

CORAL GABLES SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

STAFF:

Matthew Anderson, Sustainability Advisory Board Staff Liaison
Jeannette Reyes, Administrative Assistant
David Lindsey, Administrative Analyst

CALL TO ORDER:

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

GUEST:

Ruth Balestra, Coral Gables Resident
Manny Papier, Guest
Roy Watson, Coral Gables Resident

MOTIONS:

September 27, 2017 SAB meeting minutes – Sharon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marlin made a motion to excuse Enrique and Martin, Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sharon made a motion to bypass the November meeting due to our upcoming community events (Recycling 101 and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event) that same week, Irela seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rhonda made a motion to make Tuesday, December 12, 2017 the tentative date for the December Board Meeting, Marlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sustainability Presentation at University of Miami: Matt was invited for the 3rd year in a row to present on Sustainability issues at the University of Miami and will be a co-presenter with Teddy from UM Sustainability's Office.

Planning for 2018 – The vice chair suggested having members e-mail Matt with their suggested topics for discussion at the next scheduled SAB meeting. Matt will put together a calendar for the board's approval for the December meeting.

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Greg: Senator Bob Ingles from South Carolina is coming to FIU tomorrow October 25, 2017 to present on Conservative Outreach on Climate Action. Commissioner Lago is also on the panel.

Rhonda: Reached out to the IT Director Raimundo Rodolfo on the Bloomberg Challenge, to create resiliency for the new Public Safety Building so that it can be self-powered by sustainable energy and back up power.

Sharon: Suggested having the Audubon speaker that was at the Garden Club come speak to the Sustainability Board at an upcoming monthly meeting.

Marlin: Finalizing planning and advertising efforts for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

Irela: Continuing to plan for the upcoming Recycling 101 seminar and working on finalizing the Green Business Plan with the Chamber and Economic Development. Scheduled to roll out the program in April 2018.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Roy – Asked if the City purchased any new larger electric vehicles? Matt said the Automotive Director is looking into adding 7 extended range electric vehicles (Chevy Bolts) as a part of this year's budget. 15 new vehicles have been added this past fiscal year. This put 35 EV on the road in the City Fleet. The goal is to have 78 in the first 5 years. The City is also looking into adding more vehicle charging stations in our surface parking lots and parking garages.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Household Hazardous Waste, Paper Shredding, and Electronic Recycling Event

The next event is taking place on Saturday, November 18th from 9am-12pm in the City Hall Parking lot. We will continue to include all three components (household hazardous waste, electronic recycling, and paper shredding). More information on the event can be found at www.coralgables.com/electronicrecycling. Even though there will not be prescription drug collection at the event, Matt highlighted the successful collection of 140 pounds of in the first year of the prescription drug disposal. Flyers will be placed at various locations throughout the City (City Hall, Youth Center, etc.). Matt also has a map of the event that he will pass out to board members and will be also placed on the City's Sustainability web-site.

Recycling 101

Will be taking place on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Coral Gables Museum. The focus this year will be on commercial and multifamily recycling. Marlin asked if residential contractors are invited to the 101 Recycling event. Matt stated everyone (residents, businesses owners, contractors, etc.) is invited. Matt will reach out to the Building & Zoning Department for a listing on all current construction sites in the City. It has been a very successful event in the past that has taught residents what they can and cannot recycle, in this meeting it was also discussed to incorporate commercial recycling into the event.

Green Cinema Event

Marlin will try to coordinate with the Coral Gables Cinema on showing a sustainability related film sometime in November. Sharon suggested showing a Disney film about the coral reefs.

The South Florida Regional Climate Compact's Annual Conference: December 14 and 15th at Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center. Theme: Business of Resilience.

Matthew, Jessica, and Mayor Valdes-Fauli will be attending. In August 2015, the City signed on as a municipal partner of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact. The Compact is a regional effort across Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. The Compact is the first of its kind throughout the country and represents "a new form of regional climate governance designed to allow local governments to set the agenda for adaptation while providing an efficient means for state and federal agencies to engage with technical assistance/support".

Greg mentioned that there is a show called CVCC Company vs Climate Change <http://solveclimatechange.com/index.php> it was in Broward last year this year it's here in Miami on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, Thursday, November 30, 2017 and Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown 2nd Avenue.

ADJOURNED: 6:13 pm