

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

Wednesday December 14, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

MEETNG MINUTES

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

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

STAFF:

Matt Anderson, City Resiliency and Sustainability Manager
 Anthonique Jay, Public Works Administrative Assistant
 Solanch Lopez, Assistant to the City Manager

Guest:

Nicole Gautney, Sustainability Intern

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MOTIONS:

October 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Carmen moved to approve the meeting minutes, Joe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

PHYSICAL QUORUM (7): Marlin, Gabi, Joe, Carmen, Piero, Teddy, Nicholas,
Quorum was met at 5:09pm

Member Comments

- 1. Coral Gables Senior High:** Gabi informed the Board, in January of 2023 CGSH sustainability club will be starting their back of the house composting, sponsored by the PTSA district environmental committee and Renuable. A group of students started the green coalition club that will work with all the other service clubs in the school to get students more involved and engaged to be more of a green culture within CGSH.
- 2. Composting:** Matt, Solanch and Marlin are scheduled to meet in January with the sustainability manager for MDCPS to learn about what they are working on and what initiatives they are taking, and possibly to collaborate with the City to get other schools in Coral Gables involved.
- 3. Resilient Florida:** Is stated funded for municipalities to apply to for different resiliency projects. Due to recent State requirements for receiving funding, the City had to complete an updated vulnerability assessment. If selected, the City would receive this fully funded grant. Carmen inquired about the status of the grants that the City has applied for. Matt stated no update was provided.
- 4. Matheson Hammocks:** is the most vulnerable place in the City right now due to the sea level rise. Miami Dade County does have a plan in place for the high tides and has raised the roads in the past in the area due to flooding.
- 5. Carbon Border Adjustment:** On December 13, 2022, the European Union agreed on terms of imposing the tax on imports, based on their greenhouse gas emissions and production of materials produced outside of the EU. This is called a carbon border adjustment and the City of Coral Gables Commission voted to support.

Updates/Recap on City/Sab Initiatives

- 1. *Bill Baggs State Park:*** Matt and Solanch presented at the Bill Baggs State Park along with Cycle Technology for the Reverse Vending Machine, to the Florida Beverage Association of America foundation for a healthy America. Matt discussed the City's sustainability and resiliency initiatives and Solanch spoke on KCGB.
- 2. *Downtown Community Cleanup:*** On November 7th, 2022, KCGB in partnership with the Chamber and Mayor, hosted the Holiday Downtown Cleanup. (26) volunteers collected over 165.8 pounds of trash.
- 3. *2040 Documentary Screening:*** On November 14th, 2022, Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson and Marlin, the film "2040" was screened at the Coral Gables Cinema with (72) attendees.
- 4. *Reverse Vending Machine Unveiling:*** On November 16th, 2022, KCGB unveiled the Reverse Vending Machine at the Youth Center. Within a month of the unveiling the vending machine, it collected over 1,400 containers with the retention rate of 79.4%. In partnership with the Coral Gables Cinema, for the first bimonthly contest, the first top 10 award winners will receive free popcorn or movie tickets to the cinema. To promote the vending machine and support local businesses, Matt and Solanch are partnering with businesses within Coral Gables for the bimonthly contest to become creative partners.
- 5. *Critter Talk:*** On December 3rd, 2022, (40) participants attended the Critter Talk at the Coral Gables Youth Center. Pelican Harbor discussed on conservation and released a hawk that was injured in the Coral Gables area.
- 6. *Business Recycling Drive-Thru:*** On December 3rd, 2022, KCGB in partnership with Economic Development hosted the first Business Recycling Drive-Thru Event. (32) businesses attended and 878 pounds of electric waste were collected, along with 50 pounds of professional clothing donated to the Camillus House.

Next Meeting – January 25th, 2023, 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNED: 6:02 pm.