

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY:
	17	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	17	
Martin Pinilla	P												Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Sharon Trbovich	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	A	E	P	E	Commissioner Quesada
Rhonda Anderson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Lago
Greg Hamra	P											P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				E	Vice Mayor Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Irela Bague	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison
 Tiffany Hood, Administrative Assistant
 Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director, Transportation and Sustainability

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Vice Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

GUEST:

Roy Wasson
 Luiz Rodriguez

MOTIONS:

June 27, 2017 SAB meeting minutes – Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes. Marlin seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Enrique made a motion to excuse Marlin. Sharon seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board made a motion to support The City of Coral Gables Sustainable Complete Streets Policy, which was seconded and then unanimously approved.

Overview of the Coral Gables Sustainable Complete Streets Policy

Jessica provided a high-level overview of the Complete Streets Policy. It takes into account the safety of all modes of travel in designing streets, not just automobiles. She gave an example of a Complete Streets project, which was the re-striping of high visibility crosswalks which will help train drivers to stop for pedestrians. The Commission has talked about the importance of changing driving education in the state to include awareness of pedestrians and cyclists. Jessica also mentioned the ongoing sidewalk extension project. The City has added over 3.8 miles of new sidewalk extensions since FY16. She also mentioned what differentiates Complete Streets from other policies passed by the county, it that in incorporates sustainability. There are examples where this type of policy can help the city resolve a conflict where a homeowner may not want to build the sidewalk in front of their home, and this policy can help in highlighting the importance of a connected network of sidewalks. Martin asked if sidewalks are required on both sides of the streets, and Jessica responds that they are. What she was asking for is the support of the Sustainability Advisory Board's on this policy. (Presentation is attached to the minutes)

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Martin: Introduced himself and spoke about how excited he is to be appointed by Mayor Valdes-Fauli to this sustainability advisory board. Martin said he has long had an interest in creating more walkable and livable streets along with being an advocate for planting more trees.

Sharon: Is very interested in the new Solar Ordinance that recently passed in South Miami requiring all new construction and major renovations of 75% or more to require solar panels to be incorporated into the construction project. According to South Miami, it would impact about 10 homes per year.

Irela: Is continuing to work on developing the green business recognition program with Matt and the SEE Green Committee with the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. She is working on getting it approved by all those involved and ready to be rolled out to the businesses in the next few months. It provides an opportunity for businesses to get recognized for the great environmental initiatives they are implementing at their businesses. The program also provides information/recommendations/resources on additional green business practices they can look to implement. Irela also mentioned the success of the inaugural Biscayne Bay Health Summit and congratulated Luiz on all for the work he did to help organize the event. (The event is summarized more below)

Marlin: She has been working with Matt on coordinating the upcoming electronic recycling event which is taking place on Saturday November 18th. During the last collection event in April the City collected 17,864 pounds of e waste, and 6,980 pounds of household hazardous waste. Matt discussed the importance of have all three components (household hazardous waste, electronic recycling and paper shredding) for every collection event going forward. Marlin also

discussed collaborating with the Coral Gables Art Cinema on showing a sustainability themed movie. Marlin will discuss with the board of the CG Art Cinema.

Rhonda: Discussed metal roofing (sustainable roofing materials) and is working with Commissioner Lago to make a presentation highlighting the economic and environmental benefits of using sustainable roofing material when installing a new roof. Rhonda also discussed businesses south of the LeJuene which are not recycling. Matt pointed out there is a county ordinance in place that requires all businesses to recycle. There are large fines associated with not recycling but the enforcement is primarily complaint driven. Waste Management has also made it a priority to increase outreach to businesses in the Gables. Matt and Irela will follow up with representatives from Waste Management on this. Matt did mention that in the last Waste Bill to residents that the new recycling flyer was included and we have received a number of recycling bin request as a result. It was a great example of direct marketing.

Greg: Greg discussed the news of the climate caucus that is now up to 25 democrats and 25 republicans working on climate related issues and legislation. One of the requirements of a member of Congress joining the caucus is they have to bring another member of Congress along from the opposing party.

Biscayne Bay Health Summit

The Biscayne Bay Health Summit took place on June 28th at FIU North Campus. Matt and Irela attended. Irela and Matt called the event a great success and were extremely impressed on the number of attendees and organizations that were a part of the event. The health of Biscayne Bay is of vital importance to the environment and the local economy in South Florida. As a result of this summit there is a renewed sense of urgency to protect this vital resource. Matt spoke at the summit about all of the city's environmental initiatives (mainly prohibition on plastic bags and expanded polystyrene).

Commissioner Lago's Town Hall Meeting

Also took place on June 28th. Jessica was there and spoke on all of the great work the City is doing on transportation and sustainability. Commissioner Lago holds these Town Halls twice a year with the goal of sharing all of the great work the City is doing, answering resident's questions, and getting residential input.

Resilient Cities Summit

Matt was invited by Mayor Valdes-Fauli to attend the Resilient Cities Summit that took place July 17-19 in Stowe, Vermont. The 2017 Resilient Cities Summit which was organized by the National League of Cities, the US Green Building Council, and the Urban Land Institute brought together Mayors from all over the country including California, Arizona, Florida, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Vermont and New York along with city staff and subject matter experts from both the federal government and national organizations to discuss strategies to make cities more resilient.

Matt spoke of the important for the City of Coral Gables to be involved in the national discourse on resiliency as South Florida continues to be at the forefront of dealing with issues related to sea level rise.

Upcoming Events:

PARKing Day: PARKing Day is taking place on the third Friday in September; September 15, 2017: PARK(ING) Day is an opportunity for people to temporarily turn on-street parking spaces into public places. This international event raises awareness about the importance of a walkable, livable, healthy city and helps people re-think how our streets can be used. The City is encouraging local businesses to convert their parking spaces to green spaces. Last year we had 8 businesses participate and we want to build on that success. For more information please visit www.coralgables.com/sustainability and click on PARKing Day

Household Hazardous Waste, Paper Shredding and Electronic Recycling Event: The next event is taking place on Saturday November 18th from 9am-12pm in the City Hall Parking lot. We will continue to include all three components (household hazardous waste, electronic recycling and paper shredding). More information on the event can be found at www.coralgables.com/electronicrecycling

Green Cinema Event: Marlin will try to coordinate with the Coral Gables Cinema on showing a sustainability related film sometime in November. Marlin mentioned the best night to have that type of event is probably on a Tuesday. It would be great to organize a few events centered around the collection event on the 18th and America Recycles Day on the 15th.

Recycling 101 Part II: Based on the success on last year's recycling 101 seminar, the board discussed new ideas to incorporate into another event this year around America's Recycles Day in November including recycling art and projects for kids. Matt and Irela will work with the Museum on identifying a date and report back at the next meeting.

The South Florida Regional Climate Compact's Climate Summit: December 14 and 15th: The Summit is taking place in Ft. Lauderdale. Matt, Jessica, and the mayor will be attending. In August 2015, the City signed on as a municipal partner of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact. The Compact is a regional effort across Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. The Compact is the first of its kind throughout the country and represents "a new form of regional climate governance designed to allow local governments to set the agenda for adaptation while providing an efficient means for state and federal agencies to engage with technical assistance and support".

Term Appointments: Enrique, Greg, Martin, Rhonda, Sharon and Marlin have all been appointed. The new appointments run from June 1st 2017 to May 31st of 2019. The only outstanding appointment is Irela who is the Commission as a whole appointment. A final decision should be made at the next Commission Meeting on August 29th.

ADJOURNED:

6:39 pm