

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
 CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 3010 DESOTO BLVD.  
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134  
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M.

- SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES -

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

A – Absent  
 P – Present  
 E – Excused  
 C- Called In  
 (\*) no meeting

**STAFF:**

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Sustainability Advisor Board Chair, Ramesh Airan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**GUEST:**

- Rhonda Anderson, Resident

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1:**

Sharon questioned the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph where it reads “whereas the board has conducted several open meetings to develop a series”. What constitutes an open meeting?

Roy answered; it is any open meeting in which the public is invited.

*Solar Panels* - Irela asked a question in reference to the solar paragraph. The word carbon base electricity is used in the paragraph and most of Miami Dade electricity comes from a nuclear power plant which is considered clean energy therefore we don’t rely on coal power plants. The word carbon base does not make sense. Roy suggested using “non-renewable” instead.

**MOTIONS:**

**Sharon made a motion to move forward with the Sustainability Advisory Board Resolution No. 2015-1, Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Sharon made a motion to amend the second paragraph to read non-renewable instead of carbon base, Roy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Sharon made a motion to allow metal roofs in the City of Coral Gables, Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

*Electric Vehicles* - Rhonda mentioned that in the paragraph for electric vehicle in the 4<sup>th</sup> line it mentions city fleet vehicles. Rhonda believes some clarification include not just cars but trucks and garbage trucks. It should be worded “city fleet vehicles, including trucks and garbage trucks”.

*LEED Certification in new construction*, Enrique asked if the board is satisfied that there is an infrastructure in place that will not just take the money from the builders. That it’s a well-established process that a person trying to build a small building can afford to do and not be held up for a year. Does that infrastructure exist? Matthew said with the Green Building process, there are still 3 different options they are looking at. The way one option was drafted is that the developer would pay a certain amount of money (bond) based on total construction cost up front and if within a 24 month period are able fulfill the Green Building Requirement the City would release the amount of the bond within 30 days. If they are unable to fulfill the Green Building Requirement within 24 months the bond would be forfeited to the City to be used to fund sustainability projects. At the request of Commissioner Lago development services will be presenting the options, what gets voted on Matthew cannot speak to at this point.

*Metal Roofs* - Copper roofs are allowed in the city, the reason not too many people have it is because it is expensive. Ray said direct staff to develop a model of best practices approaches for the implementation of design controls and acceptable construction techniques of metal roofs in the City of Coral Gables.

*Residential Building Improvements* - Rhonda discussed promoting certification for the residential building improvements in requiring newly constructed residential homes to comply with LEED requirement for capturing use of rain water.

These minutes will be attached to the requirements list and labeled as minutes requiring action from the commission for the December 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

6:00 pm