

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 1210 CATALONIA AVENUE
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MINUTES -

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

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

STAFF:

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison
 Jeannette Reyes, Administrative Staff Support

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair person, Ray Airan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

GUEST:

- Rhonda Anderson, Resident
- Ruth Balestra, Resident

MOTIONS:

October 28, 2015 minutes & November 4, 2015 Special meeting - Marlin made a motion to approve both minutes, Irela seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marlin's report - She asked if anyone has any green tips or green news, to forward it to the city's Public Affairs Department and they will add it to the E-news. Matt said he forwarded the holiday recycling tips to Public Affairs and was told it will go out in the 1st December E-news.

Meg's report - She will work on an open green space event at one of the empty green lots, something like a pop-up park, or a temporary event. Meg will speak with Fred from Parks and Rec. to set up a date for an event.

Rhonda provided the board with informational packets on water and recycling use. Miami Dade County provided a memo on rain water guidelines as well as information on reuse of gray water. She also provided information on underground tanks to be used as a water collecting system.

Marlin mentioned again how when it rains people still have their sprinkler systems going and how trash piles are growing and sitting there for days before it gets picked up. She said she hasn't seen anyone from code enforcement monitoring these situations.

Ray asked Matt if he can speak with waste and advise them that the cardboard boxes are not being picked up. Matt said that the residents have to break them down for waste to pick them up. Marlin said educational pamphlets need to go out with the waste bill for people to know.

Electronic Recycling Update - Matt proposed to the board have a quarterly event where people can come and drop off their old electronics to be recycled. Ray asked Matt to speak with the City Manager and ask if the Sustainability Advisory Board can have an assigned parking lot spot at City Hall.

Prescription Drug Recycling Update - Matt spoke with the officer in charge of this program, the bins have been designed and ordered. Hoping to kick start the program in January 2016.

Meg suggested in order to get the community informed and excited the board would need to set up a lecture at the school of architectural at the University of Miami and invite all the developers, contractors who service Coral Gables; it's a great way for whomever to showcase their commitment.

Roy's report - He was able to get approval from the Clean Car Coalition & Clean Cities Coalition to have electrical vehicles displayed by the car owners in the city for informational purpose. Matt will follow up with Norma for space availability. Roy mentioned that the Clean Cities Coalition is working with FDOT to promote electric vehicle charging stations at the work place, on November 30th they will be having a major event on Commercial Blvd located at the FDOT office. Roy will forward the information to the board.

Irela's report - she reached out to the US Green Building Council they will be helping with identifying metal roofs vendors as well as solar vendors who have worked with metal roofs. Ray mentioned that Bill Miner is an expert with the USGBC and if anyone needed information they can contact Bill.

Ray's report - he attended the Ethics work shop and it was mentioned that if you work as a board you can go in front of the commission as a whole and have one member represent the board or you can go individually and express your point of view. Ray has scheduled meetings with Vice

Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and will possibly meet with the City Manager to discuss metal roofs. He spoke with all the different directors in Building & Zoning including

Historic Preservation, copper roofs which are metal are allowed in the City but the terminology states copper roofs only and the codes need to change to metal roofs.

Sustainability Master Plan Update - Matt thanked everyone who attended the Community Sustainability meeting. The consultants are capturing all the feedback from the public and summarizing it to include it in an outreach plan to the community. In addition currently they are working on an on-line survey prioritizing what the top 5 recommendations are from each focus area. This will give those individuals who were unable to attend the workshop, the opportunity to provide feedback

Earth Day - Irela said the C. G. Woman's Club reached out to her and they would like to partner up with the Sustainability Advisory Board. She can talk to them about having the Earth Day event at their location. Ray asked that a committee be formed to prepare for Earth Day and to provide the names of the committee members at the next board meeting.

Marlin mentioned that the City should purchase new trash cans with the recyclable options. Matt said he will be working with Cory who's in charge of recycling to put together a proposal under capital improvement projects to order new trash bin and recycling bins to go into next year's budget. Matt and Jessica had a meeting with Big Belly who works with Waste Management; they have the compacting garbage cans. Marlin also mentioned that the City planted impatiens which is a plant that requires lots of water and if the city is trying to go green that's not going to work. Matt will provide Brook's or Bob's phone number to Marlin for follow up.

Rhonda provided photos of the sidewalk crossing from Publix. There is no 32' to 33' minimum space for a wheelchair to go through, she said the City is going to be sued and FDOT is going to get sued. The plans were approved by the City without providing sufficient wheelchair access, it's not ADA compliance, and it is clearly a violation. There is an agreement that requires the City to comply and the Department of Justice can fine the City. The board suggested Rhonda brings this to the attention of the City Manager and let her discuss with the appropriate personnel.

ADJOURNED:

6:40 pm