

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
 CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 HAVIGHORST LOUNGE  
 3010 DESOTO BLVD.  
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134  
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

<b>MEMBERS</b>	O <small>14</small>	N <small>14</small>	D <small>14</small>	J <small>16</small>	F <small>16</small>	M <small>15</small>	A <small>15</small>	M <small>15</small>	J <small>15</small>	J <small>15</small>	A <small>15</small>	S <small>15</small>	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
Ramesh Airan										P	P	P	Mayor Cason
Sharon Trbovich										-	A	P	Vice Mayor Quesada
Meg Daly										A	P	P	Commissioner Lago
Roy Wasson										P	P	P	Commissioner Slesnick
Marlin Ebbert										P	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal										A	P	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague										-		P	City Commission-As-A-Whole

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

**STAFF:**

Jessica Keller, Transportation and Sustainability Division Director  
 Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison  
 Zac Samet-Shaw, Sustainability Intern  
 Jeannette Reyes, Sustainability Advisory Board Administrative Staff Support

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Sustainability Advisor Board Staff Liaison, Matthew Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**ROLL CALL:**

S.A.B. Administrative Staff Support, Jeannette Reyes took roll call. Everyone introduced themselves.

**GUEST:**

- Teddy Lhoutellier, University of Miami
- Alisha Gonzalez, Co-Chair of C.G. Congregational Church Green Christians Committee
- Angela – C.G. Museum
- Sally Jude – Coral Gables resident

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Marlin said on page two of the minutes, in her comments it should read code enforcement not building and zoning.

Ray mentioned he was marked absent at the July meeting and he was present.

**Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes, with the corrections made, Irela seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**MOTIONS:**

- **Marlin made a motion to elect Ray Airan to be the Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board, Irela seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- **Roy made a motion to elect Irela Bague as Vice Chair to the Sustainability Advisory Board, Sharon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- **Marlin made a motion to encourage the City on banning Styrofoam containers, Meg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD (S.A.B.) UPDATES:**

Matt said the S.A.B. board is now officially a full appointed board. The group welcomed Irela Bague (Commission-As-A-Whole appointee)

**SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN UPDATES:**

All City operation project proposals have been finalized. Currently they are up 24 business case measures with the help and input from all of the city department directors. We originally started out with 12 from the consulting company. The finalized plan should be ready by the next board meeting in late October.

The consultants are moving forward with the community analysis, in which the S.A.B. will be very active in creating and implementing. A community work shop is being scheduled for middle to late October. The consulting company's initial STAR community rating should be available in the next few weeks.

The Green Committee from the Chamber of Commerce is interested in what the C. G. Sustainability is doing; therefore Matt will be attending their monthly meetings and sharing updates and collaborate efforts.

After the community workshop, staff expects to finish the Sustainability Master Plan, City and Community by the middle of November.

### **MAYOR'S SEA LEVEL RISE & CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT**

The Mayor will be having a Sea Level Rise summit on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at the Commission Chambers from 10 am to 12 pm, Matt urges all members to attend or watch it on CGTV.

The Mayor will also attend a Rising Tides summit from October 23-24 in New Hampshire. He is one of 30 coastal mayors to be attending.

### **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/CITY OF CORAL GABLES RECYCLING PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN**

Matt gave an update on the Public Relations Campaign with the University of Miami, student project for Sustainability - staff came up with the subject "increasing recycling awareness". Staff is working jointly with the UM Public Relations Department; they will be meeting every month throughout the semester. The goal is to meet the state goal of 75% waste diversion by the year 2020.

Jessica said that 75% of the city trash is yard waste.

Ray suggested all members talk to their neighbors about cardboard recycling because not everyone is aware that the city recycles cardboard boxes.

Marlin suggested at the last meeting that a flyer be sent out with the waste bill regarding recycling. Matt stated that he is working on it with the Finance Dept.

