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Members of the Sustainability Committee

David Doebler, Chair – Appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg
Jeremy Waks, Vice-Chair - Appointed by Mayor Dan Gelber
Sarah Kott, Member - Appointed by Commissioner David Richardson
Mohammed Islam, Member - Appointed by Commissioner Mark Samuelian
Luiz Rodrigues, Member - Appointed by Commissioner Michael Góngora
Mike Gibaldi, Member - Appointed by Commissioner Ricky Arriola
Chris Duggan, Member – Appointed by Commissioner Joy Malakoff

DATE: February 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Sustainability Committee

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee was scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at Miami Beach City Hall – 1700 Convention Center Drive within the City Manager’s Small Conference Room.

The attendees were as follows: Dave Doebler, Sara Kott, Jeremy Waks, Luiz Rodrigues, Mohammed Islam and Chris Duggan

City Staff: Elizabeth Wheaton, Environment and Sustainability Director; Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Manager; Yanira Pineda, Senior Sustainability Coordinator; and Alyssia Berthoumieux, Sustainability Specialist.

Members Absent: None

Minutes

1. Committee Responsibilities

- a. Introductions: Members of the Committee, City staff, and public introduced themselves.
- b. **MOTION:** Motion to approve the November 26, 2019 and December 17, 2019 Minutes. Motion made by Jeremy Waks, seconded by Chris Duggan.
- c. **MOTION:** Motion to appoint Dave Doebler as Chair and Jeremy Waks as Vice-Chair. Motion made by Mike Gibaldi, seconded by Sara Kott.
- d. **MOTION:** Motion to appoint Jeremy Waks as a non-voting member to the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee. Motion made by Mike Gibaldi, seconded by Chris Duggan.

2. **Commission Committee Reviews** – Flavia Tonioli explained the new process for the commission committee meetings and how they have been merged. She highlighted that the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee (SRC) no longer exists, and pending items were submitted to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee merge between SRC and previous Land Use Development Committee. Luiz Rodrigues expressed how broad all the topics within the commission committees were and inquired on whether there was a way to categorize the different items to allow the public to participate in those that are of interest to them. Elizabeth Wheaton explained that each item was sponsored by a different commissioner and factors such as assigning a time certain could impact the order of an agenda.

3. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

a. Old Business

- i. Recap of 2019 items – Yanira Pineda showcased the committee’s bi-annual report which highlighted past accomplishments and future activities. Ms. Pineda offered to share the list with the committee. Dave Doebler requested to have a pending items section added to the agenda in order to allow the committee to track past items such as the waste hauler signage, fertilizer regulations, and fleet initiatives.

b. New Business

- i. 2020 Topic Selection Activity – Dave Doebler led the topic selection activity with the committee. The committee voted on the following top ten items:
 - Implement Mayors Monarch Butterfly Pledge and more native pollinator plants - Dave Doebler/Sara Schatz Kott
 - Increase dedicated bicycle paths & incentivize bicycle use - Mike Gibaldi/Jeremy Waks
 - Implement a major renewable energy project on city property - Dave Doebler/ Chris Duggan/ Luiz Rodrigues
 - Promote, support, and educate about coral reef activities and projects - Chris Duggan
 - Implement improved storm drain infrastructure - Jeremy Waks
 - Eliminate more single-use plastics in the existing ordinance, including cutlery, plates, to-go food containers, cups, lids, water bottles and balloons. Incorporate a plastic ‘tax’. - Luiz Rodríguez/Sara Schatz Kott
 - Achieve becoming a carbon neutral city to meet commitments made to the Sierra Club ‘Ready for 100’, ‘Climate Emergency’, etc. - Dave Doebler
 - Carry out city-led Volunteer Cleanups for neighborhood and storm drain maintenance - Dave Doebler
 - Install additional EV charging stations around the city - Jeremy Waks
 - Incorporate students into Sustainability & Resiliency activities, create curriculum, and assign a student member on the Sustainability Committee - Chris Duggan

4. Public Comment and Announcements

a. Events

- i. Spring Break – Continued to February meeting.
- ii. Earth Day – Continued to February meeting.

5. Next Meeting

- a. February 25, 2020