

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
 CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	15	21	
<b>Ramesh Airan</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Cason
<b>Sharon Trbovich</b>	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	Vice Mayor Quesada
<b>Rhonda Anderson</b>				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Lago
<b>Roy Wasson</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Slesnick
<b>Marlin Ebbert</b>	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Keon
<b>Enrique Bernal</b>	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
<b>Irela Bague</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole

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

**STAFF:**

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson, Ray Airan called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

**GUEST:**

Christina Albright  
 Leisha John  
 Jane  
 Manny Papier  
 Teddy L’Houtellier

**MOTIONS:**

***December 21, 2016 SAB meeting minutes – Irela made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Roy seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.***

**MEMBER'S REPORT:**

**Ray:** Updated the Board regarding sustainable roofing and wants City officials to be open minded concerning metal roofing. In addition, the request for recognition awards for the Sustainable Advisory Board.

**Enrique:** Would like to invite the City Manager and/or staff to the upcoming board meeting to talk about the City's 3-year Strategic Plan. He wants to ask how we as a Board can be more effective with the City of Coral Gables in making an impact. Enrique requested an update on the approval of the sustainability master plan. Matt stated that in the midst of finalizing the Sustainability Master Plan they began developing the 3 Year Strategic Plan. The SMP helps in developing the sustainability component of the strategic plan. Matt also expressed that the 3 Year Strategic Plan has been adopted and we are being measured on the objectives that have set forth.

**Marlin:** Updated the board concerning the idea of showing sustainability/recycling related films such as " Landfill Harmonic" at the Coral Gables Cinema as a part of a green film festival type of event maybe sometime in April, she has not yet but will follow-up on this.

**Rhonda:** Asked the board to take a look at the report regarding FPL Injection Wells and sewage being pumped down into boulder zones. She has spoken with several individuals concerning alternatives and has invited a guest speaker Manny Papier to share a presentation with the Board today.

**Manny Papier:** Natural Sustainable System via PowerPoint Presentation

**Irela:** Matt and I met with Mark Trowbridge of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and Javier Betancourt from the DBA and Jessica Keller with discussions of Green Business which resulted in partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and businesses within the City of Coral Gables. The plan to launch the program is projected for April "Earth Month". Biscayne Bay

**Roy:** Event-Toy Extravaganza that took place on January 7<sup>th</sup> at City Hall where there was a large turnout of interested residents and we presented the City of Coral Gables Electric Fleet with demonstrations, education and rides given to a few residents.

Updated the Board on FPL's plan to run

Proposed that grocery stores that offer paper or plastic that they gave the patrons a choice in choosing like they used to do opposed to just bagging the groceries in a plastic bag. He researched the Eco friendliness of plastic bags vs paper bags.

## **Recap the Past Month's events/Accomplishments.**

### **Public Transit Day:**

Matt stated on December 9, the City of Coral Gables celebrated Public Transit Day - a community day of action where individuals are encouraged to ride mass transit to get to work and share their experience with others through social media. To support this event and do their part, Coral Gables' Public Works staff-went car free for the day. They used 4 different modes of transportation which included bicycling, The Coral Gables Trolley, Metrorail and the Metromover. Throughout the day staff took a combined 72 miles of alternative transportation which saved over 50 Pounds of CO2 Emissions. In addition to the environmental benefits staff, was also able to save over \$41 (in fuel cost, wear and tear on their vehicles, and cost for parking).

### **LED Lighting on Christmas Tree:**

Matt updated the board on the success of converting the lights on the city Christmas tree. Over 9,000 lights were converted that were originally using 5.5 Watts per bulb that are now using ½ Watt per bulb. As a result total energy usage is now only 4,500 Watts compared to 49,500 prior. The bulbs also last up to 10 times longer than the traditional Christmas Lights

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Big Toy Event**

Matt, David and Roy will be at the annual Coral Gables Big Toy Event on Saturday January 7. The City will have on display 2 of the 20 Electric Vehicles. We will be updating attendees on the benefits of EV, talking about the City's EV Charging Stations and sustainability efforts.

#### **Farmers Market (Jan 14-March 25):**

Transportation and Sustainability Department will be participating in one of the upcoming Farmers Markets. Matt will keep the board up to date on which Farmers Market date is chosen. Staff will have a tent with a table and chairs to share sustainability and transportation information with attendees.

#### **2017 Electronic Recycling Events**

Matt has confirmed with STS Electronic recycling the dates for 2017. The first event is taking place on Earth Day Saturday April 22 from 9am-12pm in the City Hall Parking Lot. Great news is we will be partnering with the police department to offer sensitive document shredding as a part of the event as well. John Osgood is also trying to coordinate household hazardous waste collection to be included in the event as well. The second event is scheduled to take place on November 18 which is the first Saturday after America Recycles Day (November 15). There is an additional opportunity to schedule one additional event during the summer if needed, however last year the summer proved to be the lowest turnout in terms of weight of material collected.

### **Non-Member Discussion**

#### **Christina Albright**

Stated the need to educate residents on the need to recycle and reuse.

**Leisha John**

Matt thanked both Greg and Leisha for joining the meeting and invited them to any/all future meetings. Greg and Leisha are both residents of Coral Gables. Greg is a professor at UM and represents the Citizens Climate Lobby and also teaches Green Building classes for LEED. Leisha is the Director of Sustainability for Ernst and Young. Both are very excited and looking forward to helping out in advancing the City's Sustainability efforts.

**Additional Items:**

**SAB 2017 Meeting Schedule**

The board has approved next year's meeting schedule. Matt will post the schedule on the website and will be following up with a new set of email meeting invitations for 2017

**Recycling Messaging**

Matt mentioned that the City has been including recycling information throughout the holidays on E-News, Social Media, and CGTV has produced a holiday recycling video that is available on YouTube and Facebook. Matt also talked about the City's Christmas Tree Recycling program and pickup schedule

**ADJOURNED:**

6:30pm