



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: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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; Elizabeth Wheaton, Environmental Specialist; and Margarita Kruffyff, Environmental Intern.

**Minutes**

1. **SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING MINUTES.** Motion to approve minutes moved by Luiz Rodrigues, seconded by Mitch Novick.  
**ACTION:** None.
2. **RECYCLING ORDINANCE.** Staff presented a copy of the most recent draft of the recycling ordinance to the Committee for comment. The Committee had the following comments:
  - Change the name of the "tag program" to "informational sticker" or similar language that is more descriptive of the stickers' objective.
  - Develop several language options for an exemption clause.
  - Add language specifying that recycling contractors must comply with and facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance.
  - Include organics/compostables to the list of recyclables.
  - Change section 90-342 language to "only state licensed recycling contractors" rather than "contractors authorized by the City".

**ACTION:** Raul Aguila will make the suggested changes and bring the revised ordinance back to the Committee for review and discussion in November.

3. **BOUCHER BROTHERS GRANT.** The representatives for ten local community organizations presented their project proposals to the Committee as part of the application process for the Boucher Brothers grant. The organizations were as follows:

- 1) Biscayne Bay Waterkeeper
- 2) Academy of Marine and Environmental Science
- 3) The Big Blue & You Foundation
- 4) Fertile Earth
- 5) Irreversible Art Space
- 6) Reclamation Project
- 7) Streetwaves
- 8) Sunflower Society Inc
- 9) Surfrider Foundation, Miami Chapter
- 10) Youth L.E.A.D

Due to the time constraints, the Committee deferred voting for the two winners until the November meeting.

**ACTION:** Staff will resent proposal and evaluation matrix to the Committee members. Members will bring completed evaluations to November's meeting.

4. **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY.** Betsy Wheaton distributed the Recycling Subcommittee minutes and initiated a brief discussion on America Recycles Day. The event will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Committee confirmed that the location should have high pedestrian traffic and provide ample parking to make it easy for residents to participate. The Committee suggested that the applicants for the Boucher Brothers grant be invited to table or present at the event.

**ACTION:** Staff to continue to organize and plan for the event.

5. **Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.**

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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