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**Sustainability Committee Chairperson**

David Doebler – Appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg

**Members of the Sustainability Committee**

Steve Vincenti – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Grieco

Nancy Bernstein – Appointed by Mayor Philip Levine

Michael DeFilippi – Appointed by Commissioner Ricky Arriola

Cheryl Jacobs – Appointed by Commissioner Joy Malakoff

Richard Conlin – Appointed by Commissioner Kristen Rosen-Gonzalez

Scott Diffenderfer – Appointed by Commissioner John Elizabeth Aleman

DATE: May 10, 2017

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2017**

**The attendees were as follows:** Dave Doebler, Nancy Bernstein, Scott Diffenderfer, Cheryl Jacobs, Steve Vincenti and Richard Conlin.

**Absentees:** Michael DeFilippi.

**City Staff:** Elizabeth Wheaton, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Saul Francis, Parking Director; Monica Diaz, Assistant Parking Director, Margarita Wells, Acting Environment and Sustainability Director; Mark Morgan, Maintenance Management Coordinator; Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Manager; and Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Specialist.

**1. Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the March 28, 2017 Sustainability Committee meeting minutes made by Ms. Cheryl Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Richard Conlin.

**2. SRC**

- a. Updates for Sustainability and Resiliency Committee meeting on April 19, 2017 provided by Mr. Dave Doebler.

**3. Sustainability Committee Work Plan**

a. **New Business**

- i. Oath of Civility – Ms. Flavia Tonioli provided the committee members the Oath of Civility form for review and signature at the instruction of the City Clerk's Office.

ii. 2017 items.

A) TRANSPORTATION/ PARKING

- EV stations – Mr. Dave Doebler presented the item. He explained to the Committee that Commissioner Grieco introduced the concept of installing Tesla superchargers in the City to incentivize the use of electric vehicles (EV). Chris Vance, Tesla Infrastructure Manager for the South East Region, provided the Committee with a presentation on the company and the Superchargers. He explained that Tesla chargers would only work for Tesla users. Mr. Doebler explained that

slow charging stations were cost prohibitive and would require EV owners to utilize a paid parking space for several hours to receive a full charge. He added that the installation of Tesla Superchargers in parking garages near shopping areas could help with further activating the business realm. Mr. Vance explained the City would keep all parking revenue and that Tesla would cover the cost of any infrastructure installation and maintenance, as well as utility fees. He added that Tesla owners who purchased a vehicle prior to the beginning of 2017 would have free charges for life while those that purchased after that time period will receive 1000 miles of free charges for the first year. Mr. Saul Francis, Parking Director, inquired whether there was any data on facilities that had both types of EV stations and if it had led to a natural reliance on Tesla chargers and forgone the regular chargers. Ms. Monica Diaz, Assistant Parking Director, explained that the Blink contract outlines that the City will receive 15% of net revenues minus credit card fees and will also be reimbursed for electricity. Ms. Diaz expressed her concerns about requiring one contractor to pay net revenues to the City and not requiring the other. Ms. Diaz mentioned the City does not want to create a market that's only viable to Tesla but that staff would further explore options with both Blink and Tesla. **MOTION:** The Sustainability Committee supports efforts from the City of Miami Beach to begin discussions with Tesla on the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in City garages. Motion made by Ms. Cheryl Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Scott Diffenderfer. Motion passed unanimously.

#### B) WASTE MANAGEMENT & LITTER

- Beach recycling – Mr. Dave Doebler expressed concerns on overall beach operations in relation to recycling. He inquired on whether City and County staff were properly separating recyclable materials. Ms. Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Specialist, explained that both the City and County were working together to improve recycling operations within the City. As part of this collaboration, the County will deploy 100 recycling bins with lids and ensure that trash and recycling bins are placed at a reasonable distance from each other to reduce contamination rates. To further support these efforts, the City has proposed to properly label all the bins on the beach with messaging that will distinguish trash from recycling receptacles. **ACTION:** The Sustainability Committee recommends that the openings on the future recycling lids be made smaller and to incorporate bilingual messaging to reach a wider audience.

#### C) UPDATES

- Ms. Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Manager provided an update on the Sustainable and Resiliency Procurement Policy implementation. The Procurement Department, Environment and Sustainability Department and Office Depot, held a workshop to teach staff about environmentally preferred office supplies. During the workshop, thirty-five procurement liaisons from different departments, including Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Parking, Sanitation, amongst others, learned how they could take conscious decisions when purchasing office supplies and transition to environmentally preferred products.
- Ms. Nancy Bernstein mentioned the Committee could improve educational outreach by encouraging students to participate in environmentally related initiatives and attending the Committee meetings.

- 4. Next Meeting**
  - a. May 30, 2017.