

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBERS MEETING (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.

MEETNG MINUTES

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>J</b> 21	<b>J</b> 21	<b>A</b> 21	<b>S</b> 21	<b>O</b> 21	<b>N</b> 21	<b>D</b> 21	<b>J</b> 22	<b>F</b> 22	<b>M</b> 22	<b>A</b> 22	<b>M</b> 22	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
Nicholas Eterovic	P	E	*	P	P	E	*	P	P	P	E	P	Mayor Lago
Carmen Olazabal	P	P	*	P	E	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Fors
Jasper Brock	E	E	*	E	E	E	*	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Menendez
Greg Hamra	E	E	*	E	E	P	*	E	E	P	E	E	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Anderson
Martin Pinilla	P	P	*	P	P	E	*	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Joe Fadel	*	P	*	P	P	P	*	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	E	*	P	E	E	*	E	E	P	P	A	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	E	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	E	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 Roman, Public Works Administrative Assistant  
 Paula Rodriguez- Assistant Public Works Director for Solid Waste

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Meeting called to order at 5:07 by Chairperson Marlin Ebbert.**

**GUESTS:**

Gabriela McGrath, Coral Gables High School Student/Resident  
 Shiraz Kashar, Waste Management  
 Jason Neal, Waste Management

**MOTIONS:**

***April 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes*** – Martin moved to approve the meeting minutes, Carmen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Martin moved to excuse Piero and Greg; Nicolas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PHYSICAL QUORUM (7): Nicolas, Martin, Marlin, Carmen, Jasper, Joe, Teddy**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Gabriela- Invited Sustainability Advisory Board members to be added to Gen CLEO contact list. The list is intended to help educate the community on policies and actions taking place around the larger Miami area on sustainability and to inspire more Civic action.

***Recycle Right Presentation by Waste Management, Shiraz Kashar (Community Outreach and Education)***

Waste Management presentation is attached.

SAB Members had the below questions and answers were provided by Waste Management:

- ***Why is the mobius loop on everything, but most of the time it's not recyclable?*** The original purpose of the symbol was for plastic engineers to let manufactures know what type of plastic it is. The symbol is not regulated, but it can be used on anything. Marketers use green washing to make their products more sustainable even when they may not be.
- ***Are color transparent plastic bottles recyclable?*** Yes (i.e. Perrier water bottles).
- ***Can pizza boxes be recycled?*** If a pizza box is not soiled with grease or food, it can be recycled. However, a saturated box with oils and food, is considered garbage.
- ***Do the Waste Management rules of recycling apply to City of Coral Gables residents?*** Coral Gables works regularly with Waste Management on updating the recycling message. At the end all recycled items are taken their facility.
- ***What happens if the recycle is not cleaned out, or there is food in the container?*** When you go the recycling facility and get to the tipping floor, you will encounter the smell of food along with rodents.
- ***What are other different types of plastic?*** Plastic that is used for food consumption are usually 1 and 2 plastics. Hazardous chemicals are also considered 1 and 2 plastics but cannot be recycled. (i.e. bleach bottles)

- ***How has the market shifted in the recycling in the last couple of years?*** In the early 2000s, the majority of material was being sent to China and the main goal was the environment and cleanliness of the material. China would no longer accept material from the United States if the material was not 99.5% clean. Currently, Waste Management works with Green Peace to focus on the domestic supply instead in internationally.

- ***If we take a plastic bottle and recycle it, does it get used as the original intent?*** Waste Management collects the and separates the materials and sells them. KW plastics and Mohawk Industries makes all different kinds of products, they could potentially be used to make more plastic bottles.

- ***Is there anywhere in the world or a machine that will recycle plastic bags?*** Yes, there are programs that do accept plastic bags (i.e. Publix uses a company that collects their plastic bags).

- ***Is there anything that we can do to make sure that plastics, and what's recycled, are sold to companies that reuse them?*** Anytime that a company buys or uses recycled content in their products it's always a win.

- ***Is glass as lucrative for Waste Management to recycle than plastic?*** Yes, glass is heavy, and the cleanliness of glass is also a big factor. There are not many vendors who accept glass at a high volume. They are sent to a company called Strategic Material who uses the material for sandblasting applications and cement additives. It is also used for road base for some sites.

