

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
 BILTMOREGARDEN CLUB  
 1200 ANASTASIA AVENUE  
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	APPOINTED BY:	
	18	18	18	18	18	19	19	19	*	*	19	19		
Martin Pinilla	*	P	E	*	P	P	E	P	*	*	P	P	Mayor Valdes-Fauli	
Gordan Fales											P	E	Commissioner Fors	
Rita Teutonico	*	E	P	*	E	P	P	P	*	*	P	P	Vice Mayor Lago	
Greg Hamra	*	P	P	*	P	E	P	P	*	*	E	P	Commissioner Mena	
Marlin Ebbert	*	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	E	P	Commissioner Keon	
Enrique Bernal	*	P	P	*	P	P	E	P	*	*	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias	
Irela Bague	*	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	P	P	City Commission-As-A-Whole	
Teddy Lhoutellier								P	E	*	*	P	E	U.M. Representative
Monique Selman								P	P	*	*	P	P	C.G. Chambers of Commerce
Piero Gardinali								P	P	*	*	P	P	F.I.U. Representative

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

**STAFF:**

Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst  
 Jeannette Reyes, Public Works Administrative Assistant  
 Solanch Lopez, Administrative Assistant City Manager’s Office

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chairperson, Irela Bague called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**GUESTS:**

Alejandro Lozano, Climate Reality Project  
 Natasha Leon, Climate Reality Project  
 Rhonda Anderson, Resident  
 Rudford Hamon, Resident  
 Emily Gorman, Sierra Club  
 Paula Ferreira, Resident

**MOTIONS:**

***June 26, 2019 SAB meeting minutes – Marlin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Rita seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

**Monique made a motion to excuse Teddy and Gordon; Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Rita made a motion to keep Irela as the Chair and Marlin as the Vice Chair, Martin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**GUEST COMMENTS:**

Alejandro and Natasha from the Climate Reality Project spoke on bringing the climate crisis to the forefront on the public side, on 100% renewable, what they are doing to help communities and municipalities get to that point and to see where the City stands and what it needs from third party organizations. A full presentation will be added to the August meeting agenda.

Rhonda has a copy of possible solutions on Septic to Sewers, she will forward it to Matt, he will share it with the members. Irela suggested before moving forward with discussion, that Rhonda meet with the City Manager first. Irela mentioned that the Biscayne Bay Task Force met two weeks ago, and Water & Sewer gave a sneak peek study on finding, that they yet have not presented to the Commission. Irela will share the link with Matt.

**Updates on Sustainability Board Items:**

*From Coral to Green Gables Video* - Matt sent the board a link on Coral Gables TV, of a video documenting the Cities Sustainability Advisory Boards journey on becoming a more sustainable city. ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=R\\_IVGFjwEKO&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_IVGFjwEKO&feature=youtu.be))

*Keep Coral Gables Beautiful* – Solanch mentioned at the last meeting that she would be presenting the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful at the July 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting and the resolution passed. Once the state representative reviews and finalizes the application they will reach out to Solanch and she will in turn reach out to the Board, to coordinate the 1<sup>st</sup> training workshop.

*Green Business Program* – On the July 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Green Business was recognized. I Know Science, a kid toy store and science summer camp located in Merrick Park was recognized as a Silver Certified Green Business. A second application has already been submitted.

*Skip the Straw* – An ordinance on skip the straw was passed in Jan 2019 and a six-month education campaign was done with the businesses. The ordinance is now in effect as of July 9<sup>th</sup>. The ordinance applies to our city facilities, our parks and anyone who pulls any special events permit in our city.

*Cardboard Recycling* – Matt provided some flyers and door hangers about the ordinance that passed 6 months ago where the City is requiring that anyone placing cardboard on the swale, will be fined. A Public Works Code Enforcement Officer is helping with this by going door to door and providing the flyers and door hangers to educate the residents. Rhonda suggested that an ADA notice be added to the flyer and door hanger so that residents needing assistance can request it.

*Fertilizers* – this item was not on the agenda but important enough to mention that the City has stopped purchasing the product Roundup and is now using/testing sustainable alternatives.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

*Enrique* – the Mayors Innovation council has a Task Force on drainage who have the capability to do all types of studies and simulations that might be good to consider, either to merge interest groups or take it to the Task Force. Enrique mentioned he is a member of the Task Force. Enrique also reported on L.E.D. lighting stating he sent the document he promised that talks about the policy of L.E.D. lighting cross and color revision. He read on the Miami Herald that the County is converting some 70,000 street lights into L.E.D. and some people are complaining that the light distribution from the poles are different from the sodium ones. Enrique said that there are two issues, one is a design issue and the other is a human perception issue.

*Monique* – is interested in the sewage discussion.

*Piero* – is also interested in the sewage dilemma.

*Marlin* – City of Miami has their Electronic Recycling Day this Saturday, July 26, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm in front of City Hall. Marlin read an article in a Sierra Club magazine that has made her very thoughtful about the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). She said everyone should really concentrate on the first two R's. If you don't buy the bottle of plastic to begin with then you don't have to think about where to recycle it. Irela suggested that Matt look into water bottle refill stations for the city's public parks and city facilities. Marlin mentioned that the next S.A.B. Recycling Event is on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

*Irela* – the Biscayne Bay Task Force will be meeting on Monday, July 29, 2019 to hear about stormwater regulatory infrastructure, they will hear from the department of resilience, the County and on marine debris. Irela will send the link to Matt so he can share it with the Board.

*Rita* – Climate Reality will do a broadcast on November 20, 2019 and she would like the Board to discuss this soon.

*Martin* – at the last meeting the City Manager was doubtful that the city did not have enough money to purchase the piece of land on San Amaro Dr. & San Amaro Ct., but Martin received a call yesterday that they will be meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss this further.

*Greg* – the Energy Innovation Act, we shouldn't forget about the IPCC report of last October, the international agreement with goals. The situation is not what we are doing that is the problem, it's what we are not doing. As far as big action, we are not really seeing leadership from the federal

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government, but it must come up from the bottom and from business communities. So that when we do have a federal government in the position to drive this big policy, people know what it means. The University of Miami School of Architecture has a master's in construction program and Greg was asked to teach a 2-day (Friday, November 1st & Saturday, November 2nd) course on sustainability. Greg will probably call it LEED for All, because participants will walk away understanding the language of LEED.

**Next Meeting – August 28, 2019 at the Coral Gables Library.**

**ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm.**