



CITY OF MIAMI BEACH MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2010 SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Sustainability Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, July 20th, 2010 at 5:00PM in the City Attorney's Large Conference Room.

Members present: Committee Chair Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Lily Furst, Debra Leibowitz, Mitch Novick, Luiz Rodrigues, and Gabriole Van Bryce.

Absent: Erin Healy and Patxi Pastor.

City Staff: Hilda Fernandez, Assistant City Manager; Jorge Gomez, Assistant City Manager; John Oldenburg, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director; Debora Turner, First Assistant City Attorney; Eric Yuhr, Fire Chief; George Navarro, Emergency Manager; Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director; Fernando Vazquez, City Engineer; Lisa Botero, Environmental Manager; Patricia Bocio, Public Works Office Associate; Margarita Kruyff, Environmental Intern.

Guests: Maribel Balbin, Miami-Dade County Office of Sustainability; Tracey Gallentine, Ameresco; Janice Sakamoto, EcoMedia CBS; Mark McWilliams, Choice Waste; Chris Napoli, ECOMB; Marjorie York, Sunflower Society.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:20 PM

- 1. MAY 25TH MEETING MINUTES.** Revision of minutes to exclude Motion 2. Motion to approve minutes, moved by Debra Leibowitz, seconded by Lily Furst.
ACTION: Lisa Botero to handle.
- 2. SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.** Lisa Botero provided an update on the most recent changes made to the Sustainability Plan. A finalized version of the document will be made available to the Committee prior to the August meeting and will be presented for adoption at the City Commission meeting in September.
ACTION: Lisa Botero to handle.
- 3. GREEN BUILDING & HOUSING.** Gabriole Van Bryce presented information regarding the Mayor's Green Initiatives for Economic Growth/Green Lodging/Green Business Event. The event will take place at the Miami Beach Convention Center and has been rescheduled to August 25th.
ACTION: None.
- 4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH. BOUCHER BROTHERS SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT FUNDS.** Commissioner Wolfson initiated a discussion regarding the available

funding from the Boucher Brothers Concessionaire Agreement. The Committee agreed to have this discussion item added to the agenda for the August meeting.

ACTION: Lisa Botero to prepare and add to the agenda.

5. **SOLID WASTE.** Commissioner Wolfson initiated a discussion regarding the funding available from the City's commercial waste haulers' franchisee agreement.

ACTION: Motion: Re-issue a previously passed motion that decisions regarding the use of the funding obtained from the commercial waste haulers must pass through the Sustainability Committee for approval as dictated by the contract. Moved by Debra Leibowitz, seconded by Luiz Rodrigues. **(Vote: 5-0)**

6. **SOLID WASTE.** Commissioner Gongora initiated a discussion regarding recycling in multi-family dwellings. Commissioner Wolfson indicated that the Citywide Recycling Program, currently in development, will require that new construction of multi-family dwellings provide the infrastructure to support recycling programs; however, the Program will not mandate retrofits for existing buildings.

ACTION: It was recommended that Luiz Rodrigues investigate recycling incentives for condominiums.

7. **RECYCLING ORDINANCE.** Debora Turner provided an update on the City's development of an ordinance that will create and implement a Citywide Recycling Program. It is estimated that the first draft will be completed in the next few weeks. Luiz Rodrigues suggested that the new ordinance specifically dictate a logical correlation between the capacity of a building's recycling container and the size of the building. Debra Leibowitz requested that the recommendations of the Recycling Sub-committee be incorporated into the ordinance. Commissioner Wolfson recommended that the minutes from the Recycling Sub-Committee be sent to the City Attorney's Office for incorporation where applicable into the draft ordinance and specifically, into the ordinance's legislative intent. Commissioner Gongora requested that the Recycling Ordinance Matrix, prepared by the City Attorney's Office, be distributed to the committee.

ACTION: Debora Turner and Lisa Botero to handle.

8. **WATER QUALITY/NATURAL RESOURCE/ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT.** George Navarro provided an update on the latest developments and trajectories of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and outlined the City's response plan in the event that oil/pollutants from that incident make landfall in Miami Beach.

ACTION: None.

9. **LEAF BLOWER ORDINANCE.** Commissioner Gongora provided an update on the proposed amendments to the City Code that would address water pollution caused by leaf blower usage. Two potential locations to make the proposed amendments are Chapters 46 and 66 of the City Code.

ACTION: Motion: Support the proposed amendment to Chapter 46 of the City Code to address water pollution caused by leaf blower use and recommend that the City Commission pass this amendment. Moved by Gabriole Van Bryce, seconded by Luiz Rodrigues. **(Vote: 5-0)**

10. PRESENTATION. Janice Sakamoto from EcoMedia presented information regarding the EcoZone Program, which sells advertising packages to fund environmental projects. The Committee recommended that Ms. Sakamoto meet with Hilda Fernandez to identify any potential opportunities to work with the City.

ACTION: Lisa Botero to link Ms. Sakamoto to Hilda Fernandez.

11. WATER CONSERVATION/ COMMUNITY OUTREACH. Marjorie York from Sunflower Society gave a presentation about the Rain Barrel Project. The Sunflower Society is requesting funding from the Sustainability Committee to continue art classes at the Miami Beach Botanical Gardens.

ACTION: Committee recommended that she bring a proposal to the August meeting.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:09PM.

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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