

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES LIBRARY
 3443 SEGOVIA STREET. 33134

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	APPOINTED BY:
	18	18	19	19	19	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	
Martin Pinilla	*	P	P	E	P	*	*	P	P	*	P	E	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Gordan Fales								P	E	*	P	P	Commissioner Fors
Rita Teutonico	*	E	P	P	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	E	Vice Mayor Lago
Greg Hamra	*	P	E	P	P	*	*	E	P	*	P	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	E	P	*	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	*	P	P	E	P	*	*	P	P	*	P	E	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Irela Bague	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier				P	E	*	*	P	E	*	P	P	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman				P	P	*	*	P	P	*	E	P	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali				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, Administrative Assistant City Manager’s Office
 Brook Dannemiller, Assistant P.W. Director Landscape Services
 Jeannette Reyes, P.W. Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

GUESTS:

Collete Worm, Resident
 Molly Gail Kiely
 Jane Holland, Guest

MOTIONS:

July 24, 2019 and September 25, 2019 SAB meeting minutes – Greg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Marlin made a motion in support of the Fertilizer Ordinance, Monique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marlin made a motion to approve the Sustainability Board Annual Report, Monique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gordon made a motion to cancel November’s meeting and re-schedule for December 11, 2019, Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

First Reading Fertilizer Ordinance –

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY CREATING SECTION 82-8 “APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER” IN CHAPTER 82- VEGETATION, ARTICLE 1- IN GENERAL; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Brook read the drafted ordinance to the members. Therefore clauses;

82-8- Application of Fertilizer

(a) *Prohibition.* No person shall apply fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus to turf or landscape plants during the prohibited application period, which will run from June 1 to September 30 each year. In addition, no fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous shall be applied to turf or landscape plants when a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Watch or Warning is in effect for the City.

(b) *Exemptions.* This prohibition shall not apply to golf courses and athletic fields when fertilizers are applied by or under the direction of a professional with a valid certification from the Golf Course Best Management Practice Certification Program and fertilizer must be applied following the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality on Florida Golf Courses. Golf course and athletic field managers shall provide proof of valid certification to the City prior to the prohibited application period, each year. This prohibition shall also not apply to: (i) any lands used for bona fide scientific research, including, but not limited to, botanical gardens, and research on the effects of fertilizer use on urban stormwater, water quality, agronomics and horticulture; or (ii) Bona fide farm operations as defined in the Florida Right to Farm Act, Section 823.14, Florida Statutes, provided that fertilizers are applied in accordance with the appropriate best management practices manual adopted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Agricultural Water Policy for the crop in question.

(c) *Application area.* Outside of the prohibited application period, fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus shall not be applied within fifteen (15) feet of any pond, stream, watercourse, lake, canal, or wetland as defined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or within fifteen (15) feet from the top of a seawall. In no case shall any type of fertilizer be dumped, broadcast, washed, swept, or blown into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances or water bodies.

(d) *Enforcement.* Given the serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare of violations of this Section, along with the irreparable and irreversible nature of such violations, in accordance with Florida Statutes, no warning shall be given by a code enforcement officer prior to the issuance of a citation.

Matt stated that there is an educational video by Waterkeeper Alliance as well as educational flyers. Matt also mentioned if any board member has any suggestions to please provide them.

The Chairperson asked if any research was done on other cities who passed the Fertilizer Ordinance and if so, what was the outcomes and how successful has it been. Brook said Miami Waterkeeper has done research on the West coast who have had the fertilizer ordinance in affect longer and it is much more extensive.

Marlin suggested advertising on the e-news, anyone getting rid of roundup they can take it to the Saturday, November 16, 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection event at the City Hall parking lot from 9 am – 12 pm .

Miami Climate Reality Presentation to be rescheduled.

Irela spoke with the City's FPL representative and asked if they would do a full presentation at one of the 2020 SAB meetings (focusing on all the solar announcements they've made).

Update on Sustainability Initiatives:

Keep Coral Gables Beautiful - 1st community workshop training has been scheduled for November 5th, 2019 at the C.G. Youth Center Theater at 8:30 am.

SAB Annual Report – Matt put together the annual report for the Commission to include the April events, background on the Green Business Program and priorities for 2020.

Green Business Program – at the December 10, 2019 Commission meeting, Barakat Law, the paperless law firm will be awarded the 2nd Green Certification Business award. The City is also working with Avion Auto Spa and the University of Miami on their applications and site visits.

Irela asked Matt for an update on the Polystyrene ban that the City will be taking to the supreme court. Matt mentioned that they are still in the process of knowing if the supreme court will even hear the case. Several cities have reached out in support.

Biscayne Bay Task Force - Discussion with Miami Dade on a resolution to go from septic to sewer. It will cost \$10,000 + per household, to connect.

Upcoming Meeting Events:

- *King Tides* –Irela mentioned that it would be good if the citizens reported any flooding related to King Tides.
- Piero mentioned that FIU will host Sea Level Day on October 27, 2019.
- Community Training for Keep Coral Gables Beautiful: November 5, 2019.
- Hazardous waste event on Saturday November 16, 2019.
- 24 hours of Reality on November 20-21, 2019 (Worldwide event talking about climate change).
- 11th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit in Key West. Dec 3-5.
- 1st LEED Platinum certified Office building on 1515 Sunset Drive Tour taking place tomorrow October 24, 2019 from 6 to 8:30 pm.
- Irela congratulated Matt who was inducted into the CLEO's Leadership Circle last night.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2019

ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm