

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
 CORAL GABLES LIBRARY  
 3443 SEGOVIA STREET  
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

<b>MEMBERS</b>	S 14	O 14	N 14	D 14	J 16	F 16	M 15	A 15	M 15	J 15	J 15	A 15	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
Ramesh Airan													P Mayor Cason
Sharon Trbovich													- A Vice Mayor Quesada
Meg Daly													A P Commissioner Lago
Roy Wasson													P P Commissioner Slesnick
Marlin Ebbert													P P Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal													A P City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
VACANT													- City Commission-As-A-Whole

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

**STAFF:**

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison  
 Jeannette Reyes, Sustainability Advisory Board Administrative Staff Support

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Sustainability Advisor Board Staff Liaison, Matthew Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**ROLL CALL:**

S.A.B. Administrative Staff Support, Jeannette Reyes took roll call. Everyone introduced themselves.

**GUEST:**

- Sally Jude
- Jenny Rogers
- Teddy Lhoutellier
- Humberto Speziani

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

None

- Matt said he is waiting to hear from the City Attorney’s office, in reference to the

minutes from the last meeting that are not official as of yet. Based on last meetings old and new membership, we need to confirm if we had quorum.

- Matt said he would be submitting to the City Clerk's Office the names of previous board members who are interested in the vacant position for the Commission-As-A-Whole Appointment.
- Matt proposed to the board that we use the [www.coralgables.com/sustainability](http://www.coralgables.com/sustainability) web-site to add the meeting schedule, agendas, minutes, presentations, etc. The website would act as a clearinghouse of information for the Sustainability Advisory Board and make it easy for any member or someone from the general public to access information on the board.
- A contact list of all the S.A.B. Members was handed out to everyone as requested at the last meeting.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD (S.A.B.) UPDATES:**

- Officially there are 6 appointed members and one vacancy which is commission-as-a-whole, hopefully that will be filled at the next commission meeting

#### **SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN:**

- Between last meeting and this meeting, the consultant, RS&H, met with staff and are currently working on finalizing the city operations project forms with our directors. They have split the directors into 8 focused areas (transportation, land use, energy, fleet, water, education/outreach, sustainability financing, and climate resilience) and came up with additional business case measures (projects with cost/benefit analysis and estimates) to be included into the final version of the city operation Sustainability Master Plan. The final version of the plan is anticipated in the next 6 weeks. The second component of the Sustainability Master Plan that will include the S.A.B playing a very crucial role is the community analysis; it's when you rate your community based on sustainability and other components such as economics etc. through the STAR Community Rating System. RS&H is putting a report together that looks at the community as-a-whole and rates the city out of a 5 STAR rating system. The plan of action is to gather community input from key stakeholders and put together a plan of what can be done as a community to move into a more sustainable future.
- A community workshop will be scheduled sometime in the middle of October to gather community input.
- Marlin asked how much cooperation will be given by Building and Zoning. She said she walks early in the mornings and notices people watering their lawns when they shouldn't be and no one from B & Z around to enforce it. Sally Jude also mentioned that the city was watering the Golf Course (as well as planting, knowing it will need irrigation) at 1 and 2 pm, worst time to do so. Matt said he will discuss this with Brook Dannemiller because he knows water conservation is a big thing and that there are systems out there that can detect a break or increase in flow, and shut the system down, which the city is

looking actively into.

- Next week staff will be meeting with Miami-Dade County University of Florida Extension Office to discuss potential rebates or programs for irrigation.
- Matt mentioned that the recycling inserts for the trash bills are currently in the design phase and staff will be researching the cost and procedures to have it completed.

**BICYCLE MASTER PLAN:**

- Staff is currently working on getting an RFP for the design of more bicycle lanes. Enrique mentioned that the rules online regarding riding bicycles on sidewalks are not consistent with the signs posted on Ponce de Leon Blvd. Matt will discuss with Jessica.

**TROLLEY EXTENSION/MCFARLEN HOMESTEAD:**

- The new route is up and running and is operating on the same schedule as the other trolley routes. The ridership is far greater than expected.

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- At yesterday's commission meeting the resolution supporting C. G. joining the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact was passed 5-0.
- Staff is working with a Professor at the University of Miami Dr. Jack Miller in the Public Relations Department who has asked the city if there is a project they would like his class to work on. The city suggested recycling and his class is going to be working on a public relations campaign project on increasing awareness about recycling. Matt will keep the board updated on the project.
- Matt invited the C. G. Museum to tonight's meeting; unfortunately they were unable to attend due to a conflict. Matt gave a presentation at their summer camps about sustainability therefore he's interested in increasing partnership with the museum to promote sustainability throughout the schools that visit the museum and help out with initiatives.
- Board members suggested that green tips be added to the E-news. Matt said he is already on it and has created a green tips page under [www.coralgables/sustainability](http://www.coralgables/sustainability) .
- At the next meeting the board will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and discuss time, dates, and location for the S.A.B. meetings going forward

**ADJOURNMENT:**

6:20 pm