

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	APPOINTED BY:
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Martin Pinilla	E	P	*	*	P	P	*	P	E	*	P	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Gordan Fales					P	E	*	P	P	*	P	P	Commissioner Fors
Rita Teutonico	P	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	E	*	E	E	Vice Mayor Lago
Greg Hamra	P	P	*	*	E	P	*	P	P	*	P	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	*	*	E	P	*	P	P	*	E	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	E	P	*	*	P	P	*	P	E	*	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Irela Bague	P	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	P	*	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier	P	E	*	*	P	E	*	P	P	*	P	E	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman	P	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	P	*	P	P	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	P	P	*	*	P	P	*	P	P	*	E	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 Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**GUESTS:**

Jasper Brock, Resident  
 Rhonda Anderson, Resident  
 Colette Worm, Resident

**MOTIONS:**

***December 11, 2019 SAB meeting minutes* – Martin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

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

**Marlin made a motion to approve the Mission Statement for the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful project, Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rhonda brought mangrove pods from along the bike path at Matheson Hammocks for anyone who would like to have one. A flyer on mangroves, was electronically distributed to the board members. On Saturday between 2 and 4, Rhonda will be hosting a potting event for kids and adults, for those interested in caring for mangrove pods.

*Keep Coral Gables Beautiful* – Solanch mentioned that the board needs to come up with a mission statement for Keep Coral Gables Beautiful. Solanch has a draft that she will read to the board, for their approval. The Board agreed on the Mission Statement below and made a motion to approve it. Solanch had IT map out the litter index area, 5 to 10 areas, 10 sites per area, 1/2 mile to 1 mile long. 3 to 6 volunteers are needed for the litter index. Irela said, whomever wants to volunteer contact Matt and let him know.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**To promote environmental sustainability and educate the community to take action every day to reduce litter from our open spaces & waterways, improve recycling efforts and keep our City Beautiful.**

*Super Coral Gables* - the Super Bowl Committee reached out to Coral Gables on an initiative to protect the coral reefs. The idea is to discuss the fertilizer resolution and use that as the initiative to challenge other Cities to take on.

*Fertilizer Ordinance* – After first reading the City Attorney’s Office received a letter from a fertilizer company threatening litigation. The city’s legal team is currently looking into its validity.

*Green Business* – on Friday, City Staff toured UM and they were very impressed with all the sustainability work they have done and continue doing. The City will be certifying the entire UM campus as the first Platinum Coral Gables Certified Green Business.

**PAST EVENT ACTIVITIES**

*Big Toy Event* – it was Marlin’s vision years ago to bring the Big Toy event to the City. Matt and David split the shift this year and they promoted the City’s electric vehicle fleet.

FUTURE PLANNING

*Earth Month* – staff is working with the student who suggested Earth Hour last year, to do it again this year. It will be on March 28, 2020 from 8:30 to 9:30 pm.

- *Household Hazard Collection* event will be on April 18, 2020 from 9-12 pm at the City Hall parking lot.
- *The Art Cinema* will show *The Biggest Little Farm* movie.

Next Friday Matt and David will be going on a recycling route with the Sanitation Division. They will be in the North Gables area and they will be picking up the recycling.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

*Greg* - Climate Change - If change doesn't start at the State or Federal level, it will not work. Greg reemphasized the importance of the Carbon Fee and Dividend Act and updated the board of the bipartisan support it continues to receive.

*Irela*- Biscayne Bay Task Force – at the State level, they finally passed a bill to create the Sea Level Rise Task Force. Another bill that passed, that is basically to increase fines for polluters on the waterways. Irela asked that the Board listen to her Resilient Forward, coming out this week, listen to the podcast.

*Marlin* – announced that she went solar at her new home.

*Martin* – shared with the board that he has purchased a Tesla electric vehicle.

*Enrique* – requesting that FPL present at the S.A.B. meeting. Irela and Matt are working on having FPL come and discuss their solar program.

Gordon – asked if it's ok to request Waste Management to present at the S.A.B. meeting.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**ADJOURNED: 6:20 pm**