

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
 BILTMORE HOTEL (GARDEN CLUB MEETING ROOM)
 1200 ANASTASIA AVENUE
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2018 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

STAFF:

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

GUEST:

Teddy L’Houtellier, UM
 Jon Van Leer, UM
 Rita Teutonico, FIU
 Robert Ruano, Transportation Advisory Board
 Meredith Sharkey, Coral Gables Sustainability Intern.
 Megan Riveria, Coral Gables Sustainability Intern
 Rhonda Anderson, Resident
 Monique S., Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Board
 Daniel Zavala, Resident
 Jason Neal, Waste Management

MOTIONS:

***June 13, 2018 SAB meeting minutes* - Sharon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Sharon made a motion to nominate Marlin as the Sustainability Advisory Board Vice Chairperson, Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sharon made a motion to use the same resolution language as the Transportation Advisory Board proposing that the City adds sidewalks to collector streets, Enrique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments - Jon Van Leer asked the Board if they have considered a City resolution endorsing Carbon Fee and Dividend. Greg will discuss this during his members report.

Discussion on Sidewalks on Collector Streets – the initiative is to address the walking issues in Coral Gables. Mr. Ruano resides off Alhambra by the Biltmore and the stretch, from the canal to Bird Road has no sidewalks. He found out that roads like Alhambra, Riviera, Granada and Blue are collector roads that take up to 8,000 cars a day. Currently, if two-thirds concurrency of the impacted residents agree, the City will install sidewalks for free. A resolution, adopting a 0% concurrency policy for collector streets was presented to the Transportation Advisory Board, it was unanimously approved last month. Mr. Ruano is asking the S.A.B. for support, he will also go to the Parks Board and the School Committees for their support to try and get it on the Commissions agenda.

Matt introduced two of his interns, Meagan and Meredith. They have been working with him during the summer assisting in research and policy development.

Green Business Initiatives – Irela stated that it was presented to the Commission to good reviews. The Commission had some comments therefore the Board is currently working on the financial incentive issues. Irela thanked Jason Neal and Monique who are members of the Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Board, for collaborating with the S.A.B.

Matt mentioned the Commission is in complete support of what the Board is doing, they are excited about seeing the program kick-off. Staff is looking into working out some financial incentives that can be provided to businesses. Businesses that are interested in joining can fill out an application on line they will forward it to Matt, he will review it then staff will go out and make sure they are complying with the guidelines. There are other Cities that have reached out and that are interested in what the S.A.B. is doing, also there are over 78 different actions a business can take.

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Martin Walkability & Parks – Martin spoke with Mayor Valdes-Fauli who is in support of the initiative to convert an open green space on Campo Sano, San Amaro Drive and San Amaro Court into a park. Martin found out that Commissioner Lago, who provided history on this green space, was also interested in doing the same thing.

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Enrique Pet Waste Station – Enrique has been trying for 5 months to get a pet waste station. He has submitted several e-mails and has spoken with the City Manager. He stated the City is only interested in providing this service in certain neighborhoods. Matt will coordinate a meeting with Fred from Parks, Enrique and himself to discuss this process.

Sharon – mentioned her trash is not being picked up. Matt said he will follow up with Sanitation and ensure missed pick-ups are resolved.

Marlin – very happy she received trash and recycling information flyer in the mail with the trash bill. Starting to work on planning for April's Earth month events.

Greg – no significant climate action has been seen from a Republican member of Congress in a decade. In 2008, both Republicans and Democratic presidential candidates ran with carbon pricing on their platform. On Monday, July 23, 2018 Congressman Corbello introduced the Carbon Tax.

Next Meeting – September 26, 2018

ADJOURNED: 6:40 pm