#### ***Updates/Recap on City/SAB Initiatives –***

##### ***a. City Commission Meeting Agenda Items***

- i. Youth Appointment (SAB Board Ordinance)-*** Matt reported there's interest in the Youth board appointment, and he is anticipating applications will be submitted soon. He will keep the Board updated as applications arrive.
- ii. Electric Powered Leaf Blowers Resolution-*** At the May 10th City Commission Meeting, the Commission passed unanimously a resolution establishing a goal to cease use of gas operated leaf blowers by City staff and City contractors by 2024.

##### ***b. LEED for Cities Certification***

Matt reported on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the City submitted for final review of the City's Certification. It is expected for the final review to be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The City has submitted at the 71-point threshold which falls within Gold Certification, which would be in line with the other Florida cities that have achieved certification.

##### ***c. Florida Race to Zero Co-hort***

The City was selected as one of 21 cities in the State to participate in the 2022 Race to Zero Competition. It is a friendly competition between municipalities to showcase how they are leading the way to carbon neutrality. Scholarship recipients join a Florida Race to Zero "cohort" – a structured, technical assistance training program that will guide participants toward tangible results. Each city will receive assistance with conducting greenhouse gas

inventories, developing science-based targets, developing, and implementing an action plan, reporting results and more.

***d. Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program Updates***

- i. Commercial Beautification Awards-*** Serves to recognize those businesses that have gone above and beyond in the beautification and maintenance of their storefronts and surrounding areas. Nominations are being submitted to [kcgb@coralgables.com](mailto:kcgb@coralgables.com). The nomination criteria is below. The SAB will help selected the winners for year 1. Nominations for the 2022 cycle are taking place through May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 3 to 5 winners selected per year
  - Winners Receive:
    - Plaque (including picture)
    - Window sticker
    - City Commission Meeting Recognition (Separate Commission meetings each for focus on their business)
    - Listed on the City’s website as award winners
    - Social media shoutout (LinkedIn & Instagram)
  - Process:
    - Nominations received by the Chamber, BID, Landscape Advisory Board, KCGB Board (SAB), City (Code Enforcement, Economic Development, etc.)
    - Winners selected by advisory board members during joint meeting

**NOMINATION CRITERIA:**

- Property must be within City of Coral Gables limits.
- Has not previously been awarded an award in the past three years.
- Does not have any active zoning/code enforcement violations.
- Utilizes plants, vines, and other landscaping around property, where possible.
- No visible litter or trash daily from the pedestrian area, green spaces and/or parking lanes in front of the business.
- Pressure cleaned sidewalks\* and clean/maintained facades, including storefront windows \*(Pressure cleaning not allowed on Streetscape areas).
- No damaged sidewalks.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

- Exhibits maintained and beautiful landscaping features, where possible.
- Enhances the community through clean and maintained façade, including storefront windows.
- All exterior space is kept litter free (storefronts, alleyways, etc.).
- Enhances the quality of life for citizens in Coral Gables.
- Three pictures of property at time of nomination are required.

*ii. Recent Events*

1. ***Sustainability Bingo: My Squad Earth Month Event April 27<sup>th</sup>*** - Matt and Solanch attended the My-Squad event on April 27<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Earth Month. Matt and Solanch presented and played Sustainability Bingo with the My-Squad group which consisted of 10 participants.
2. ***Dual North America Cleanup Event: May 19<sup>th</sup>*** - Keep Coral Gables Beautiful partnered with Dual North America to host a cleanup event at the entrance of Matheson Hammock and down Old Cutler Road. The event had 9 participants and they collected over 50 pounds of litter in just over an hour and half.
3. ***Spring Cleaning Downtown Cleanup: May 23<sup>rd</sup>*** - Our largest Downtown cleanup to date. We had over 34 participants that collected over 286 pounds of litter and garbage. Mayor Lago donated over \$500 in prizes. Clutch Burger also donated a VIP card for a free burger a month. Next downtown cleanup will take place sometime in August. Thank you to the Chamber and Baptist Health South Florida.
4. ***Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit: May 25<sup>th</sup>*** - Matt attend the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit today on behalf of the City. The event brought together experts from around the region to talk about current progress on protecting and preserving Biscayne Bay.

