



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 16, 2015

ITEM TITLE:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2010-11, renaming the Green Task Force, decreasing membership, membership qualifications, broadening the purpose; and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Green Task Force was established by Ordinance No. 2010-11 on July 13, 2010 for the purpose of promoting environmental sustainability for the City, which is a way of living and conducting business to ensure a quality of life for the future of Coral Gables. The Task Force is responsible for making non-binding recommendations for taking environmentally progressive actions within the City in support of promoting environmental sustainability.

Since its creation, the Green Task Force has helped create a number of initiatives within the City including:

- Development of the Sustainability Specialist Position.
- Development of the Sustainability Master Plan.
- Development of the Transportation and Sustainability Division within Public Works.
- Implementation of Cardboard recycling.
- Recommendation to join the Ygrene Initiative that provides 100% financing to commercial and residential property owners for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation improvements.

In response to Green Task Force membership and City Commission feedback, this ordinance amendment was developed to provide for continued oversight by a Sustainability Advisory Board of the implementation of the Sustainability Master Plan. Staff is recommending the following changes be made that include updating the mission and purpose, reducing the overall number of appointed members, and removing restrictions on the qualifications needed to be an appointed member.

Please see below for a summary of recommended changes to the ordinance governing the Sustainability Advisory Board.

- Change the name from Green Task Force to the Sustainability Advisory Board.

- Add responsibilities of the Sustainability Advisory Board to now include oversight of the implementation of the Sustainability Master Plan.
- Reduce the number of members appointed by the Commission and City Manager from eleven (11) to seven (7).
- Change the membership qualifications to individuals who may not be professionals in the sustainability and environmental fields but instead have a strong desire and motivation to see the City of Coral Gables become more sustainable and environmentally focused.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager
		

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Ordinance No. 2010-11