

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2026

8:30 AM

Communications/Public Affairs Conference Room

Mayor's Citizens Advisory Council

Chairperson Sergio Leymarie
Vice Chairperson Mary Snow
Board Member Alexander Bucelo
Board Member Rudford Hamon
Board Member Jeffrey Kurzner
Board Member Sean McGrover
Board Member Arnold Weil

TO JOIN VIA ZOOM:

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chairperson Leymarie, Vice Chairperson Snow, Board Member Kurzner, Board Member Hamon, Board Member McGrover and Board Member Weil

Absent: 1 - Board Member Bucelo

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MEMBERS SHARE INPUT FROM RESIDENTS

Member Snow: There are growing concerns from residents about teenagers riding motor bikes throughout the city.

Member Kurzner: A Coral Gables High School student was recently involved in a fatal accident while riding an E-scooter to school.

UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

Members share updates on current projects:

Chair Leymarie requested an update on the downtown business district at next Mayor's Council meeting.

Vice chair Snow discussed a recent article about upcoming commercial leases coming into city. City staff will share with council.

Member Kurzner updated the group that data was being collected at the new crosswalk on Riviera and Altara Avenues. He also shared missing categories that could be added to the current green business certification program. Those suggestions will be shared with the city's sustainability department.

UPDATES ON CITY INITIATIVES

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Following up from the most recent discussion of the "Multi-family Residential Green Certification Program" using the Green Business Certification program application as a starting point to create a simple, tangible program where multi-family buildings and HOAs can participate in a green certification program with different levels of recognition based on participation.

These are the suggested guidelines for the proposed Multi-family Residential Green Certification Program:.

Checklist 1 - General Sustainability Practices

- Environmental Policy - Incorporates a statement of commitment to environmental protection into the mission/goals of your HOA.
- Inform your residents - Educate residents on green initiatives and highlight it on marketing materials and social media
- Property Manager and tenants - Connect with the property manager and/or tenants to get others on board or to make changes pertaining to waste, recycling, water & energy conservation, pollution prevention, and/or transportation.

Checklist 2 - Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling

- Recycle Program - Should currently have or establish a recycling program
- Composting Program - Establish and install a compost drop-off station
- Place recycle bins next to waste bins in common areas
- Circulate Waste Management Services information sheet to all tenants on a yearly basis
- Provide signage in enclosed trash areas - Do's and Don'ts of recycling

Checklist 3 - Energy Conservation

- Replace incandescent bulbs with LED
- Encourage SMART thermostats
- Install lighting controls - occupancy sensors/ delay timers
- Ensure/conduct regular maintenance of HVAC and refrigeration system
- Replace outdated/ low impact windows and doors with weather tight, product approved windows and doors
- Replace washers/dryers in common laundry room with energy efficient models
- Pool equipment - install energy efficient pumps and run pool pumps conservatively
- Utilize cool roof coating

Checklist 4 - Water Conservation

- Track water use - track monthly water use and monitor bills for leaks. Set water reduction targets and measure progress

- Replace older toilets and water fixtures with high efficiency models
- Install water efficient irrigation and utilize rain gauges to skip watering when appropriate
- Use environmentally friendly insecticide/pesticides
- Keep loading docks, dumpsters and parking areas free of chemicals/ contaminants/ debris
- Create a plumbing inspection program to help unit owners' identify opportunities for water efficiency
- Install Florida-friendly/ native landscaping
- Install grey water systems for irrigation

Checklist 5 - Pollution Prevention

- Prohibit washing activities where runoff can go straight into a storm drain
- Use safe cleaning products in common areas - low toxicity/ chemicals that are safe for the environment

Checklist 6 - Transportation Alternatives

- Install bicycle infrastructure - bike racks
- Install electric car charging stations

Mayor's Office will work on an upcoming newsletter on behalf of the Mayor's Council in honor of Earth Month.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ends at 9:35 a.m.

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