

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
 CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS (BOARD MEMBERS ONLY)  
 GUEST CAN ATTEND VIA ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	APPOINTED BY:
	19	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Martin Pinilla	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	E	P	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Gordan Fales	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*		P	P	P	Commissioner Fors
Rita Teutonico	E	E	E	*	*	*	*	*	P	E	P	P	Vice Mayor Lago
Greg Hamra	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	E	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*		P	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Irela Bague	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier	P	E	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	E	P	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	E	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	E	P	P	F.I.U. Representative

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

**HYBRID MEETING**

In Person Quorum: Teddy Lhoutellier, Irela Bague, Piero Gardinali; Monique Selman; Marlin Ebbert, Gordan Fales, and Martin Pinilla.

Virtual (via Zoom): Enrique Bernal, Greg Hamra, and Rita Teutonico

**STAFF:**

Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst  
 Solanch Lopez, Administrative Assistant City Manager’s Office

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Rhonda Anderson, Coral Gables Resident

**MOTIONS:**

***October 28, 2020 SAB meeting minutes*** –Marlin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Marlin made a motion to award the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place Photo Contest participants a \$50 gift certificate; Monique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**The board made a motion to have the Commission move forward and consider passing a resolution in support of Bill H.R. 763 (Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act); The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Martin made a motion to cancel December’s meeting; Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A

Updates on Ongoing City and SAB Initiatives

- Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program (Photo Contest, etc.) - the data for the number of lbs. collected during the International Coastal Cleanup Season, is still in process. One of the initiatives taken during that season was the photo contest and other contest hosted throughout the City with prizes made possible by a donation from the Lago Family and the Community Foundation. Today the Board will select the winners of the photo contest. A shout out to Mr. Carlos who is the winner of the four (4) or more club contest (those who completed four or more cleanups throughout the cleanup season and submitted their photo proofs and clean swale app reports that shows how many lbs. they collected). Solanch demonstrated the photos to the Board for their selection of the Photo contest winners.

The Board’s selection;

1<sup>St</sup> prize went to the photo with 41 votes

2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to the photo with 34 votes (the Kids)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize went to the photo with 34 votes

There will be a presentation at the next Commission Meeting that will sum up the results from the International Coastal Cleaning and the Household Hazardous Waste event. The Chairperson congratulated all the winners and thanked them for all the cleanup they did.

- America Recycles Day Proclamation (Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting) – Matt and Marlin attended the November 10<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting where the City passed a proclamation declaring

November 15, 2020 as America Recycles Day in Coral Gables. Marlin accepted on behalf of the Sustainability Board.

- Fertilizer Resolution (Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting) - Commissioner Keon sponsored a resolution supporting the County's Fertilizer Ordinance that was passed on first reading in October and is scheduled to go back to the County Commission early next year. Some highlights include: the restrictive period for using fertilizer with nitrogen and phosphorus is from May 15<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The fertilizer free zones where you are not allowed to apply fertilizer is 25' buffer zone, from any water body or seawall.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event (Saturday Nov 14<sup>th</sup>) - as Matt shared last week's events with the Board, Solanch provided a slide of pictures. It was the biggest event to date with 615 vehicles driving through in just 3 hours. Almost 10,000 lbs. of shredded documents, over 17,000 lbs. of e-waste (the largest to date within the last 4 years), still waiting on the Household Hazardous Waste portion of it, but that puts us at over 200,000 lbs. of household hazardous and e-waste collected over the last 4 years. The Chairperson expressed gratitude towards Marlin Ebert for being the brainchild of this event. This started as a small event and has grown into one of the best services that can be provided to the Coral Gables residents, it was born out of the S.A.B. committee and Irela is very proud of it. Matt has April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and November 6, 2021 as the tentative dates for the 2021 HHW Collection Events.
- Community Discussion on Water & Water Quality (Thursday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) - November 5<sup>th</sup> through Commissioner Keon's office there was a virtual community discussion with a lot of Q & A. The Chairperson also congratulated Matt and the communications team for this excellent event. The presentations and a recording of the event are located at [www.coralgables.com/stormwater](http://www.coralgables.com/stormwater)
- Optimize Energy and Water Efficiency in City Facilities Projects - Fire Station #3 has been completely retro fitted with LED lighting. The facilities that have been LED retro fitted so are Public Works, Merrick House, portion of City Hall and the 427 building. Currently the City is working on retro fitting Venetian Pool.

*Upcoming Events -*

***Dream In Green/UM/Coral Gables Water and Energy Workshop: Friday December 11 (12-1pm) Registration Link & Zoom Link*** – Matt will be partnering up with Teddy (UM), Miami Dade County and Dream in Green for a virtual workshop aimed at educating on water & energy efficiency.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

*Monique* requested an update on the County's septic to sewer report that was put out over a year ago – Matt advised that the City is looking into this and verifying the data the County collected.

*Monique* asked if there is any consideration for Miami Dade Water and Sewer on new construction, if close to an 8" water main that the developer can pay to connect. Irela said, that language does not exist, but it should.

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*Greg* – provided an update on a new marketing video that was commemorating the 100 local governments who endorsed the big policy that would create the conditions to many of the things that are worked on locally. Visit [www.bitly.com/100resos](http://www.bitly.com/100resos)

**Next Meeting** – The December 16, 2020 at 5pm was canceled at the request of the board. The Board will meet next on **Wednesday January 27, 2021 at 5pm.**

**ADJOURNED:** 6:30 pm