

TO: Commissioner Jerry Libbin, Chair

Members of the Sustainability Committee

Eric Hecht – 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: November 20, 2012

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2012.**

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

Absentees: Eric Hecht and Gabriole Van Bryce.

City Staff: Max Sklar, Assistant City Manager; Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director; Richard Saltrick, Acting City Engineer; Graham Winick, Film and Event Production Manager; Betsy Wheaton, Environmental Resources Manager; and, Margarita Wells, Environmental Specialist.

Guests: Rosa Rodriguez and Mary Anne Biddiscombe, Coca-Cola.

1. Minutes Review

- a. Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Novick, seconded by Mr. Rodrigues. Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

- a. **Water Quality and Conservation – Green Alleys and Parking Lots, Richard Saltrick.**
 - i. This discussion was moved to the November meeting.
- b. **Green Procurement – Special Event Recycling, Graham Winick.**
 - i. Mr. Winick explained that recycling requirements recommended by the Committee for incorporation in the special event permitting process will require input from event promoters, additional research, and further discussion before they can be presented for Commission approval. In the interim, Mr. Winick presented draft special event recycling guidelines that the City can distribute with special event permits once approved by the Committee. Mr. Winick distributed the guidelines to the Committee for their review and comment. **MOTION: The Sustainability Committee recommends that the Administration develop the appropriate guidelines to require all special events in the City to offer recycling. Moved by Ms. Leibowitz, seconded by Ms. Sobel. Passed unanimously.**

- c. **Solid Waste Management – Coca-Cola Partnership, Max Sklar, Rosa Rodriguez, and Mary Anne Biddiscombe.**
 - i. Mr. Sklar presented a breakdown of the Coca-Cola Partnership funds and introduced Ms. Rodrigues and Ms. Biddiscombe who presented the details of the partnership. Ms. Leibowitz indicated that the temporary trash and recycling bins that Coca-Cola provides for City events are not currently provided at the Soundscape events. **ACTION: Staff to provide statistics regarding the success of the wrap-around label provided by Coca-Cola for the City’s recycling bins at the November meeting. Staff to provide the Soundscape event schedule to Ms. Rodrigues so temporary trash and recycling bins can also be provided for these events.**

- d. **Solid Waste Management – Recycling Program Update, Betsy Wheaton.**
 - i. Ms. Wheaton provided an update on the City’s recycling program. Mr. Rodrigues stated that the City should request new businesses and condominiums to provide a recycling plan in compliance with the recycling ordinance as part of the building permit process. Mr. Beckmann indicated that the occupational license process may be a better option since it is required for new construction and new leasing agreements. **ACTION: Staff to determine the most appropriate process for reviewing recycling ordinance compliance and to report back to the Committee at the November meeting.**

3. New Business

- a. Commissioner Libbin indicated that Mr. Rodrigues, Ms. Wheaton, and he are attending the Sustainable and Authentic Florida Conference in Anna Maria Island from October 17 through 19. The City of Miami Beach will host the conference next year.
- b. Mr. Rodrigues requested that the City ensure businesses are providing recycling bins throughout their establishment (i.e. in the front and back of restaurants) as part of their recycling plan. Mr. Beckmann indicated that the recycling ordinance only dictates that businesses must have a recycling plan.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 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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