



TO: Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Chair

Members of the Sustainability Committee

Patxi Pastor – Appointed by Commissioner Jerry Libbin

Erin Healy – Appointed by Commissioner Jorge Exposito

Debra Leibowitz – Appointed by Commissioner Deede Weithorn

Liliam Furst – Appointed by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson

Luiz Rodrigues – Appointed by Commissioner Ed Tobin

VACANT – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Gongora

Mitch Novick – Appointed by Mayor Matti Herrera Bower

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: March 16, 2010

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
MARCH 16, 2010**

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: **Commission Chair** Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Debra Leibowitz, Liliam Furst, Luiz Rodrigues, and Mitch Novick.

City Staff: Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director; Lisa Botero, Environmental Manager; Saul Frances, Parking Director; Fernando Vazquez, City Engineer.

Guests: Eric Schott, Ameresco; Jason Neal, Waste Management; Alex Gonzalez, Waste Management; Juan Pablo Sanchez, Ecobatt; Hernando Aparicio, Ecobatt; and Ana Rockwell, Ecobatt.

Minutes

1. **FEBRUARY 16TH MEETING MINUTES.** Revisions to minutes include language additions to Motions 1 and 2 and member Lily Furst requests vote again Motions 4 and 5 to be added into the record. Motion to approve modified minutes approved, moved by Luiz Rodrigues, seconded by Debbie Leibowitz.
2. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION:** Earth Day. Lisa Botero presented on staff's initiative to organize a city celebration of Earth Day. The Special Event will take place on Sunday April 25th and will consist of a Fun Run event with activities for children at Lincoln Road. In addition, an employee environmental awareness campaign will provide employees with tips on greening

the workplace and sustainable living and conclude with a fresh market outside the Commission Chambers on Friday April 23rd between 11AM-2PM.

3. **SOLID WASTE: UPDATE ON RECYCLING AND TONNAGE REPORT:** Lisa Botero stated that recycling and solid waste tonnage data for single-family homes and multi-family 8-units or greater is being collected. The relationship between the two sets of data will be monitored as the recycling program develops.
4. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CIVIC PARTICIPATION: FLORIDA GREEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARD.** Lisa Botero presented the certification program and will provide a link to committee members for more information.
5. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CIVIC PARTICIPATION: BOUCHER BROTHERS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.** Scope to be developed by staff and distributed to local environmental non-profit organizations to solicit proposals, which shall be brought back to the Committee for review **and decision**.
6. **SOLID WASTE: Presentation:** Richfield Equities LLC presented its proposal on how solid waste should be managed within the City of Miami Beach. This company was one of the respondents for the residential solid waste request for proposal (RFP) that was issued but was not selected. Discussion was held.
7. **Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.**

The proceedings of this meeting have been recorded. Please contact Patricia Bocio at 305.673.7080 or pbocio@miamibeachfl.gov for more information.

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