

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
 YOUTH CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM)

Wednesday March 29, 2023, 5:00 P.M.

MEETNG MINUTES

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D				APPOINTED BY:
	23	23	23													
Nicholas Eterovic	P	P	P													Mayor Lago
Carmen Olazabal	P	P	E													Commissioner Fors
Jasper Brock	P	P	E													Commissioner Menendez
Greg Hamra	E	A	P													Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	P													Commissioner Anderson
Martin Pinilla	P	P	P													City Manager Peter Iglesias
Joe Fadel	P	P	P													Sustainability Board-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier	P	P	P													U.M. Representative
Monique Selman	P	P	E													C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	E	P	E													F.I.U. Representative
Gabriela McGrath	E	P	E													Youth Appointment

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

**STAFF:**

Matt Anderson, Assistant Director for Mobility and Sustainability  
 Anthonique Jay, Public Works Administrative Assistant  
 Solanch Lopez, Marketing Manager

**Guest:**

Nicole Gautney, Sustainability Intern  
 Leo Bueno, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 5:05 by Chairperson Marlin Ebbert.

**MOTIONS:**

**February 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes** – Martin moved to approve the meeting minutes, Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Joe moved to excuse Carmen, Jasper, Monique, Piero, and Gabriela from the March meeting; Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PHYSICAL QUORUM (6): Nicholas, Teddy, Marlin, Martin, Joe, Greg.**  
Quorum was met at 5:05pm

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**Public Comments**

Mr. Bueno, resident of Coral Gables, has taken an interest in attempting to get the City's elected officials and staff to remove "unnecessary" signage within the City.

**Member Comments**

1. **Dolphins Challenge Cancer:** As the NFL's largest fundraising event the Miami Dolphins joined forces with the South Florida community for the 13th annual Dolphins Challenge Cancer (DCC XIII), raising funds for innovative cancer research at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, part of UHealth – the University of Miami Health System. Greg wanted to thank the Board members for their support with the Dolphins Cancer Challenge.  
<https://www.miamidolphins.com/news/miami-dolphins-host-dolphins-challenge-cancer-xiii-boasting-record-breaking-part>
2. **Greg Hamra:** After serving six years on the Sustainability Advisory Board, Greg announced his resignation from the Board.
3. **UM**
  - **Earth Month:** Organized by the students there will be a full month of panels and events dedicated to earth month. Matt will be speaking a few panels throughout the month.
  - **Composting:** In partnership with compost for life, UM will be starting the composting pilot program for the Mahoney Pearson Dining Hall. <https://compostforlifemiami.com/>.

**Updates/Recap on City/Sab Initiatives**

**a. Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program Updates (KCGB):**

**i. Recent Events**

1. **Florida Panther Documentary:** On March 19<sup>th</sup>, for Save the Florida Panther Day, the Coral Gables Cinema showed the “Path of the Panther” Documentary, selling out the Cinema with 141 tickets. Marlin, Matt, Solanch, and Nicole attended and spoke on Keep Coral Gables Beautiful and Earth Month events. A second screening will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m.
2. **FIU ASLA Beautification Event at Coral Gables Country Club:** On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5 FIU students in partnership with City’s Greenspace Division and KCGB planted 440 flowers at the entrance of the Coral Gables Country Club Courtyard.
3. **Downtown Community Cleanup:** on March 27<sup>th</sup> Keep Coral Gables Beautiful in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, 30 Volunteers collected over 186 pounds of litter in just an hour. A special thank you went to Baptist Health South Florida for sponsoring the light bites and refreshments, Naked Farmer for the after party, Mayor Lago for donating the cash prizes and Clutch Burger for donating one of their VIP cards.
4. **City Commission Meeting:**
  - **Earth Month Proclamation** - At the March 28<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting, the City Commission declared April as Earth Month in Coral Gables. Commissioner Cason read the proclamation and highlighted the great work that the City is doing on sustainability and KCGB.
  - **Coral Gables Art Cinema Green Business Certification** - At the March 28<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting, the City recognized the Coral Gables Art Cinema as its 9<sup>th</sup> certified Coral Gables Green Business. Congratulations again to the Art Cinema for achieving Silver certification.
  - **Florida Beverage Association Grant** - presented KCGB with the official \$25,000 American Beverage Association Grant certificate that was used for the Reverse Vending Machine program.
  - **Tour of WM Recycling Facility** - On March 6<sup>th</sup> Matt and Commissioner Cason toured the WM Recycling Facility in Pembroke Pines. Matt showed the video to the Board that was provided to the City Commission showing the entire recycling process.
5. **Reverse Vending Machine-** Matt and Solanch provided a program update to the City Commission on the Reverse Vending Machine Program. From November 2022-March 2023 the RVM collected over 5,000 containers with an 80% retention rate. They also thanked CG Cinema and Mankind for their support.

***ii. Upcoming Sustainability Events***

- 1. Plogging Event at Matheson Hammock:*** April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am
- 2. UM Earth Fair:*** April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am
- 3. Recycling Drive-Thru Event:*** April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am
- 4. My Squad Earth Month Event:*** April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

***Next Meeting*** – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

**ADJOURNED:** 6:01 pm.

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