

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

ZOOM MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	APPOINTED BY:
	19	19	19	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Martin Pinilla	E	*	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	E	Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Gordan Fales	P	*	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*		P	Commissioner Fors
Rita Teutonico	E	*	E	E	E	*	*	*	*	*	P	E	Vice Mayor Lago
Greg Hamra	P	*	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	Commissioner Mena
Marlin Ebbert	P	*	E	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	Commissioner Keon
Enrique Bernal	E	*	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*		P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Irela Bague	P	*	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole
Teddy Lhoutellier	P	*	P	E	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman	P	*	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali	P	*	E	P	P	*	*	*	*	*	P	E	F.I.U. Representative

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

STAFF:

Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst
 Solanch Lopez, Administrative Assistant City Manager’s Office
 Jeannette Reyes, P.W. Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The Vice Chairperson, Marlin Ebbert called the meeting to order at 5:13 pm.

GUESTS:

Jasper Brock, CG Resident
 Rhonda Anderson, CG Resident

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Rafael Garrido, Owner of Lovvett
Monica
Nicolas Eterovic, CG Resident
Rudford Hamon, Owner of Jelly Places

MOTIONS:

August 26, 2020 SAB meeting minutes – Enrique made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Monique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Monique made a motion to excuse Rita & Pierro; Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marlin made a motion to approve the S.A.B 2019-2020 Annual Report; Monique seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rhonda has 2 potential locations for planting the mangroves, once she receives the confirmation, she will let the Board know.

Presentation on Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act and Q & A (Greg Hamra) – the business round table came out, supporting a market base approach to address the climate emergency. When you hear a thought leader, an expert such as a climate scientist or an economist talking about a market base approach or policy, that’s code for pricing carbon. More and more companies are doing this internally, more and more companies are advocating for an economy wide price on carbon (charging a fee to emit carbon base fuels). For more information, visit the www.energyinnovationact.org website.

Irela asked that Greg share with Matt, a resolution from one of the other cities, for the board to review and provide a recommendation to the Commission. Matt will share with the members.

Coral Gables Green Business Program Recognition: Lovvett (Silver Certification) – Lovvett is an app that addresses the problem that most restaurants have which is leftover food and food waste. Rafael Garrido Founder and CEO of Lovvett, a digital marketplace on a journey to making the world a better place by facilitating conscious consumption. The app connects consumers with restaurants, bakeries, cafes, and grocery stores that sell delicious meals with at least a 50% discount www.lovvett.com

Review/Approval of Board 2019-2020 Annual Report – Matt reviewed the report with the Board, highlighting the Boards accomplishments throughout this past fiscal year, The Board taking on additional responsibilities; including Keep America Beautiful and the Boards Priorities for FY2021. Matt will be submitting the report to the City Manager’s Office.

Updates on Ongoing City and SAB Initiatives –

- Keep Coral Gables Beautiful – the Board discussed the workshop activities (*What would you like to see affiliate accomplish in the next 18 months in the 3-focus area or the next 3-5 years*) that needs to be finalized at this meeting. www.coralgables.com/kcgb
- International Coastal Cleanup Season (September 19th-October 31st) – Solanch shared the presentation she provided at yesterday’s Commission meeting with the Board.
- New City Sustainability Outreach Flyer – Matt presented the new sustainability flyer to the Board, it is for educating people on everything that sustainability has to do with, it also highlights the City’s sustainability achievements and accomplishments.
- FIU Coral Gables Water Quality Project – the contract was finalized and approved, FIU is planning to start the comprehensive water quality testing at the end of the month. www.coralgables.com/waterways
- Community Discussion on Water and Water Quality-Matt mentioned that he also is working with Commissioner Keon’s office and FIU to put together a community discussion in late October early November. To educate the residents, businesses and anyone who would like to attend; on house storm water functions within the City, on what’s been going on with Biscayne Bay and what the City is doing on water quality.
- Smart Sponge Pilot Project-Matt also mentioned a pilot project they are working on that was donated by the consulting company SCR Mechanical, it is located at the Outfall at Riviera by the Coral Gables High. It’s called a smart sponge and it was placed there to captures any trash, oil or hydrocarbons that comes out of the runoff and end up in the canals.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events – tentatively it is on the schedule for Saturday, November 14, 2020. Matt will be in communication with the City Managers office for updates on the COVID19 situation, he will keep the Board updated. www.coralgables.com/electronicrecycling
- Employee/Community Sustainability Training – a two-part series employee sustainability training meeting was recorded. One where the Cleo Institute recorded on climate 101 and one that Matt recorded that highlights all the City’s sustainability issues. This is for the employees to be more involved and make them more sustainable. A virtual community training is in the works as well.
- Coral Gables Green Business Certification Program – Matt wanted to highlight the Coral Gables TV who provide amazing support for the City’s sustainability initiatives. They are currently recording short videos highlighting all our past certified green businesses to share on social media, etc. www.coralgables.com/greenbusiness
- King Tides - September 16th through the 22nd was the first set, then October 14th through the 21st and again on November 13th through the 18th. Matt encourages anyone who sees flooding related to King Tides, to report it to coralgables.com/kingtides to help document as a City. The City is working on continuing to educate the community about King Tides.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Marlin – announced that at yesterday’s Commission meeting there was a proclamation that was titled Project Canopy. The Garden Club has started a new program and it was dedicated to Sally Jude who at 94 has a large history of environmental and historic preservation work in South

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Florida. The Garden Club will be planting three shade trees or flowering trees at the five Dade County Public Schools that are within the City.

Teddy – UM launched a Green Alumni Series and the 1st speaker will be Alissa Farina who is Miami's Sustainability staff, on October 2nd @ 12 pm, Mark Johnson who is the Sustainability Coordinator for Pensacola. He mentioned that it will be interesting for Matt or anyone who is interested in trajectory and how he became involved with the City of Pensacola.

Irela – the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit will be hosting a Town Hall Workshop on October 2nd on the Biscayne Bay Task Force, next steps, etc. Invite is being finalized. On Oct 29th, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce will be having their Annual Water Workshop, focused on building the blue economy through Biscayne Bay recovery and coastal resilience.

Enrique - will like to put in a plug for the FPL Solar Program. Irela said FPL will try to get someone from external affairs and someone from the Solar Program to do the presentation at the S.A.B. October meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

ADJOURNED: 6:54 pm.