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**TO: Members of the Sustainability Committee**

David Doebler, Chair – Appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg  
Steve Vincenti – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Grieco  
Debra Leibowitz – Appointed by Commissioner Deede Weithorn  
Michael De Filippi – Appointed by Commissioner Ed Tobin  
Liliam Furst – Appointed by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson  
Wendy Hart – Appointed by Mayor Philip Levine  
Cheryl Jacobs – Appointed by Commissioner Joy Malakoff

DATE: June 23, 2015

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2015**

**The attendees were as follows:** Dave Doebler, Steve Vincenti, Michael De Filippi, Debra Leibowitz, Liliam Furst, Wendy Hart and Cheryl Jacobs.

**Absentees:** None

**City Staff:** Anthony Kaniewski, Property Management Division Director; Elizabeth Wheaton, Assistant Building Director; Margarita Wells, Environmental Resources Manager; and, Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Specialist.

**1. Minutes**

- a. Motion to approve May 28, 2015 meeting minutes made by Ms. Deborah Leibowitz, seconded by Mr. Michael DiFilippi.

**2. SRC**

- a. The Sustainability and Resiliency Committee meeting was held on June 24, 2015.

**3. Sustainability Committee Work Plan**

**a. Old Business – Environment and Sustainability**

- i. Energy Efficiency Update. Mr. Anthony Kaniewski provided an overview of the energy conservation efforts that were completed by Ameresco in September 2012, including the installation of lighting retrofits and of geothermal at the Miami Beach Convention Center (MBCC) and the Miami Beach Police Stations. Mr. Kaniewski indicated that the projects have generated savings of \$1.2 million per year and are considered successful, except for the geothermal at the MBCC which has been unsuccessful due to high groundwater temperatures. The City is working with Ameresco to find solutions to this challenge and is safeguarded by a cost savings guarantee in the contract.

**b. Solid Waste Management & Natural Resources**

- i. Cigarette Butt Litter. Mr. Dave Doebler provided examples of programs available to control cigarette butt litter, including the Surfriider Foundation's pole-mounted ash cans in Huntington Beach. The sponsored cans are located in areas of high foot traffic and are

maintained and emptied by Surfrider volunteers. Mr. Doebler recommended that the City install a select number of ashcans at bus stops in partnership with a local nonprofit. Mr. Luiz Rodrigues presented an alternative in which the City would install reusable beach ashtray dispensers at beach entrances. Ms. Wendy Hart suggested involving the Boucher Brothers to distribute beach ashtrays as they rent out beach chairs. Ms. Elizabeth Wheaton announced that there is \$10,000 in grant funding available through the Boucher Brothers that could be awarded to carry out these ideas. However, Ms. Wheaton explained that all of these ideas need to be further vetted to determine cost, maintenance, and other program logistics, as well as to ensure that any associated signage is in compliance with the City's requirements.

**ACTION:** Staff to schedule a meeting with Mr. Doebler to discuss the logistics of a cigarette butt litter program.

**ACTION:** Staff to provide an update on the Boucher Brothers grant at the July meeting.

- ii. Ms. Wendy Hart asked if the City can produce an educational campaign directed towards this type of litter. Ms. Wheaton advised that the City has already been working on a litter campaign. **ACTION:** Staff to provide an update on the litter educational campaign at the July meeting.
- iii. Composting On-Going Discussion. Ms. Flavia Tonioli provided the Committee with an update on the City's composting research. She advised that at this time the City does not have any space available to open a composting facility in Miami Beach and that the most feasible option is to promote the County's existing program which provides composting education and backyard composting bins to residents. Ms. Leibowitz proposed involving the schools and working with them to locate available space for composting.

#### 4. Next Meeting

##### a. July 23 Meeting

- Boucher Brother Grant
- Continue Cigarette Butt Litter discussion
- Beach Management Operations