



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: December 21, 2010

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 21, 2010**

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, December 21, 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; Lisa Botero, Environmental Manager and Elizabeth Wheaton, Environmental Specialist.

Minutes

1. **WATER CONSERVATION & QUALITY.** Mr. Jason Johnson, Project Manager with Camp Dresser and McKee (CDM) presented the Citywide Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan (SWMMP) and its relationship to sustainability. Mr. Johnson explained the purpose of the SWMMP is to assess drainage infrastructure needs, identify areas in need of capital improvements and address flooding. The Committee recommended that CDM return to present more details about the Flamingo/West Avenue Project and more information on how their projected sea level figures were calculated.
2. **WATER CONSERVATION & QUALITY.** Ms. Betsy Wheaton, Environmental Specialist briefly discussed the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit (NPDES). In December, the City received a new draft permit from the state for comment. The Environmental Division along with several different City departments have reviewed the permit and will be submitting comments to the state, if any. City staff also discussed how these new permit requirements will impact City operations. In the upcoming months, City staff will be meeting with Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management to address new water quality monitoring requirements.

3. **SOLID WASTE.** Ecobatt representative, Javier Villegas, presented their battery recycling program. Ecobatt distributes containers in public places to allow the public to dispose of the batteries in a safe and non-hazardous manner. The containers have advertising on them that is sold to companies in order to fund the program. Mr. Beckmann inquired the feasibility of the City purchasing the recycling units and displaying public announcements instead of advertisements for private companies. Luiz Rodrigues will look into getting a container donated to the City. Committee recommended Ecobatt come back to the Committee with a detailed proposal.

4. **SOLID WASTE.** The DRAFT Recycling Ordinance was presented to the Land Use and Development Committee on Monday, December 13, 2010. The Committee accepted the Administration's version of the Ordinance. The DRAFT Recycling Ordinance will be presented to the Finance and Citywide Project Committee on January 27, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

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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