

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES LIBRARY
 3443 SEGOVIA STREET. 33134

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

STAFF:

Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst
 Solanch Lopez, Administrative Assistant City Manager’s Office
 Brook Dannemiller, Assistant P.W. Director Landscape Services
 Jeannette Reyes, P.W. Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

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

GUESTS:

Collete Worm, Resident
 Molly Gail Kiely
 Jane Holland, Guest

MOTIONS:

July 24, 2019 and September 25, 2019 SAB meeting minutes – Greg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marlin made a motion to excuse Enrique, Martin and Rita, Monique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marlin made a motion in support of the Fertilizer Ordinance, Monique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

First Reading Fertilizer Ordinance –

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY CREATING SECTION 82-8 “APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER” IN CHAPTER 82- VEGETATION, ARTICLE 1- IN GENERAL; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Brook read the drafted ordinance to the members. Therefore clauses;

82-8- Application of Fertilizer

(a) *Prohibition.* No person shall apply fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus to turf or landscape plants during the prohibited application period, which will run from June 1 to September 30 each year. In addition, no fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous shall be applied to turf or landscape plants when a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Watch or Warning is in effect for the City.

(b) *Exemptions.* This prohibition shall not apply to golf courses and athletic fields when fertilizers are applied by or under the direction of a professional with a valid certification from the Golf Course Best Management Practice Certification Program and fertilizer must be applied following the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality on Florida Golf Courses. Golf course and athletic field managers shall provide proof of valid certification to the City prior to the prohibited application period, each year. This prohibition shall also not apply to: (i) any lands used for bona fide scientific research, including, but not limited to, botanical gardens, and research on the effects of fertilizer use on urban stormwater, water quality, agronomics and horticulture; or (ii) Bona fide farm operations as defined in the Florida Right to Farm Act, Section 823.14, Florida Statutes, provided that fertilizers are applied in accordance with the appropriate best management practices manual adopted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Agricultural Water Policy for the crop in question.

(c) *Application area.* Outside of the prohibited application period, fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus shall not be applied within fifteen (15) feet of any pond, stream, watercourse, lake, canal, or wetland as defined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or within fifteen (15) feet from the top of a seawall. In no case shall any type of fertilizer be dumped, broadcast, washed, swept, or blown into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances or water bodies.

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(d) *Enforcement.* Given the serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare of violations of this Section, along with the irreparable and irreversible nature of such violations, in accordance with Florida Statutes, no warning shall be given by a code enforcement officer prior to the issuance of a citation.

Matt stated that there is an educational video by Waterkeeper Alliance as well as educational flyers. Matt also mentioned if any board member has any suggestions to please provide it.

The Chairperson asked if any research was done on other cities who passed the Fertilizer Ordinance and if so, what was the outcomes and how successful has it been. Brook said Miami Waterkeeper has done research on the West coast who have had the fertilizer ordinance in affect longer and it is much more extensive.

Marlin suggested advertising on the e-news, anyone getting rid of roundup they can take it to the Saturday, November 16, 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection event at the City Hall parking lot from 9 am – 12 pm .

Update on Sustainability Initiatives: *to be continued*

Upcoming Meeting Events: *to be continued*

Members Comments: *to be continued*

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2019

ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm