

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBERS MEETING (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.

MEETNG MINUTES

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	APPOINTED BY:
	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	
Nicholas Eterovic	P	P	E	E	P	E	*	P	P	E	*	E	Mayor Lago
Carmen Olazabal	P	P	P	E	P	P	*	P	E	P	*	P	Commissioner Fors
Jasper Brock	P	P	E	E	E	E	*	E	E	E	*	E	Commissioner Menendez
Greg Hamra	P	P	P	P	E	E	*	E	E	P	*	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	Commissioner Anderson
Martin Pinilla	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	E	*	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Joe Fadel	*	*		*	*	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman	P	P	P	P	P	E	*	P	E	E	*	E	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	P	P	P	P	E	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	F.I.U. Representative

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

STAFF:

Matt Anderson, City Resiliency and Sustainability Manager
 Solanch Lopez, Assistant to the City Manager
 Jeannette Reyes, P.W. Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairperson, Marlin Ebbert called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

GUESTS:

Grace – on Zoom
 Amalia, Coral Gables High School
 Gabriela, Coral Gables High School
 Jackson Rip Holmes, Resident

MOTIONS:

***November 18, 2021, Meeting Minutes* – Greg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Carmen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Joe made a motion to excuse Jasper, Nick and Monique, Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PHYSICAL QUORUM (7): Teddy, Joe, Marlin, Martin, Carmen, Greg, and Piero

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jackson Rip Holmes on Sea Level Rise – the City of Miami Beach is predicted by the Climate Change Scientist to be the most vulnerable city to be mostly underwater by the year 2060, unless there's a way around it. Rip has been looking for a solution; Heavy Water Cold Fusion Free Energy, where you take seawater that contains deuterium (that's what's called heavy water), run a 1-watt electric current through it and see what you get on the other side. In these experiments they are getting 1.25 watts, which is 25% free energy. Rip asked that the board keep this on their radar for future Commission support requests.

Amalia from Coral Gables High School thank the Board and the City of Coral Gables for endorsing the Energy Innovation Act.

Gabriela also from Coral Gables Senior High School stated that there are two aspects to combat the climate crisis; mitigation and adaptation and they both need to be implemented. On the mitigation side she thinks that the biggest thing would be systemic change, the Energy Innovation Act. To make systemic change it needs to go to the Federal Level, and so she thanks the board for their encouragement and support.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Marlin said they had a nice board field trip on Saturday to Montgomery Botanical Garden and Tracy provided a lot of educational information.

Teddy mentioned that on Friday, January 28th from 12 pm to 1 pm, Zach Costner who is now the Climate and Clean Energy Advocacy Coordinator for the Florida Conservation Voters Association; will be present at the Green Alumni Series, for anyone who would like to attend. In March, UM will host the Florida Food Waste Prevention Week Hackathon, it's an out of the box food waste solution.

Greg updated the Board on the Energy Innovation Act; it's been re-introduced, and it now has 93 house sponsors.

Carmen stated that she believes the city has put aside some funding for potential future adaptation. Matt said in FY2017 is when the City started their adaptation mitigation fund, this is year four and

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currently there is \$10,000,000.00 in this account from slight increases in stormwater fees. The goal is \$100,000,000 by 2040 and part of it is not to be touched unless it's for adaptation efforts.

Joe asked for the cardboard enforcement update – Matt said from December 1st, when the enforcement started through January 21st there were 11,026 door hangers distributed and 772 warnings or citations issued.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Youth Appointment to SAB Recap Recommendations from the Board – the Board will continue to review and provide recommendations/information. This item will be revisited at the next SAB meeting. The board discussed the following requirements

- A freshman, sophomore or junior at Coral Gables High School
- The person is to be selected by the SAB from among 3 candidates nominated from within the school.
- The candidate will be a resident of Coral Gables
- The candidate will preferably be in an Environmental AP class and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- The candidate will be involved in 1 or 2 environmental NGO in Miami Dade, in a leadership position preferably.
- Require letter of recommendation from teacher or mentor preferably with one with sustainability experience
- The board shall select 3 candidates for a final interview with a representative from the City commission and the Mayor.

Updates/Recap on City/SAB Initiatives & Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program Updates

Matt & Solanch provided updates to the Commission at the January 11th Commission meeting, and they are very happy with what the Board is doing as well as everything that is going on with Keep Coral Gables Beautiful.

Solanch shared a power point slide with the Board referencing the last time the board met in November to what's happening now.

Batteries – from July 12, 2021 through November 24, 2021, 329 lbs. were collected
Downtown Clean up Holiday Edition December 2nd – 37 participants and 121.3 lbs. collected
Girl Scouts at Matheson Hammocks Event December 11th – 50 participants and 127lbs. Collected.
Mangrove Plotting Event January 8th – 108 participants and 1,300 collected.

Upcoming Events

Earth Month - Marlin asked the Board members to provide any ideas for educational movies.

Next Meeting – February 23, 2022

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ADJOURNED: 6:10 pm

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