



TO: Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Chair

**Members of the Sustainability Committee**

Maui Goodbeer – Appointed by Commissioner Jerry Libbin  
Lanette Sobel – 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  
Gabriole Van Bryce – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Gongora  
Mitch Novick – Appointed by Mayor Matti Herrera Bower

DATE: November 23, 2010

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2010**

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

**The attendees were as follows:** Committee members: **Committee Chair** Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Liliam Furst, Maui Goodbeer, Debra Leibowitz, Mitch Novick, Luiz Rodrigues, Lanette Sobel and Gabriole Van Bryce.

**City Staff:** Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director; Fernando Vazquez, City Engineer; Raul Aguila, Deputy City Attorney; Debora Turner, First Assistant City Attorney; Lisa Botero, Environmental Manager and Elizabeth Wheaton, Environmental Specialist.

**Minutes**

1. **OCTOBER 16th MEETING MINUTES.** Motion by Lanette Sobel to amend October's minutes to include a comment that the City and contracted waste haulers should not create a disincentive to recycle by mandating a minimum level of waste service that does not account for the shift in the waste stream that recycling creates. Seconded by Luiz Rodrigues. Motion to approve minutes moved by Lannette Sobel, seconded by Mitch Novick.  
**ACTION:** Staff to update October's Minutes. Fred Beckmann will provide the Committee with the policy regarding the size of containers and minimum pick-up schedule based on number of units for multi-family residences.
2. **DRAFT RECYCLING ORDINANCE.** Staff presented an updated draft of the recycling ordinance that incorporates the Committee's comments from October's meeting. Each Committee member provided additional comments. The Committee requested the "Whereas" clauses be updated to incorporate the goals and objectives detailed in the Solid Waste Program Area of the Sustainability Plan. **ACTION:** Raul

Aguila will make the Committee's suggested changes. Public Works, Environmental Division will provide Legal with updated "Whereas" clauses. Legal will be placing the Ordinance on the agenda for December's Commission meeting for referral to the Land-Use Committee. Staff will provide the Sustainability Committee with a copy of the draft Ordinance prior it going to the Land-Use Committee.

3. **REWARDS FOR RECYCLING.** Dr. Frederick Hamilton and Sam Jawad gave a presentation regarding their Rewards for Recycling Program. Rewards Recycling approached the Commissioner and the County, however there was confusion over Rewards Recycling Association with the City's waste hauler Choice.

**ACTION:** None.

**BOUCHER BROTHERS GRANT.** The Committee submitted their evaluations to determine the two winners of the two \$5,000 grants. The votes were tallied and the Sunflower Society and Academy of Marine and Environmental Science are the recipients.

**ACTION:** The Sunflower Society and the Academy of Marine and Environmental Science will be awarded \$5,000 each to be used for environmental education in Miami Beach.

4. **Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.**

**The proceedings of this meeting have been recorded. Please contact Patricia Bocio at 305.673.7080 or [pbocio@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:pbocio@miamibeachfl.gov) for more information.**

  
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