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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
Gabriole Van Bryce –Appointed by Commissioner Michael Gongora
Mitch Novick – Appointed by Mayor Matti Herrera Bower

DATE: May 25th 2010

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2010**

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, April 20th, 2010.

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: **Committee Chair** Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Patxi Pastor, Debra Leibowitz, Liliam Furst, Luiz Rodrigues, and Gabriole Van Bryce.

Absent: Erin Healy, Mitch Novick

City Staff: Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director; Lisa Botero, Environmental Manager; Saul Frances, Parking Director; Debora Turner, First Assistant City Attorney; Elizabeth Wheaton, Environmental Specialist; Margarita Kruyff, Environmental Intern.

Guests: Commissioner Michael Gongora; Bob Balsam, Convention Center; Kurt Morrow, Green Business League; and Seth Wasserman.

Minutes

1. **MARCH 16TH MEETING MINUTES.** Revision of minutes to include a language addition to Motion 5. Motion to approve modified minutes approved, moved by Gabriole Van Bryce, seconded by Luiz Rodrigues.
2. **SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATE.** Fred Beckmann requested the voting on the Sustainability Plan be deferred to next month's agenda to allow time for incorporating Committee comments prior to submitting the plan to the Committee for approval. Comments can be submitted to Environmental Division Staff before next month's meeting via e-mail at lisabotero@miamibeachfl.gov or elizabethwheaton@miamibeachfl.gov.

3. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION.** Earth Day. Lisa Botero provided the Committee with the basic information regarding the City's Earth Day celebration events for the residents and the community, including the Earth Day Fun Run and the Employee Green Awareness Week and Farmer's Market.
4. **SOLID WASTE.** Commissioner Gongora requested that the issue of restricting plastic bags in Miami Beach be deferred, pending his findings with Legal regarding the feasibility of banning plastic bags under state statute.
5. **WATER QUALITY.** Commissioner Gongora requested that the issue of banning leaf blowers also be deferred to next month's agenda.
6. **ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION.** Saul Frances presented the amendments proposed by the Transportation and Parking Committee for the hybrid car ordinance.
    1. Motion: Include fully electric street legal vehicles for non-rental use on the list of approved vehicles to receive hybrid incentives approved. Moved by Debbie Leibowitz, seconded by Luiz Rodrigues.
    2. Motion: Re-evaluate, in lieu of sunset, the current hybrid incentives program when it reaches a threshold of 780 permits or 10% of the total available parking spaces, whichever comes first, and to search for additional sources of revenue to remedy loss of profit for the Parking Department. Moved by Debbie Leibowitz, seconded by Gabriole Van Bryce.
7. **GREEN BUILDING.** Bob Balsam provided an update on the initiatives underway to make the Convention Center environmentally sustainable.
8. **PRESENTATION.** Kurt Morrow presented information regarding the Green Business League's resources that could be beneficial for meeting the City's sustainability goals. Commissioner Wolfson asked the Committee determine if the City should create a green businesses reward program and/or pinpoint businesses that are non-compliant with green regulations. Miami-Dade County's Office of Sustainability is developing a green business program and will be invited to the Committee meeting to discuss.
9. **SOLID WASTE.** The Recycling Sub-Committee provided an update on the discussion at the April 15th meeting.
10. **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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