

TO: Commissioner Jerry Libbin, 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: May 15, 2012

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF April 17, 2012.**

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: Gabriole Van Bryce, Liliam Furst, Lanette Sobel, Luiz Rodrigues, Debra Leibowitz, and Mitch Novick

Absentee: Maui Goodbeer.

City Staff: Betsy Wheaton, Environmental Resources Manager and Debora Turner, First Assistant City Attorney.

1. Minutes Review.

- a. Luiz Rodrigues made motion to approve minutes. Lanette Sobel seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- b. Committee discussed how to get baseline data for Sustainability Plan. Betsy Wheaton suggested prioritizing baseline data collection and update committee on baseline of chosen program area each month.

2. Sustainability Committee Work Plan.

- a. **Water Quality.** Eddie Lopez presented information about stormwater maintenance technology from Emilio Lopez Technologies (www.stoptheflooding.com). Mr. Lopez requested the City of Miami Beach purchase his product at a cost of \$470 each. He stated that his company's product reduces the risk of flooding, decreases pollution that enters the storm water drains. Also, Mr. Lopez believes that his product could help save the City money related to stormwater drain maintenance costs. Ms. Wheaton stated that the City's Public Works Department has requested that Emilio Lopez Technologies provide the City with ten filters in order to conduct a pilot project. This would allow the City to conduct a cost-benefit analysis.

MOTION: The Committee recommended that Emilio Lopez Technologies provide four (4) filters to the City at no cost to be used use in pilot program. Luiz Rodriguez provided motion. Lilliam Furst seconded. Mitch Novick

abstained. Motion passed 5 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

- b. **Alternative Transportation:** Richard Cahill would like to use the City of Miami Beach's logo on bicycle outfits to be auctioned and sold through community events, bike stores, and online (www.veloce.com). Proceeds will be given back to the city for a bike initiative that Miami Beach chooses.

MOTION: The Sustainability Committee recommended that Richard Cahill present his concept to the Bikeways Committee. Motion made by Gabriole Van Bryce. Passed unanimously.

- c. **Education & Outreach.** Ms. Wheaton provided an update about Earth Day activities taking place Saturday, April 21, and invited committee members to participate 2:30-6p.

d. **Solid Waste.**

- i. The Committee requested update committee about Coca-Cola's beach recycling proposal and also requested a copy of their Agreement.
- ii. Betsy provided an update about the recycling ordinance, which will be presented to the Finance and Citywide Project Committee (FCWPC) on Thursday.
- iii. Luiz would like an update about why the 30 recycling bins that were donated to ECOMB to be used for events.

3. New Business.

- a. Commissioner Libbin has requested that Sustainability Committee meetings begin 4 PM.

4. Next Month.

- a. Vehicular [emmissionsemissions](#)
- b. Debra would like Norman Hegedus (MDC Aviation) to discuss streamlining complaint-reply process to be more sustainability, how the flight patterns have changed, -and more information about the noise and height laws for airplanes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27p.

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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