

FLOODING MITIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - Draft APRIL 16, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

The City of Miami Beach Flooding Mitigation Committee met on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. The meeting was led by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson. Commissioners Michael Grieco and Joy Malakoff were in attendance. It was m/s/p to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 26, 2014 as submitted.

MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON FLOODING AND SEA RISE

Scott Robins, Chair of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Flooding and Sea Rise was in attendance. He turned the report over to Bruce Mowry, City Engineer to review ongoing projects including pump stations being planned for Sunset Harbour and Alton Road.

CDM SMITH PRESENTATION

Ignacio Lizama, CDM Smith, presented "Suggestions to Miami Beach for Using Storm Water Master Plan Tools for Upgrading Flood Mitigation'. Commissioner Wolfson asked that CDM Smith explain how the City can get value out of the information that they collected and presented in the Storm Water Master Plan. Bruce Mowry stated that the physical basic information in the report is accurate and is being used by City Engineers. There was discussion that the base NAVD elevation assumptions were below what had been suggested by other experts in the community. The report can be used to ramp up moving forward. CDM agreed to provide training to City engineering staff as they had committed to do in the past, at no additional cost.

DISCUSSION ON BASE FLOOD ELEVATION + 3

Scott Robins said that Thomas Mooney, Acting Planning Director, will be coming to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Flooding and Sea Rise on April 29, 2014 with a Planning Department recommendation. The recommendation by the Building Department was base elevation plus one foot for residential projects and plus two for commercial projects. The City Engineers have recommended base elevation plus three feet. Ultimately, the decision will be made by the Mayor and Commissioners at a Miami Beach City Commission Meeting. It is on the April 23, 2014 agenda for discussion. David Martinez, CIP Director shared that the Collins Park Garage is waiting on a decision in order to move forward with the project. The Committee asked to see a drawing prepared by the architects to get a better sense of what the project would look like if the base elevation would be increased by three feet.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PLAN TO REPLACE 3000 FEET OF SEAWALL BEHIND MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

Bruce Mowry will be attending the Mt. Sinai meetings and will report back to the committee.

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Senator Bill Nelson will lead the meeting. Mayor Philip Levine will be a speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The Flooding Mitigation Committee will meet next on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. The meeting will be posted on the City's website www.miamibeachfl.gov, Quick Links, Commission Committee Referral Tracking (CCRT), Flooding Mitigation Home Page to obtain future and past agendas.

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