

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017 @5:00P.M.

- MINUTES-

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	APPOINTED BY:
	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	15	16	17	
Ramesh Airan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Cason
Sharon Trbovich	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	Vice Mayor Quesada
Rhonda Anderson	E		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Lago
Roy Wasson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Slesnick
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison
 David Lindsey, Administrative Analyst
 Tiffany Hood, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Ray Airan called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

GUEST:

John Ridley
 Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark

Rhonda Anderson joined the meeting via phone.

MOTIONS:

January 25, 2017 SAB meeting minutes – Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Roy seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Irela made a motion to motioned that the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) is requesting that the city commission instruct the attorney and the city lobbyist to do everything necessary to defeat HB 17. Roy seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Marlin: stated that we've all been appointed by a different Commissioners we all have our different interest and it's amazing how we've taken on different projects. Electronic recycling project has been great 33,000 pounds we will have our next event on Earth Day April 22nd in the City Hall Parking Lot from 9am to 12pm there will also be paper shredding with the police.

Roy: Updated the Board that our electronic vehicle charging stations that are monitored by Chargepoint have reported that there have been 1600 charging sessions and that gasoline consumption has been reduced by 204 gallons Chargepoint reports that that saves nine tons of greenhouse gas emissions. The City fleet of electronic vehicles is a great success of its own we have 20 with 15 coming online later on this year. The City Manager stated that at the onset we started out with a Hybrid-Electric Trolley we found that there were problems with the start-and-stop mechanism and the trolley was not charging and it was not as successful so we migrated out of it. She stated that it's something that we can look back into with Steve Riley.

Irela: Matt and I met with Mark Trowbridge of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, Javier and Jessica from the City to discuss the Green Business recognition program which resulted in a partnership with the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and businesses within the City of Coral Gables. As was discussed at previous board meetings, the program looks to recognize local business for their achievements in sustainability. The program focuses on six key areas: solid waste reduction & recycling, energy conservation, water conservation, transportation alternatives, and green innovation. The program also includes a plastic bag reduction pledge that encourages businesses to voluntarily move away from the use of single use disposable plastic bags. The plan to launch this program is projected for April "Earth Month". She proposes meeting with Whole Foods and Publix to support the program and possibly sponsor and/or provide incentives. The Coral Gables Museum is having a Green Garage Sale on March 11th.

Enrique: Remarked on the color of the lights used in the street lighting on the Streetscape projects and its impact on the residents.

Sharon: commented that she was made aware that some apartment buildings do have recycling. She stated that the City of Coral Gables has a beautiful green canopy.

Rhonda: met with Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director to discuss permeable pavement.

Ray: Updated the Board regarding sustainable roofing and wants City officials to be open minded concerning metal roofing, he commented that it has been met with resistance.

The City of Coral Gables City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark presented to the SAB the City's 3-year Strategic Plan. Matt presented the Sustainability component of the Strategic Plan.

Upcoming Events:

Farmers Market (Jan 14-March 25):

Transportation and Sustainability Department will be participating in one of the upcoming Farmers Markets. Matt will keep the board up to date on which Farmers Market date is chosen. Staff will have a tent with a table and chairs to share sustainability and transportation information with attendees.

Bike to Work Day at the Coral Gables Museum (March 3 7:30am-9am)

Coral Gables Museum Green Garage Sale (March 11)

University of Miami:

Matt stated that they are having their Green Fair on April 21st from 11am - 2pm. David and Matt will have a tent with a table and chairs to share sustainability and transportation information with attendees.

2017 Electronic Recycling Events

Matt has confirmed with STS Electronic recycling the dates for 2017. The first event is taking place on Earth Day Saturday April 22 from 9am-12pm in the City Hall Parking Lot. Great news is we will be partnering with the police department to offer sensitive document shredding as a part of the event as well. John Osgood is also trying to coordinate household hazardous waste collection to be included in the event as well. The second event is scheduled to take place on November 18 which is the first Saturday after America Recycles Day (November 15). There is an additional opportunity to schedule one additional event during the summer if needed, however last year the summer proved to be the lowest turnout in terms of weight of material collected.

The next SAB Meeting is taking place on March 22.

ADJOURNED:

6:30pm