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Sustainability Committee Chairperson

David Doebler – Appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg

Members of the Sustainability Committee

Jeremy Waks- Appointed by Mayor Dan Gelber

Mohammed Islam - Appointed by Commissioner Mark Samuelian

Luiz Rodrigues- Appointed by Commissioner Michael Góngora

Mike Gibaldi - Appointed by Commissioner Ricky Arriola

Max Litt - Appointed by Commissioner John Elizabeth Alemán

Chis Duggan – Appointed by Commissioner Joy Malakoff

DATE: July 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Sustainability Committee

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee has been scheduled for July 30, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Small Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall.

The attendees were as follows: Dave Doebler, Luiz Rodrigues, Mohammed Islam, Max Litt, Chris Duggan, and Jeremy Waks.

City Staff: Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Specialist and Alyssia Berthoumieux, Sustainability Specialist.

Members Absent:

Minutes

1. Committee Responsibilities

- a. **MOTION:** Motion to approve the June 25, 2019 minutes. Motion made by Dave Doebler, seconded by Luiz Rodrigues.

2. Sustainability and Resiliency Committee Overview

- a. Dave Doebler presented the item. He mentioned the discussion on the stormwater pumps which included remediation recommendations by the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) and the incorporation of street sweeping in residential areas. Luis Rodriguez inquired on whether the city is looking into changing its pump station design to add more water quality elements. Yanira Pineda offered to have Public Works participate in an upcoming meeting to provide information on this discussion.

3. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

a. Old Business

- i. Single-Use Plastics Workshop – Dave Doebler led a workshop for committee members on addressing single-use plastic use and pollution. He explained the purpose of the workshop was to provide the Mayor and City Commission with a list of short- and long-term actions/initiatives that could be adopted in order to help with reducing the impact of single-use plastic. The list included a breakdown

of the most common plastics found within Miami-Dade County to help with understanding the impact and frequency of each item. Luis Rodriguez mentioned that the committee needs to approach this at a higher level and that straws are not the biggest concern when dealing with marine impact. Max Litt suggested leveraging or exploring overlaps with the MS4 permitting or floatables control to help with prioritizing items. Mike Gibaldi discussed expanding of cigarette butt ashcans program to the east side of the dunes and possibly working with concessionaries. Other items deliberated as part of the workshop included programs and policy to address plastic bottles, bottle caps, straws/stirrers, cans, balloons, and grocery bags. **MOTION:** The Sustainability Committee developed and approved the attached plastic reduction workshop document for the Mayor and Members of the City Commission to serve as guidance for future plastic reduction initiatives. Motion made by Mike Gibaldi, Seconded by Luiz Rodrigues.

- ii. G.O. Bond Update - Continued to September Meeting.

b. New Business

- i. Recycling – Yanira Pineda presented the item. She gave the committee an update on the status of the recycling discussion held during the July Finance and Citywide Projects Committee. She further explained the discussion would be held during the next Sustainability and Resiliency Committee meeting and invited committee members to attend.
- ii. MB Rising Above Grants - Yanira Pineda presented the item. She announced the upcoming cycle for the city's MB Rising Above Grants. Ms. Pineda explained there was 55k available in funding which could go to 1- 5 non-profit organizations with projects focused on environment and sustainability.
- iii. September Topics - Dave Doebler led a discussion on topics for the September committee meeting.

4. Public Comment and Announcements

- a. Dave Doebler inquired on what the Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association's Sustainable Hospitality Council is doing with promoting sustainability in Miami Beach.

5. Next Meeting

- a. September 24, 2019