

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

HYBRID MEETING (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.

MEETNG MINUTES

MEMBERS	J 20	J 20	A 20	S 20	O 20	N 20	D 20	J 21	F 21	M 21	A 21	M 21	APPOINTED BY:
Martin Pinilla	*	*	P	E	P	P	*	P	P	P	E	E	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Gordan Fales	*	*		P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	E	Commissioner Fors
Rita Teutonico	*	*	P	E	P	P	*	A	P	P	E	E	Vice Mayor Lago
Greg Hamra	*	*	P	P	E	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	*	*	P	P	E	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	*	*		P	P	P	*	A	P	P	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
VACANT	*	*	P	P	P	P	*	P	*	*		*	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier	*	*	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman	*	*	P	P	E	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	*	*	P	E	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	F.I.U. Representative

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

STAFF:

Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst
Solanch Lopez, Assistant to the City Manager
Jeannette Reyes, Administrative Assistant Public Works Facilities

CALL TO ORDER:

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

GUESTS:

Jane Edwards, Grove Carbon
Karl Brent, Grove Carbon
Pat Blanco, Resident
Jasper Brock, Resident
Leana Cianfoni

MOTIONS:

April 28, 2021 meeting minutes – Enrique made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Teddy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Monique made a motion to excuse Rita, Piero, and Martin; Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PHYSICAL QUORUM (5): Monique, Enrique, Greg, Marlin, and Teddy

Presentation on Grove Carbon – Karl Brent & Jane Edwards; Monique requested if they can be placed on the SAB agenda. Grove Carbon works by establishing projects in less developed parts of the world where we can save carbon emissions. While saving carbon emissions from the projects that are being worked on, it is also improving the lives of individuals in other countries, Jane provides slides for the Board to view. Karl and Jane developed mechanisms whereby individuals can offset the carbon footprint as can businesses. This is important, not only because of millennials who will only do business with companies who have a sustainable portfolio but also pressure from shareholders, investors so on and so forth. Sustainable Development goals; climate action, portable clean energy, quality education especially for the children and gender equality. Matt will share the presentation with the Board.

Matt stated that the City's GHG (Greenhouse Gas Emission) Inventory which is included in the City's Sustainability Management Plan has a 2013 baseline and 2017 update showing both emissions from City operations and community wide emissions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat is a fan of the Sustainability Advisory Board's twice a year Household Hazardous Waste collection and recycling. Pat would like to add something on to this collection, she has been speaking with the people at Camila's House who desperately need clothes. Pat would like to suggest adding a clothing drive to the twice a year recycle initiative, Camila's House will provide their own truck and their own personnel, all they need to know is where to park, where to direct the cars and they will handle the rest. Pat hopes the S.A.B. sees this as an enhancement to the recycling event and will be willing to work with Camila's House. Pat would be happy to facilitate this. Matt and Solanch will take this to the City's administration to make sure they are ok with adding this service. Teddy mentioned that packaged and canned foods would be another thing to investigate.

Updates/Recap on City/SAB Initiatives

Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program Updates

Solo clean up – continuing with the solo cleanup program and initiative that will continue to run through June 20th. As of Monday, there were 23 registrants via the online portal, and through the clean swale app there was a total of 148 lbs. recorded as collected from the beginning of the clean-up season on April 5th through Monday the 24th.

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On May 13th, the BID, Chamber and Community Foundation had a cleanup of their own with a total of 14 participants with 69 lbs. of trash collected and 2.9 miles of the downtown area covered. Solanch provided pictures for the Board to view. Thank you to Monique for helping coordinate the event.

Update on the litter index - on Friday, May 28th at 1 pm they will be meeting virtually, via zoom, to complete the litter index for this year.

At the last meeting it was mentioned that they were in communication with Stantec who reached out wanting to do an employee clean up event for their Stantec in the community week, in late June. It has been confirmed to move forward.

Keep Florida Beautiful news from the State affiliates – two of the S.A.B. programs were submitted to KFB for their award categories, for their upcoming annual conference. An email was received this morning advising that the City won one of the programs, not sure which category as the award is in the mail. They will announce the category winners during their next annual conference next week, Solanch will update the Board at the next meeting.

