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Sustainability Committee

David Doebler, Chair – Appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg
Sarah Kott, Member - Appointed by Commissioner David Richardson
Jeremy Waks, Member - Appointed by Mayor Dan Gelber
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

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee was scheduled for February 25, 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, and Chris Duggan

City Staff: Elizabeth Wheaton, Environment and Sustainability Director; Jay Fink, Public Works Assistant Director; Yanira Pineda, Senior Sustainability Coordinator; Bradford Kaine, Sanitation Division Director; and Rhonda McPherson, Sanitation Division Assistant Director.

Members Absent: Luiz Rodriguez and Mohammed Islam

Minutes

1. Committee Responsibilities

- a. **MOTION:** Motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes. Motion made by Chris Duggan, seconded by Mike Gibaldi.

2. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

a. Old Business

- i. Recap of existing projects (10 mins)
 1. Waste Hauler Unified Messaging – Yanira Pineda explained to the committee that waste haulers are required to update the decals on their containers as part of their updated agreement. She explained the haulers are sending examples for approval. Dave Doebler inquired on reviewing the decals. Ms. Pineda suggested waiting for the haulers to first revise them base on her last round of recommendations.
 2. County Recycling Pilot – Yanira Pineda provided an update on the county recycling pilot. She explained the county would need to allocate funds to expand the existing program.
 3. Fleet Electrification – Continued to March Meeting
- ii. Update on 2019 Plastics Workshop – Elizabeth Wheaton led a discussion on the July 2019 motion that stemmed from the plastics workshop. She explained to the committee that motions should have actions or specific suggestions in order make policy decisions easier. Dave Doebler suggested that Sara Kotz and Luiz Rodriguez present at the March meeting to narrow down the list of items from the plastics workshop. Ms. Wheaton added that Commissioner Samuelian asked to have the revised item heard in three months.

b. New Business

- i. Student Involvement in Sustainability – Chris Duggan presented the item. He listed out a number of suggestions to encourage student participation within the committee. Yanira Pineda offered to check with the City Clerk’s office on the possibility of having a high school or college student as part of the committee. She explained the Youth Commission serves as a great opportunity to obtain input from students and recommended considering motions directed towards the Youth Commission, asking for their review of any relevant sustainability topics.
MOTION: Motion recommending the Mayor and City commission to appoint a student as a non-voting or full voting member of the Sustainability Committee.
Motion withdrawn by Chris Duggan.
- ii. Spring Break – Dave Doebler introduced the item. He explained there were concerns during President’s Day and the condition of the beach after the holiday. He inquired on whether there was a plan in place for spring break to reduce the amount of litter left behind. Jay Fink explained there was an activation area on the beach adjacent to Lummus Park to help control the crowds. He added that the area would have bathrooms and concession stands. Mr. Doebler inquired on whether people could access the water from where they are. Mr. Fink explained the shoreline would be blocked. Mike Gibaldi inquired on the types of materials and products being served at the concession stands. Mr. Doebler shared his concerns over trash being left near the water line whether it would be picked up in time to not be carried off by the tides. Rhonda MacPherson stated that as participants leave the beach, sanitation comes in and picks up the trash near the waterline. Mr. Doebler suggested getting a volunteer crew to help with cleaning the shoreline and having anti-litter signage placed along the serpentine walkway and the entrance to the dunes.
- iii. Earth Day – Yanira Pineda went over the list of earth month events scheduled for April. She explained staff was in the process of narrowing down the details for some of the events and would share the final information with the committee for distribution. Mr. Doebler inquired on whether Urban Forestry would use straps for the tree planting marathon. Ms. Pineda explained that she would have to confirm with the Urban Forester. Mr. Doebler suggested working with ACE Hardware stores to promote the We-Lab Workshops.

3. Next Meeting

- a. March 24, 2020