*iii. Upcoming Sustainability/KCGB Events*

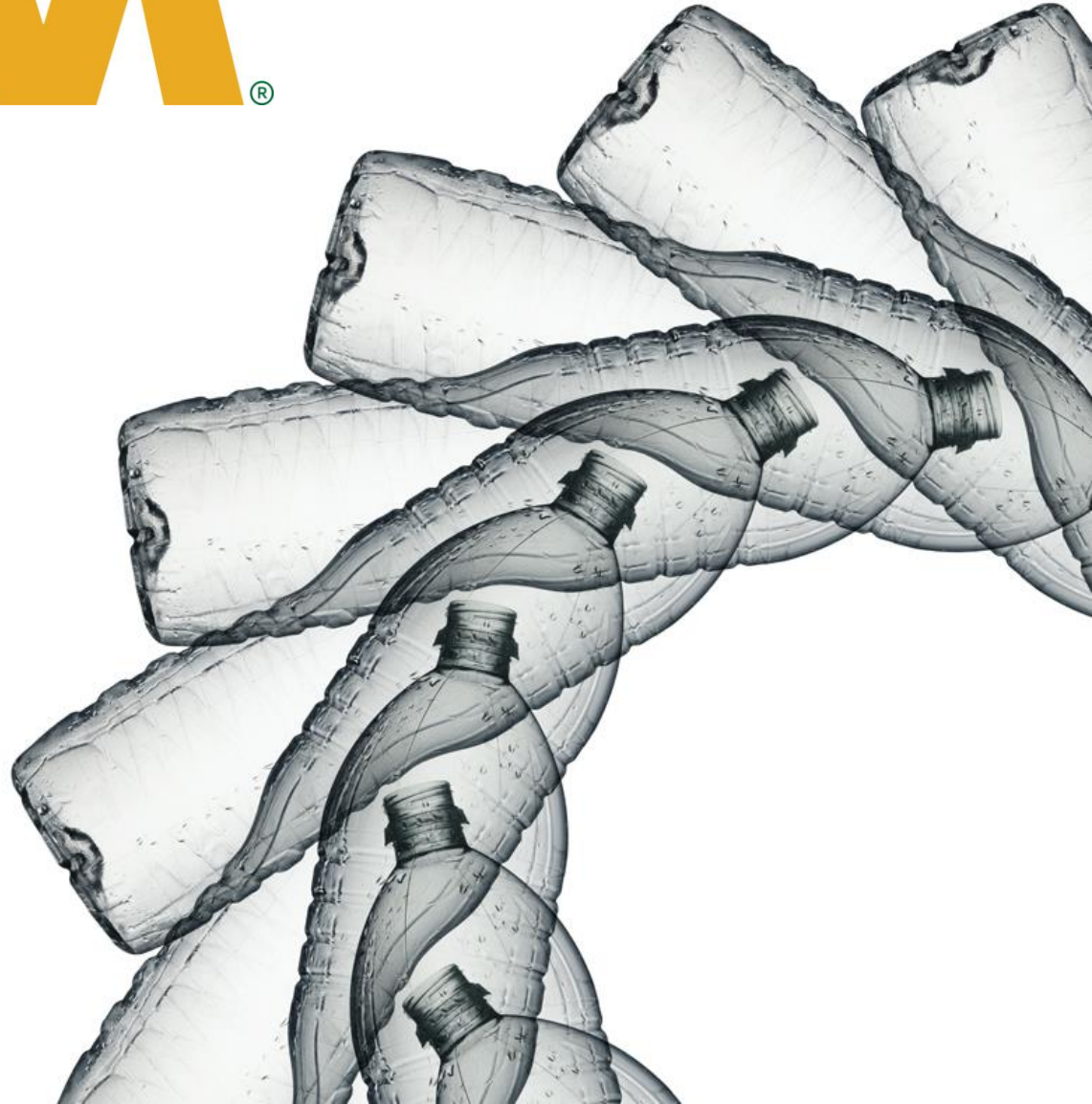
1. ***Drive Green Fleet Expo: May 26<sup>th</sup> at Anne Kolb Nature Center-*** Matt will be attending and sitting on a panel discussion sharing our City's best practices on Electric Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure Implementation.
2. ***Stantec in the Community: June 21<sup>st</sup>***- Keep Coral Gables Beautiful is partnering with Stantec to beautify the entrance at Ponce and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Stantec will be planting new plants at the location. Looking to host future events at historic entrances.