Enrique asked, what is the volume of waste on residential versus commercial. Jessica will find out with Waste Management and share at the next meeting.

### **PARK(ING) DAY 2015**

Parking Day event was held on Friday, September 18, 2015 and it was a success. Members of the board mentioned it was much better than last year but emphasized the notifications need to go out way in advance for next year so more people are aware.

### **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **GO SOLAR FEST and SOLAR ENERGY**

Go Solar Fest is taking place Oct 9-10 at the Broward County Convention Center. Free to attend. The commission recently passed support for the Go Solar Florida program - this event is to promote alternative energy, sustainability, etc. Go SOLAR Florida is working to streamline the permitting process, a one stop shop for getting a permit for Solar Energy.

Ray has been working with building and zoning for 5 to 6 years now to try to establish guidelines for installing solar in Coral Gables.

Ray stated that the Mayor and Commissioner Lago suggested to him, that the Sustainability Advisory Board come up with some definition guidelines and takes it to them and they will discuss it at the commission meeting.

#### MIAMI-DADE WATER FIXTURE REBATE PROGRAM

Miami-Dade Water Fixture Rebate Program, anyone can get a \$50 rebate for the purchase of a high water efficient toilet, or a \$25 rebate for a high water efficient shower head or faucet.

Irela was at a work shop and her vendor discussed installing public water fountains. She will forward the link to Matt for him to share with the board members.

#### METAL ROOFS

Commissioner Lago was going to discuss this at tonight's meeting but he was unable to attend. Marlin said the commission has to approve metal roofs. Ray suggests a presentation at a board meeting to show the different type of metal roof materials.

#### GREEN TIPS and MARKETING

Marlin will like to have a page on the city e-news to provide green tips. Matt said he is working on this already; he started a page under [www.coralgables.com/sustainability](http://www.coralgables.com/sustainability) titled Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Irela said Central Gables Central is an online magazine, they offered Irela to write a green blog and provide information that comes out of the Sustainability Advisory Board. If the board wants anything to go out to the public to please let her know.

Members highly recommend and urge the necessity to publicize all the workshops, meetings and events ahead of time so that the community can get involved. They suggested E-News, CGTV, and postings in public facilities.

#### ELECTRONIC RECYCLING and PRESCRIPTION DRUG RECYCLING PROGRAM

Marlin said back in July's meeting she discussed recycling pharmaceuticals and wanted to know the status. Matt said staff is still working with the Chief of Police; who is designating a police officer that will be in charge of the program.

Procurement is still looking into the electronic recycling program.

Angela said the Electric Ants will be at the Coral Gables museum sometime next year for family day, on the second Saturday of the month.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Marlin suggests the city replace the trash cans with new ones and also add recycling bins at city

parks and along the heavy travelled sidewalks

Enrique said the flood lights on Ponce stay on till 11:00 am. Matt will follow up with the appropriate staff.

Matt proposed to the board having events through the Sustainability Advisory Board like the Earth day event and electronic recycling collecting event.

Commissioner Lago is pushing for a potential Styrofoam ordinance in the City of Coral Gables.

Sharon said that everything suggested at today's meeting has been suggested before and nothing ever happened. She said progress is what is needed.

Irela suggested that goals be set up for the year, since nothing has happened in 7 years and Matt be the one to guide the board.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, TRAININGS, ETC.

Irela mentioned that she attended a FEMA workshop on Monday, October 21, 2015 on climate changes and sea level rise and they provided a guide on how to prepare workshops etc. Irela will forward the guide to Matt, to share with the consultant and board members

Teddy said UM will be having Food Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. It is a healthy eating event, he invited everyone to attend. Also of November 24<sup>th</sup> UM will host the Green Fair.

Irela said a Water and Sewer Improvements Workshop is coming up on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Irela will send everyone an invite.

Ray said if anyone is interested in a tour of his house, let him know.

Everyone agreed with the time, dates and location of the board meetings.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

7:00 pm