

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 @ 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	*	P	E	*	P	P	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Gordan Fales				P	E	*	P	P	*	P	P	P	Commissioner Fors
Rita Teutonico	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	E	*	E	E	E	Vice Mayor Lago
Greg Hamra	P	*	*	E	P	*	P	P	*	P	P	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	*	*	E	P	*	P	P	*	E	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	P	*	*	P	P	*	P	E	*	P	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Irela Bague	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	P	*	P	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier	E	*	*	P	E	*	P	P	*	P	E	P	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	P	*	P	P	P	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	P	*	*	P	P	*	P	P	*	E	P	P	F.I.U. Representative

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

**STAFF:**

Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst  
 Solanch Lopez, Administrative Assistant City Manager’s Office  
 Jeannette Reyes, P.W. Facilities Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Vice Chairperson, Marlin Ebbert called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**GUESTS:**

Jasper Brock, Resident  
 Rhonda Anderson, Resident  
 Colette Worm, Resident  
 Karla Ebenbach, Resident  
 Rudford Hamon, Jelly Places

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Emily Gorman, Sierra Club  
Noel Cleland, Sierra Club  
Kate Stein, City of Surfside  
Joanne Meagher,  
Shawn Wilborne, UM Student  
Isabella Martinez, Sierra Club

**MOTIONS:**

***January 22, 2020 SAB meeting minutes – Enrique made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Monique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

**Martin made a motion to excuse Rita; Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*Sierra Club's Ready for 100 Presentation* – Emily Gorman organizing representative for the Sierra Club presented Shawn, also from the Sierra Club to kick off the presentation. This campaign is going to be impactful, not only for today and tomorrow but for the future and for sustainable transition from fossil fuels to sustainable energy. Its not only about putting solar panels up but about finding ways to reduce energy consumption as a whole and how to strategize and plan for the future and also creating jobs. Shawn's involvement, from the University of Miami standpoint being able to collaborate with the City of Coral Gables from strategy, planning and resources that can be provided.

Noel stated that we are addicted to fossil fuels and the Sierra Club is trying to get ahead of the ball and trying to be proactive. The 100 campaign is a nationwide campaign and it's to be able to help local communities figure out how to move from where they are to where they need to be. Climate change is not going to go away, the sooner we do something about it the sooner we will be able to make a difference.

Emily stated that the Sierra Club has worked with over 156 Cities, 7 States and 12 County's to make this commitment. There are six Cities' across the USA that are presently powered by 100% renewable energy since the campaigned started in 2015. There are 215 Mayor's across the US that stand up and say "I as an individual elected leader", take on this issue, this includes the current Mayor of the City of Coral Gables. Of the 156 Cities, 10 are from the State of Florida to include; St. Petersburg, Orlando, Sarasota, Satellite Beach, Safety Harbor, Marco Island, Dunedin, Gainesville, Tallahassee and South Miami. Expected is to transition 100% to clean energy by year 2030, to add one million jobs and save every single household in the US \$500.

The Sierra Clubs request is that the Sustainability Advisory Board recommends to the City of Coral Gables Commission to commit 100% clean renewable energy by a certain target date with a planning process. If the City choses to commit, the Sierra Club believes that the University of Miami will be a strong partnership.

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Matt will meet with the Commission and Sierra Club on Friday, he will discuss the meetings outcome at the next Sustainability Advisory Board meeting, at that time the Board will discuss how to move forward with a commitment. <https://www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100>.

*Katie Stein* – Thanked the Board for their leadership on addressing all the different vast of climate change, environmental and sustainability issues. Everyone at Miami-Dade County are excited to follow the City's examples. Surfside is eager to partner with the City of Coral Gables, she will leave her contact information and is looking forward to discuss and share information with the Board.

*Keep Coral Gables Beautiful* – February 11 – 14, 2020 was the Keep America Beautiful Annual Conference in Memphis, Tennessee.

Event and Program ideas from the mini workshops they had:

- Trash Dash 5K – you pick up trash while you jog or walk (If you get a blue bag, its only for recyclables and if you get a red bag, it's for trash only).
- Host parent's night in partnership with their schools, for educational sessions.
- Adopt the City street program - you adopt a road a mile long and must do 3 cleanups a year.

K.A.B. will be launching a PSA campaign on kitchen plastics in the Spring.

K.A.B. 2021 Annual Conference will be hosted in Washington DC.

K.A.B. is launching a Sea Bin program – a bucket that is put in the waterway that has a motor that filters in the waterway.

National Litter Study – the results will be published in 2021.

Litter Index Map – Solanch will discuss with IT to put on the GIS map.

Solanch will like to schedule the Litter Index Map, sometime in March. 3 to 6 volunteers are needed to work an 8 hour all day or two 4-hour days.

*Super Coral Play* – is coming to an end at the end of the month, CGTV has released the videos on how to care for the Coral Reefs. S.C.P. will be participating, having their own table at the Coral Gables Farmers Market sometime in March.

*Fertilizers* – a resolution was passed requiring no fertilizer be used during the Summer months that contain nitrogen and phosphorous on City properties.

The State Supreme Court decided not to hear the City's Appeal's case on plastic bags and polystyrene. The City will continue working with the Chamber, promoting that businesses voluntarily not go back to using single use plastic bags and products made of expanded polystyrene. The City will also continue to require that our vendors, city contractors, special event

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permittees not use single use plastic bags and products made of expanded polystyrene. In addition, the City Commission is going to continue making this a legislative priority.

*Green Business Certification* – UM will be recognized at the Platinum (highest) Green Business Certification level at the next City Commission. JellyPlaces will also be recognized, coming in at the Bronze level.

*Cardboard Ordinance* – Reminder that it starts March 1<sup>st</sup>, please do not place any cardboard out in the swale.

*Recap of Recycling Route Experience* – Matt and David both recently participate in a recycling route collection. It provided Matt with a great experience on how the City’s crew operates and a great perspective on how the residents are handling the recycling and how important it is to keep our contamination rates low.

*Earth Month Event Planning* –

- Earth Hour March 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:30pm City Hall.
- HHW Collection Event April 18<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm City Hall Parking Lot.
- Baynanza April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Fertilizer/Waterways Lecture FIU at CG Museum (TBD).
- Environmental Themed Movie at the Coral Gables Cinema (TBD).

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

*Teddy* – UM is hosting Earth Week – Arbor Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Earth Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> among other events. UM will also have a table at the CG Earth Month Event.

*Enrique* – sad that Florida lost the plastic and polystyrene case.

*Gordon* – single use of items is evasive.

*Martin* – trying new approach on the property at San Amaro.

*Greg* - renewable energy - we need a plan that has systemic effect in global region. A sea Level Rise Conference is coming up Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at the Four Seasons in Coral Gables.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 25, 2020.**

**ADJOURNED: 7:20 pm.**