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TO: Commissioner Jerry Libbin, Chair

Members of the Sustainability Committee
Dave Doebler – 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: July 16, 2013

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2013.**

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: Dave Doebler, Liliam Furst, Gabriole Van Bryce, and Mitch Novick.

Absentees: Commissioner Jerry Libbin, Lanette Sobel, Debra Leibowitz, and Luiz Rodrigues.

City Staff: Anthony Kaniewski, Property Management Division Director; Alex Denis, Procurement Division Director; Cristina Delvat, Contract Compliance Specialist; Steven Williams, Procurement Coordinator; Enid Rodriguez, Aide to Commissioner Libbin; Betsy Wheaton, Environmental Resources Manager; Margarita Wells, Environmental Specialist; and, Ariel Moger, Environmental Intern.

Guests: Emily Eisenhauer, FIU PhD Candidate.

1. **Minutes Review**
   a. Motion to approve May minutes made by Ms. Van Bryce, seconded by Mr. Doebler. Minutes approved unanimously.
2. **Sustainability Committee Work Plan**
   a. **Green Procurement.** Mr. Alex Denis presented the draft Invitation to Bid (ITB) for janitorial services Citywide, which requires the use of Green Seal-approved practices and products for janitorial services provided at City facilities. Mr. Denis indicated that the procured contractor will be required to submit documentation with their monthly invoices confirming the use of Green Seal-approved products and practices. Mr. Kaniewski added that the City will also be regularly auditing the selected contractor to ensure compliance. Mr. Doebler asked whether the ITB included a standard for garbage can liners. Mr. Denis indicated that the City would reach out to Green Seal for a product standard and include it in the ITB. Ms. Van Bryce asked if the City will provide training to the contracted janitorial staff. Ms. Wheaton explained that the ITB requires the procured contractor to train their employees, but that Green Seal will also be

available to further train the contractor's staff.

i. **MOTION: The Sustainability Committee approves the ITB for Citywide janitorial services, with the addition of a Green Seal standard for garbage can liners. Motion made by Ms. Van Bryce, seconded by Ms. Furst. Passed unanimously.**

ii. **ACTION:** Staff to research Green Seal-approved garbage can liners made of recycled content and of biodegradable material and revise the ITB accordingly.

b. **Air Quality & Climate Change.** Ms. Emily Eisenhauer presented the findings of her research regarding sea level rise in Miami Beach. Ms. Wheaton stated that the City has had ongoing discussions with the Dutch government regarding climate change and sea level rise and invited the Committee to attend the City's "Dutch Dialogues" event tentatively scheduled for August. **ACTION:** Staff to provide the Committee with the Dutch Dialogues event information as soon as the date is finalized.

c. **Natural Resource & Ecosystem Management.** Ms. Wells informed the Committee that the City received a grant from the Florida Coastal Management Program to conduct a beach and dune educational project and invited the Committee to attend the Beach & Dune Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, June 19. Ms. Wells also invited the Committee to attend the grant-funded volunteer dune restoration events on July 20 and August 24.

3. **New Business**

a. **Tree Canopy Discussion.** Ms. Van Bryce recommended that the City conduct a tree inventory and prioritize the development of a Green Infrastructure Plan. Ms. Furst added that the City's Green Infrastructure Plan should include a standard for adding tree canopy evenly throughout the City rather than concentrating new trees in parks and residential areas. Mr. Novick stressed that any new vegetation planted only include native species. Mr. Doebler recommended that the City's Greenspace/Tree Advocacy Group (GTAG) present three (3) realistic policy proposals and a brief list of the organization's long-term goals for the Committee's discussion. Ms. Wheaton recommended that City staff from the City's Planning and Zoning Department, Public Works Department, and Parks Department also be present for the discussion with GTAG. Additionally, Ms. Wheaton advised that the Committee can make a recommendation for the Commission to appropriate a portion of the Sustainable Initiatives Fund to a GTAG initiative, such as the development of a Green Infrastructure Plan. **ACTION:** Staff to coordinate with GTAG and bring the discussion item back to a future meeting.

b. **Citywide Right-Of-Way (ROW) Recycling Bins.** Mr. Doebler expressed his concern over the lack of waste receptacles around the City, especially

in the Sunset Harbour area. Ms. Wheaton responded that the City conducted an inventory in June of recycling bins within the City's ROW and is preparing a report that will be presented to the Committee once finalized. **ACTION:** Staff to finalize the ROW recycling bin report and add the discussion item to a future meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 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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