

TO: Commissioner Michael Gongora, 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 18, 2011

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2011**

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: Committee Chair Commissioner Michael Gongora, Gabriole Van Bryce, Lanette Sobel, Liliam Furst and Mitch Novick.

Absentees: Maui Goodbeer, Luiz Rodrigues and Debra Leibowitz.

City Staff: Duncan Ballantyne, Assistant City Manager, Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director, John Oldenburg, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Millie McFadden, Parks Superintendent and Elizabeth Wheaton, Acting Environmental Resources Manager.

Minutes

1. **Minutes review. Motion to approve minutes Mitch Novick. Seconded by Lanette Sobel. Passed unanimously.**
2. **Sustainability Committee Work Plan**
 - a) **Beach Renourishment.** Mr. Brian Flynn provided the Committee with an update of the 2012 Army Corps of Engineering (ACOE) Renourishment Project. The project consists of two phases. The first phase will use the sand back-passing method to transfer sand from Lummus Park area and relocating to the following two areas:
 - 1) South of the Breakwater at 29th street
 - 2) Fontainebleau/Eden Roc Area- 42nd to 47th street

The second phase of the project will dredge sand from an off-shore sand bank adjacent to Key Biscayne and deposit between 63rd Street and 77th Street.

Both ACOE and Miami-Dade County are aware that construction at Lummus Park must be sensitive to the special events that occur on the beach near this area. The County will be working with the City to ensure the project is completed with minimal disruption. The contractors are aware of the multiple special events scheduled in the area (Art

Basel, New Year's, and Food & Wine Festival) and the ACOE will work with the contractor to accommodate the City's request to minimally impact to these major events. A pre-construction conference is scheduled for the second week of November.

b) **Organic Fertilizer Pilot Program:** Mr. Kenny Perkins presented the Committee with an overview of Purely Organics pilot program at South Pointe Park and Washington Avenue Dog Park. Organic Green Solutions has been asked to submit a proposal to begin a pilot program with the product they presented at the June 2011 Sustainability Committee. **ACTION: Purely Organics and Organic Green Solutions will be invited back in 6 months to compare the results of their product.**

c) **Florida: Authentic & Sustainable- Herb Hiller.** Herb Hiller shared with the Committee details on the conference he will be hosting at Anna Maria Island in October 2012.

3. **Dune Maintenance & Restoration Program.** Ms. Wheaton provided an update regarding the City's dune maintenance and restoration program progress. The City has begun an interdepartmental monthly inspection program to address vegetation maintenance, removal of vagrants, future plantings and volunteer restorations.

4. **New Business**

a. Ms. Wheaton provided updates on the upcoming America's Recycles Day and Hazardous Waste/Shredding events. Ms. Wheaton also gave an overview of the course of action for the upcoming Proposed Recycling Ordinance Workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 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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