Solanch has been selected to sit on the Keep Florida Beautiful Board of Directors representing the South East Region of the State for the next 2 years. This will give us a great chance of having a voice at the state affiliate level and being one of the first to know of any upcoming programs and funding opportunities that might affect us in the future.

Keep Florida Beautiful funding for next year did not get included in the state budget therefore we will not be able to apply for the FDOT grant for the next fiscal year, they are hoping to get it back up and running for years to come. This will not affect any of our City programming.

The Battery recycling program – moving forward with the pilot program, the 4 possible drop off sites are City Hall, Public Safety Building, Public Works, and the Youth Center.

City Commission Agenda Items (Sustainability) – passed a resolution that was unanimously approved by the Commission encouraging the Public Service Commission to require the state utilities to set higher energy efficiency goals.

At the last Commission meeting the Commissioners and City Manager selected their Board appointments for the next 2 years; the current Board appointments expire at the end of the month. The Board appointments are:

Martin Pinilla	City Manager
Rita Teutonico	Mayor Lago
Jasper Brock	Commissioner Menendez
Greg Hamra	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	Commissioner Anderson
Carmen Olazabal	Commissioner Fors
Commission-As-A-Whole	PENDING

Matt gave thanks and appreciation to Enrique for his amazing 6 years of service as a Board member. Enrique gives thanks to the Board for the wonderful experience, for having him serve

and provide insight into energy efficiency and EV Charging. He too has met so many people with so much insight that he could not have imagined. On a last note, Enrique mentioned that they finally installed charging stations in his buildings parking garage.

Matt also wanted to recognize Gordon for his two years of service on the Board. Gordon is grateful for having served on the Board and he will continue to stay involved. Gordon also congratulated Carmen on being appointed. He knows she will be a great addition to the board.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Marlin – received a surprising card in the mail about recycling and asked Matt if he can explain it. Matt mentioned that the Solid Waste Division made some changes to their recycling collection schedule. They were typically on a 5-day schedule and are changing to a 4-day schedule, with no service on Wednesdays. Wednesday will now be utilized for maintenance on the fleet vehicles and allows the crew for missed pickups. The new routes have been optimized to help increase operational efficiency.

Monique – mentioned that there were more solo clean up sign-ups for the community clean up but due to the rain a lot of people did not show up. It was a success, everyone that participated enjoyed it and felt good about cleaning up the community and are in support in doing it again next year. Monique asked if the Board would spend some time in going around to businesses and promote the City's Green Business since there's not enough businesses taking advantage of the program. Matt is working on a marketing piece to have this put in the e-news.

Enrique – received notice from the people that made the trolleys, that they are having a tour of the US in the electric trolleys and he would like to know if the City is going to have a demo. Matt stated that Steve Riley, Fleet Director and Kevin Kinney, Parking Director and Matt are in conversations with Hometown Trolley in getting a demo.

Greg - the US Chamber of Commers has a program called Common Grounds, US Chamber of Commerce Bipartisanship, they have their policy person Neil Bradley, Republican Adam Kinzinger and Scott Peters from California who is one of the original co-sponsors of the Energy Innovation Carbon Dividend Act. This Board was voted in November and the City of Coral Gables passed a resolution joining 130 others endorsing the Energy Innovation Act. Scott Peters will be talking to Adam Kinzinger about common grounds spotlight on energy and climate policy. Greg asked if anyone is interested in this event to go to the URL bitly.uscbypart to register for the 11-12 program tomorrow.

Matt mentioned the summer meeting schedule of June 23, July 28, and August 25 to see if the Board is going to take a month off as done in the past, as many members are away on vacation.

Solanch mentioned that starting June 14, 2021 all Boards and Committees are expected to resume meetings as they were before COVID.

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Marlin mentioned that there is 1 vacant seat on the Board which is the Commission-As-A-Whole and she suggested getting a Coral Gables High School student. Matt stated that it is completely up to the Board. No motion was made.

Next Meeting – June 23, 2021

ADJOURNED: 6:20 pm