plan started and funded in order to have recommendations moved forward, as per the City Manager's suggestion.

Mr. Ruano explained the structure and operations of the City of Miami's Sustainability Department which included the Department's funding. He stated he served as the Department Director along with a board and that he oversaw the grants process as well as the implementation of recommendations. He suggested the City should find someone who is passionate that can be effective at helping move the initiatives forward.

Mr. Ruano said the biggest areas of concern for Sustainability are electricity consumption and transportation. He added savings from these types of initiatives in the short term aren't as great as they will be in the long run. He said after putting together a plan, it is important to select priorities that can be addressed in order from most important to least important. He followed up by stating it is important to go after grants aggressively.

Ms. Trbovich asked City Manager Pat Salerno if there were dollars available to hire a Sustainability Coordinator.

Mr. Salerno replied that waiting for a grant may not be the best choice. He said that within the next 30 to 60 days he would have a job description and funding for a position that would serve as a Sustainability Coordinator as well as other duties in Public Works. He also stated this person would also help facilitate the hiring of a consultant to put together a comprehensive Sustainability plan. Mr. Salerno said that even if grant dollars could not be identified for the funding of the plan, it is a high enough priority that the City would fund the compilation of the plan.

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:**

No items discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. May stated that Sustainatopia has expressed an interest in coordinating the EarthFest event for next year. She said that John Rosser is challenging the revenue and expense report from the event that showed a profit. She stated that Mr. Rosser is claiming extra expenses and salary in the form of a bonus paid to Marisol Gomez that was not stipulated in the agreement and the total amount of profit is being claimed for expenses by Sustainatopia. She added that the Coral Gables Museum has offered to be the site for the next EarthFest event instead of closing down Biltmore Way.

Mr. Rosser was unable to join the meeting via conference call.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.