

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
 BILTMORE HOTEL (GARDEN CLUB MEETING ROOM)  
 1200 ANASTASIA AVENUE  
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	APPOINTED BY:
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Martin Pinilla	E	*	P	P	E	E	*	P	P	P	*	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Sharon Trbovich	P	*	E	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	Vice Mayor Commissioner Quesada
Rita Teutonico	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	-	-	-	*	E	Commissioner Lago
Greg Hamra	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	E	*	P	P	E	E	*	E	P	P	*	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	P	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, Public Works Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**GUEST:**

Teddy L’Houtellier, UM  
 Rhonda Anderson, C.G. Planning and Zoning Board member  
 Monique Selman , Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Board  
 Luiz Rodriguez, City of Miami Beach Sustainability Committee

**MOTIONS:**

**July 26, 2018 SAB meeting minutes - Sharon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Enrique made a motion to excuse Rita, Sharon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Marlin made a motion to expand the Sustainability Advisory Board to include representatives of the University of Miami and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Sharon made a motion to change the October meeting to Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**GUEST COMMENTS:**

*Monique* asked who does the public call to report a business using plastic bags. She said Havana Harrys continues to use plastic bags. Matt said he will alert Code Enforcement.

*Luiz* asked if the City is planning on expanding and banning or use of other plastic items. Matt said this will be implemented within the Green Business Certification Program.

*Rhonda* reported the Planning and Zoning Board is currently working on the Zoning re-writing.

*Teddy* tomorrow at 9:00 am at the Business School auditorium, UM will be presenting EU Climate Day.

*Presentation on the Coral Gables Sea Level Rise Initiatives* - the City has over 42 miles of coastlines, including the canals and elevation highs of 0 to 22 feet. There are a lot of high areas in Coral Gables, but there are low areas as well. One of the low-lying coast areas is on the east side of Old Cutler. Cartagena Circle is one of the higher points in the City. The City has about \$15 billion in property value (Citywide) and \$3.5 billion along the coast line. A count study was done and there are about 300 boats behind 30 bridges within the city and with the sea level rise concerns, there will be no way to get in or out. There is 2,500 catch basins and inlets, 5,000 have homes. Approximately 6,000 homes in the city are still on septic tanks as is a large portion of Miami Dade County. There is about 264 miles of roadways within the city and 295 acres of parks. Some of the initiatives the City has implemented:

Below is a link to Matt's Presentation on the City's Sea Level Rise Initiatives.

<https://www.coralgables.com/?action=media.media.read&id=178621>

**MEMBER'S REPORT:**

*Marlin* has a friend who helps the homeless and she asked if the Board knew of any one or a place that would donate, gently used men's athletic shoes. *Teddy* asked that *Marlin* send him the contact information via e-mail and he will discuss this with the UM athletics department.

*Martin* and *Teddy* were having a conversation on pursuing the cities purchase of the green area on San Amaro, by collaborating with UM.

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Discussion on expanding membership to the board (University of Miami and Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce) Matt will draft an amended ordinance expanding membership to the UM and the CG Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming Community Meetings/Events/Conferences

- a. Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact Summit (October 24-25) Miami Beach Convention Center
- b. 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Events (November 17<sup>th</sup>)

**Next Meeting – October 15, 2018**

**ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm**