

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBERS MEETING (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.

MEETNG MINUTES

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>A</b> 20	<b>S</b> 20	<b>O</b> 20	<b>N</b> 20	<b>D</b> 20	<b>J</b> 21	<b>F</b> 21	<b>M</b> 21	<b>A</b> 21	<b>M</b> 21	<b>J</b> 21	<b>J</b> 21	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
Rita Teutonico	P	E	P	P	*	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	Mayor Lago
Carmen Olazabal		P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Commissioner Fors
Jasper Brock	P	E	P	P	*	A	P	P	E	E	E	E	Commissioner Menendez
Greg Hamra	P	P	E	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	E	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Anderson
Martin Pinilla		P	P	P	*	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Joe Fadel	P	P	P	P	*	P	*	*		*	*	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman	P	P	E	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	P	E	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	F.I.U. Representative

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

**STAFF:**

Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst  
 Solanch Lopez, Assistant to the City Manager

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chairperson, Marlin Ebbert called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

**GUESTS:**

Nicolas Eterovic

**MOTIONS:**

***June 23, 2021, meeting minutes – Martin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Carmen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

**Martin made a motion to excuse Greg, Jasper, Rita and Monique, Carmen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**PHYSICAL QUORUM (6): Marlin, Martin, Carmen, Joe, Piero, and Teddy**

Marlin introduced the new member Joe Fadel, who was appointed to the Board as the Commission-As-A-Whole.

Joe said he is excited to be a part of the board; in this broad field Sustainability, and he is looking forward to sharing his thoughts with everyone.

***City Commission Agenda Items: Sustainability***

Matt mentioned that at the previous Commission meeting they had the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful updates on the agenda, but it was moved to the next Commission meeting. Matt will also coordinate with future Commission meetings, to bring back the businesses that were certified under the Green Business program but unable to be recognized, due to COVID.

Marlin would like for Matt to send the Green Business application to her to share with the Cinema.

***a) Mayor's Strategic Plan***

Marlin suggested on moving the Mayors Strategic Plan to the September 22, 2021, meeting.

**Updates/Recap on City/SAB Initiatives**

Marlin shared the flyer she received today in the mail, on recycling. The flyer should've gone out with the waste bill but unfortunately there was an error made by the company we use for printing and mailouts. The flyers were mailed out separate, at no cost to the city.

The top recycling items on the recycling flyer are narrow neck plastic bottles, and containers, cans, cardboards, and aluminum.

At the last meeting Solanch mentioned the possibility of launching a battery recycling program, well that is now a reality. The pilot program was launched with 4 city locations (City Hall, Public Works, Youth Center and the PSB) to drop off your old and used batteries. Anyone interested in more information on the battery recycling program and what batteries are being accepted please visit [www.coralgables.com/batteries](http://www.coralgables.com/batteries)

July marks the one-year anniversary of being Keep Coral Gables Beautiful affiliates. To recap, there have been 9 events programs; clean up season program, battery recycling program, household hazardous waste, etc. Combined; it equals close to 5,000 participants volunteers; it

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also equals 216,672 lbs. or 108 tons of litter household hazardous waste and electronics that have been collected or recycled or cleaned up from city and parks.

In the 1st year of affiliation we have received 17,500 in grants, 3,500 in kind donations as well as actual monetary donations from then Vice Mayor Lago and from the Community Foundation.

Matt added that the city is partnering with the County and volunteercleanup.org for an International Coastal Cleanup Day taking place on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 9 am to 12 pm.

Matt and Solanch will be meeting with 100 yards of Hope tomorrow, to propose the short film at the Cinema on trying to restore coral in South Florida.

Another partnership taking place is with the Parks Department to do a pollinator education event called Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Parks Palooza, this is still in the preliminary stages, as the information rolls in, it will be provided to the Board.

The Girl Scout leader of South Florida reached out to Matt and wants to know how they can partner up with the city and coordinate a clean up with the Girl Scouts of all over, not only Coral Gables but also Miami Dade County. This is also in the preliminary stage and information will be provided to the Board as it is received.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Greg* – will forward an initiative to Matt to share with the Board. The state of Florida needs 100 to 200 letters where there is a push to get the Biden Administration to use reconciliation to put carbon pricing into the plan to meet what the EU is doing with their carbon border mechanism.

*Teddy* – next week August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the arboretum, in the garden there will be a rain barrel workshop. Teddy has an intern who is doing research on how we can help generate carbon offset by simply planting more.

**Next Meeting** – August 25, 2021

**ADJOURNED:** 6:21 pm