

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
 427 BUILDING  
 427 BILTMORE WAY  
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY:
	18	18	18	18	18	18	19	19	19	*	*	19	
Martin Pinilla	P	*	P	E	*	P	P	E	P	*	*	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Gordan Fales												P	Commissioner Fors
Rita Teutonico	-	*	E	P	*	E	P	P	P	*	*	P	Vice Mayor Lago
Greg Hamra	P	*	P	P	*	P	E	P	P	*	*	E	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	*	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	E	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	P	*	P	P	*	P	P	E	P	*	*	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Irela Bague	P	*	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier								P	E	*	*	P	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman								P	P	*	*	P	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali								P	P	*	*	P	F.I.U. Representative

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

**STAFF:**

Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst  
 David Lindsey, Senior Administrative Analyst  
 Solanch Lopez, Administrative Assistant City Manager’s Office  
 Peter Iglesias, City Manager  
 Ed Santamaria, Assistant City Manager  
 Suramy Cabrera, Development Services Director  
 Devin Cejas, Assistant Development Services Director  
 Suramy Gomez, Sustainability Intern

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Rhonda Anderson, Resident  
 Collete Worm, Resident

**MOTIONS:**

***March 27<sup>th</sup> SAB meeting minutes* – Enrique made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Monique made a motion to excuse Greg and Marlin from the meeting. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Solanch Lopez gave a presentation on *Keep America Beautiful* which is a leading nonprofit. Their mission is “To inspire and educate people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment.”

**Martin made a motion to adopt the resolution for the City to submit an application to the Keep America Beautiful, Inc. The motion was seconded by Enrique. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.**

Matt recapped the Earth Month events and the successful turnout throughout the month. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection event had 1,500 attendees and collected over 12,000 pounds of electronic waste, 12,500 pounds of household hazardous waste, and over 5,000 pounds of shredded and recycled paper. City Manager Iglesias spoke on various sustainable construction projects currently underway throughout the City.

Matt spoke on the 2019-2021 Board Appointments and welcomed Gordan Fales. He reminded the Board that their term ends on May 30, 2021.

Matt updated the Board on the first Green Business Certification in Coral Gables, “I Know Science.” They will be recognized at the next Commission meeting on July 9, 2019. Matt updated the Board on the internship program with Miami-Dade College and other college students that is managed by the Sustainable Public Infrastructure Division.

Skip the Straw will start being enforced on July 9, 2019. The City has been doing an educational campaign through eNews, social media, City website, etc. Matt spoke on the outreach during the educational phase of the campaign.

Since Greg is absent, no one had any updates on The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

**Member Comments**

*Irela* discussed her involvement on the Biscayne Bay Taskforce and how Biscayne Bay is vital to the region’s economy. She also discussed her involvement in the Green Business Certification Program.

*Enrique* discussed his interests in LED lighting and recycling diversion. City Manager Iglesias spoke on the City’s contamination rate (8%) compared to Miami Beach (38%).

Teddy mentioned that UM may go back from single-stream recycling to dual-stream recycling due to the current recycling market.

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*Rita* is interested in solar. *Irela* suggested that we have FPL come to an SAB meeting and discuss their solar program. *Matt* touched on the SolSmart Program and how the City was awarded the Bronze designation.

*Martin* is interested in walkability and trees. He has been trying to get the City to acquire a triangular piece of land near UM's botanical garden. City Manager *Iglesias* said there is no budget for that for the next 2-3 years due to current infrastructure commitments.

*Monique* is concerned about the unintended consequences of the City's initiatives such as the plastic bag ban and LED lights.

*Piero* mentioned that we should transition to reclaimed water in our homes for uses such as toilets. *Gordan* is interested in water and Biscayne Bay.

The Board inquired about the Sunshine Law for the new members. *Matt* suggested that a member from the City's legal team come to SAB to give an overview.

***Irela* made a motion to adjourn. *Martin* seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.**

**Next Meeting – July 24, 2019 at the Coral Gables Garden Center at the Biltmore Hotel.**

**ADJOURNED: 7:00 pm**