

CORAL GABLES GREEN TASK FORCE
GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011, 10:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	F 10	M 10	A 10	M 10	J 10	J 10	A 10	S 10	O 10	N 10	D 10	J 11	APPOINTED BY:
Annabella Smith	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	C. G. Chamber of Commerce
Brook Dannemiller	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	City Commission
Bruce Christensen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	City Commission
Carlos Ruiz De Quevedo	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	City Commission
Enrique Lopez	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	E	*	E	City Manager
Ian Mckeown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	University of Miami
Jenny A. May	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	City Commission
Miroslav Mladenovic	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	City Commission
Nati Soto	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	City Commission
Sallye Jude	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	*	P	City Commission
Sharon Trbovich	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	E	*	P	Garden Club

A – Absent
P – Present
E – Excused
(**) New Board Member
(*) no meeting

STAFF:

Ernesto R. Pino, R.A., LEED AP, Assistant Public Works Director
Boriana Cloutier, R.A., I.D., LEED AP, Public Works

GUESTS:

Donald D. Slesnick, II, Mayor
Glenn Kephart, P.E., Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Pino called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Cloutier called the roll and members present confirmed attendance. Mr. Lopez had formally asked to be excused.

SPECIAL GUEST:

The Mayor thanked members for serving in the Green Task Force (GTF). He said this Committee was a project initiated by Commissioners Maria Anderson and Ralph Cabrera and that the City has been active in green issues for the last seven years. He mentioned the Hybrid Trolley Project, the participation in the Farmer's Market, and the Kyoto Treaty. He added Commissioner Cabrera is planning to attend a Green Task Force meeting and Public Works Staff is prepared to help.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL (NOVEMBER 22, 2010 MEETING):

Ms. Trbovich made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Christensen seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSSINESS:

- **Introduction of Board Members and Staff**

Mr. Pino asked Ms. Trbovich and Mr. McKeown to introduce themselves, since they were not present at the previous meeting.

- **Electric and Water utility Expenses of the City of Coral Gables FY 2009-2010**

Mr. Pino asked the members if they had any comments regarding the utilities expenses presented to them by e-mail.

Mr. Ruiz De Quevedo suggested possible ways of approaching the GTF tasks: (1) for members take the same direction or; (2) divide them into groups according to their expertise.

Mr. Mladenovic commented the GTF has to decide on whether educating homeowners or approaching the City as a forbearer as the example to be followed. He added that the relevance of the GTF would become more evident if it undertakes tasks with short term achievements in costs savings.

Ms. Jude stated the GTF represents Citizens and it should have a booth at the Green Festival where the citizens can express their views and for the GTF members to educate them as well. Ms. Smith mentioned that the synergy of the presence of the City and the Chamber of Commerce telling people how to become "green" would be a great liaison. Ms. May agreed and stated it's similar to what is being done by the County with the EPA grants. She added they formed Green Action Committees to outreach in all districts and teach residents what and how to do.

Ms. Smith mentioned the Green Committee of the Chamber of Commerce started with their own building to give an example of a LEED building. They conduct yearly People EXPO's to present materials and services to the business community and they've also had speakers from FPL.

Ms. Soto suggested the GTF could develop green guidelines for City employees, construction and procurement personnel to have ready information on how to make Coral Gables a green City.

Mr. Mladenovic offered to tackle street lighting and come to the next meeting with a recommendation. He said that this could be solved by using LED rather than solar power.

Mr. Ruiz said that the GTF should try new ideas without fear of failure and stated that Commissioner Cabrera's bike share program is an example of a green initiative that can be implemented without additional cost.

Mr. McKeown said at the University of Miami they approach the green initiatives in their building systems and in the users and Coral Gables could do the same. Ms. Smith and Ms. Jude agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pino suggested moving to the next item (the election of a Chair/Vice Chair).

Ms. May made a motion to nominate Mr. Ruiz de Quevedo as the Chairperson. All members said yes.

Ms. Soto made a motion to nominate Mr. Mladenovic as the Vice Chairperson. All members said yes.

Ms. Jude informed of the previously mentioned Green Festival on February 6, 2011 which is in front of City Hall. The Chairperson asked if they have brochures to distribute. Ms. Jude said they could show people what to and what not to recycle.

The Chairperson gave an example of a successful recycling program in the City of Curitiba (Brazil) where the homeless are encouraged to clean the city by trading trash for vouchers that can be used at public dining halls.

Ms. May informed that The City of North Miami also has a program to give incentives to people. She proposed to provide the materials that Miami-Dade County uses in their Green Print Program as a sample.

Ms. Soto said they should have a suggestion box at the table of the Green Festival. Ms. Trbovich added she will prepare a survey for the Green Festival.

Ms. Jude suggested that after the GTF decide on an issue to create subcommittees to carry out tasks.

The Chairperson asked if anybody objects to Commissioner Cabrera coming and speaking about the Bike Share program and all members were in agreement of Commission Cabrera doing so.

Mr. Pino invited the members to discuss items from the list provided before the meeting.

Mr. Dannemiller referred to the heating of water item and stated he spoke with the President of the Florida Green Building Council. He expressed interest in making suggestions to the City of Coral Gables' existing codes in an effort to remove obstacles and not allowing non-standard green items. Ms. Jude said she can also bring her green contractor to share the difficulties he encountered when building "green" in Coral Gables.

Ms. Smith said that the Chamber, together with Zyskovich Architects and the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) presented the City the USGBC concept which was well received but not implemented. She suggested forming a committee to teach how to implement these ideas.

Mr. Pino mentioned there were concerns regarding the meeting date and time. All members agreed to keep the GTF meetings the last Wednesday of every month and to change the time to 9:00 am.

Mr. Christensen said that he will invite the chairperson of the USGBC to come to the next meeting and they could look into the Codes.

The Vice Chairperson asked if the GTF wanted to discuss a small task on the next meeting such as lighting. Ms. May said the information provided by City Staff will give an idea of what to look for. Ms. Jude stated if they decide to work on reducing consumption of electricity, a location or building needs to be selected.

Ms. Smith proposed to create subcommittees and assign them different tasks.

The Chairperson agreed and asked members to indicate on the next meeting which subcommittee they wish to participate in. He stated this should be done via email to the Secretary prior to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.