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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
Nancy Bernstein – Appointed by Mayor Philip Levine
Michael De Filippi – 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: February 17, 2016

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2016**

The attendees were as follows: Dave Doebler, Nancy Bernstein, Michael De Filippi, Cheryl Jacobs and Richard Conlin.

Absentees: Steve Vincenti and Scott Diffenderfer.

City Staff: Susanne M. Torriente, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resiliency Officer; Elizabeth Wheaton, Assistant Building Director; Amy Knowles, Deputy Resiliency Officer; Roy Coley, Infrastructure Division Director; Tonya Daniels, Interim Communications Director; George Castello, Code Compliance Manager; Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Specialist; and Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Coordinator.

1. **Minutes**
   a. Motion to approve the November 19, 2015 meeting minutes made by Ms. Cheryl Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Richard Conlin.

2. **SRC**
   a. Update of the December 18, 2015 Sustainability and Resiliency Committee (SRC) meeting provided by Mr. Dave Doebler.

3. **Sustainability Committee Work Plan**

   a. **<u>Resiliency and Sustainability</u>**
      i. Miami Beach Engine Idling Law – Dr. Morris Sunshine. Item deferred to the next Sustainability Committee meeting.
      ii. Knight Foundation Grant. Ms. Flavia Tonioli asked the Sustainability Committee for a letter of support for the proposal "Living with Water-Miami Beach Blueways Connector" for the Knights Cities Challenge (KCC) grant. The proposal presented the concept of an innovative kayak-sharing program that would activate Miami Beach's waterways connectivity and promote an interactive educational outreach, connecting the public to our marine environment. **MOTION** to approve the letter of support, made by Ms. Cheryl Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Richard Conlin.

   b. **<u>Solid Waste Management</u>**
      i. Storm Drain Gratings Program Update. Mr. Roy Coley provided an update on the stormwater drain gratings program, mentioning the most litter-prone areas, such as Ocean Drive. Mr. Coley mentioned sanitation's efforts manually cleaning the area and with trucks daily. Mr. Doebler asked about the pump stations and its efficacy for plastic bags

pollution control and Mr. Coley talked about the vortex structure in the pump station primarily designed to separate the solids from the wastewater. Mr. Coley mentioned the pump stations have been cleaned on a quarterly basis and are being inspected monthly to determine if they need it to be cleaned up more or less often. Mr. Doebler asked about potential modifications to the next storm grating systems to address the issue with plastic litter. Mr. Coley mentioned they could invite Mr. Bruce Mowry (City Engineer) for the next meeting to discuss and explore this issue.

ii. Polystyrene Ban Update. Mr. George Castello mentioned Code Enforcement Department's efforts to enforce the Polystyrene ban. Mr. Castello and Ms. Yanira Pineda talked about the City's awareness outreach to educate residents and businesses about the regulations in place and continuing educational campaign to provide alternatives for polystyrene materials.

iii. Anti-litter Campaign Update. Mrs. Tonya Daniels provided an update on the anti-litter campaign the City is developing with the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau. Mrs. Daniels explained the campaign's focus encompassing litter and fitness with the slogan 'Keep Miami Beach clean and fit'. Mrs. Daniels explained the campaign teasers through social media and the next steps and potential partnerships for the campaign.

c. <u>Review 2016 Agenda</u>

i. Topics. Item deferred to the next Sustainability Committee meeting.

4. Next Meeting

a. February 23, 2016.