Marlin and Matt attended the Historic Preservation event yesterday (May 24<sup>th</sup>) called "Preserving Our Patrimony. Preserving Our Planet.". Discussion was focused on preserving existing structures/buildings due to embodied carbon. Marlin mentioned the idea was discussed of a residential deconstruction requirement.

**Next Meeting** – June 22, 2022 @ 5 pm

**ADJOURNED: 6:35 pm**

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# Single Stream Recycling



**Correct Items  
To Recycle!**





# Recycling Right!



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# Glass



**Items You  
Should Not  
Recycle!**



**Do Not Recycle!**





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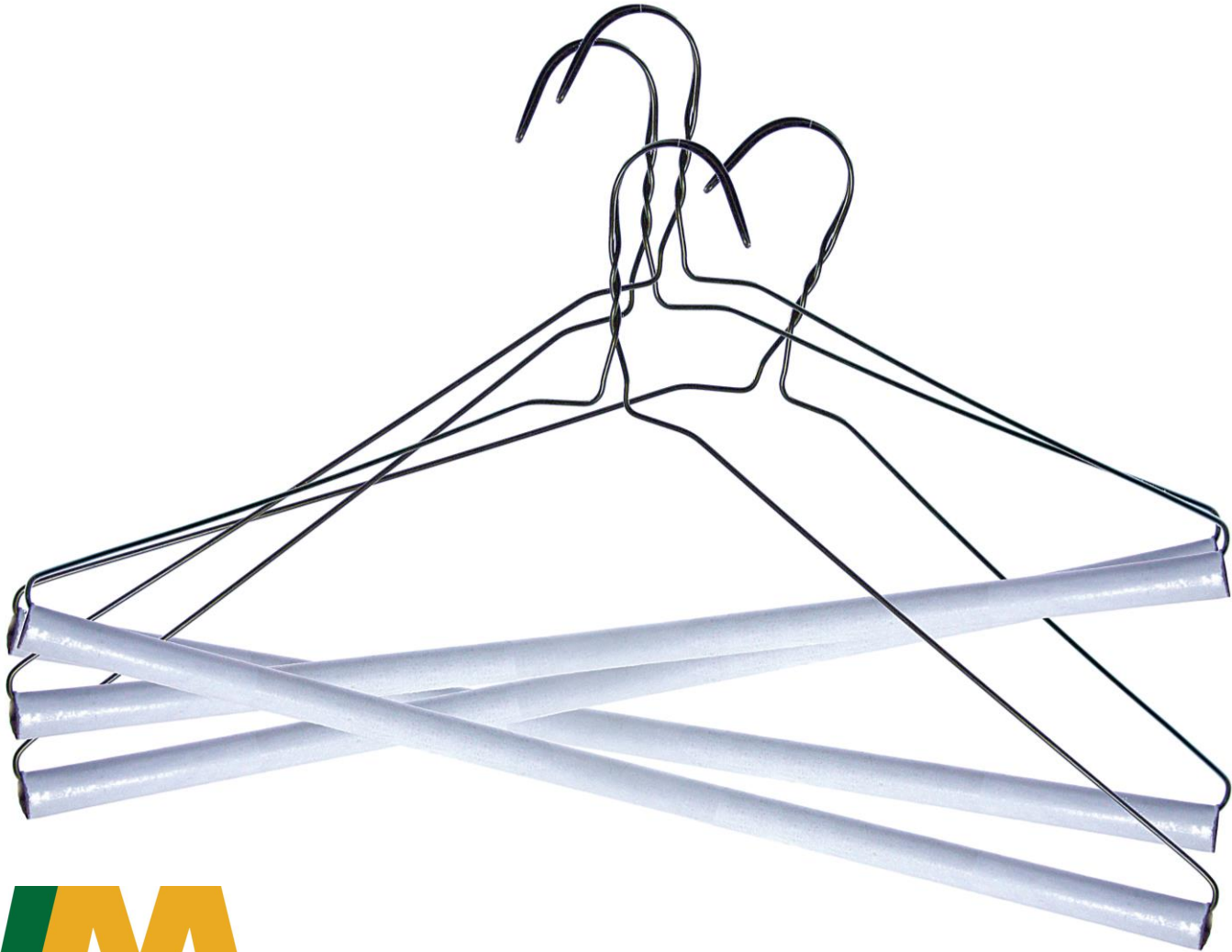




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# Contamination at the Plant

































