

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBERS MEETING (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.

MEETNG MINUTES

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

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

**STAFF:**

Matt Anderson, City Resiliency and Sustainability Manager  
 Solanch Lopez, Assistant to the City Manager  
 Jeannette Reyes, P.W. Administrative Assistant  
 Leonela Pola, P.W. Sustainability Intern

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chairperson, Marlin Ebbert called the meeting to order at 5:14 pm.

**GUESTS:**

Dolly Macintyre  
 Andrew Preston, Resident

**MOTIONS:**

**October 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Teddy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Carmen made a motion to excuse Jasper, Nicolas, Martin, and Monique; Piero seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Teddy made a motion to cancel the December SAB meeting, Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

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

**MEMBER COMMENTS.**

Joe thanked Marlin for sharing the video on making garments out of plastic bottles. Joe also highlighted what the city is doing with the break the box campaign.

Greg updated the board on the carbon fee and dividend act, he said Senator Sheldon Whitehouse reported on Bloomberg that the Whitehouse backs carbon taxes and that 49 members are in support. Greg mentioned Amalia Garrido a Coral Gables H.S. student, won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for most action, nationally on the Energy Innovation Carbon Dividend Act.

Piero is happy about the new sustainable building going up in the Brickell area, he is also excited about the new license plates that Biscayne Bay will be getting.

Carmen stated that she would like to work on adaptation measures as one of the categories to focus on as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board.

Teddy said they were finally approved for the 80-kilowatt system on top of a UM buildings. It will be generating a lot of energy for UM.

Marlin was looking into flooring, and she came across a company called NEXTREX that will take plastic bags, bubble wrap, ice bags and if enough is collected, they can turn it into a bench. Marlin thinks it's a good idea to add to the events already in place.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**Youth Appointment to SAB**

Matt asked that the Board e-mail him or Solanch the qualifications they are looking for in a candidate, i.e., do you want a college student or a high school student. Specifics are needed to move forward with this request. Once Matt and Solanch receive your recommendations they will create a list to discuss at the next meeting.

## 2022 SAB Meeting Schedule/Times/Field Trips

Matt presented the 2022 meeting schedule with tentative and TBD dates for potential field trips and events.

Marlin spoke with the people at Montgomery Botanical Gardens, and they would love to have the Board as their guest. Marlin suggested going on the field trip to MBG on January 22, 2022 and moving the January SAB meeting from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Matt will check the City Hall Chamber availability for Jan 12 and follow up with the board.

Commissioner Anderson came up with a Mangrove Planting Project, like the one she did at her house. This time the site selected was the Granada Golf Course, the Boys Scouts, Garden Club, and some students from Belen, who already volunteered, will participate. This event will start sometime in January.

## City Commission Agenda – Sustainability

- a. At the November 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting the Americas Recycles Day Proclamation was awarded. Thank you to Joe and Marlin for attending the Commission meeting to accept the proclamation.

## Updates/Recap on City/SAB Initiatives

Solanch shared a few slides on some of the programs that are ongoing.

### Keep Coral Gables Beautiful

- Recycling Drive Thru – 553 cars drove through and 1,100 were in attendance.
- UM Employee Coastal Cleanup – 28 students at hand and 335 lbs. of waste collected in 2 hours
- Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens – 25 attendees
- Cocoplum Resident Post-Halloween Cleanup – 40 volunteers and about 40lbs of trash was collected.

### Upcoming Events

- Downtown Cleanup Holiday Edition
- Girls Scouts Cleanup

**Next Meeting** – January 12, 2022

**ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm**