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### **Sustainability Committee**

Margarita Kruffy, Chair – Appointed by Mayor Dan Gelber

Sara Schatz Kott, Vice-Chair – Appointed by Commissioner David Richardson

Michael DeFilippi, Member – Appointed by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Johann Moore, Member – Appointed by Commissioner Mark Samuelian

Jason Koslowe, Member – Appointed by Commissioner Stephen Meiner

No appointment – Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez

No appointment – Commissioner Ricky Arriola

DATE: March 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Sustainability Committee

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee was scheduled for March 31, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The meeting was held through Zoom.

Attendees were as follows: Margarita Kruffy, Johann Moore, Sara Kott, Michael DeFilippi, Jason Koslowe

Absent:

City Staff: Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Manager; Alyssia Berthoumieux, Senior Sustainability Coordinator; Rolando Martinez, Sustainability Specialist.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

## **MINUTES**

### **1. Committee Responsibilities**

- a. **Review of the February 24, 2022 Minutes – MOTION:** Motion to approve February 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion made by Sara Kott, seconded by Johann Moore.

### **2. Sustainability Committee Work Plan**

#### **a. New Business**

- i. **Storm Drain Grates** – This item was deferred to the April meeting.
- ii. **Stormwater Management** – This item was deferred to the April meeting.
- iii. **Miami Beach Rising Above Interim Flooding Solutions** – This item was deferred to the April meeting.

#### **b. Old Business**

- i. **Climate Action Plan Update** – Alyssia Berthoumieux, Senior Sustainability Coordinator, provided an update on the progress of the Climate Action Plan development. Ms. Berthoumieux stated that staff met with a CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) representative to discuss science-based targets and how that aligns with the City's net-zero emissions by 2050 target and the interim target proposed in the Climate Action Plan. Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Manager, provided an update on the solar item heard at the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee. Ms. Pineda stated that the Committee was supportive of the energy assessment that will

be completed for municipal buildings and of a solar feasibility assessment. The committee and the public discussed big solar projects underway at Miami-Dade County and legislation at the state level that could affect the financial considerations for solar energy projects.

- ii. **Urban Forestry Master Plan Update** – No update.
- iii. **G.O. Bond Committee Update** – No update.

### 3. Public Comment and Announcements

Sara Kott, member, asked if there were any next steps from the composting presentation from the last Sustainability Committee meeting. Ms. Berthoumieux stated that there were no follow up actions but that the backyard composting project funded by the Miami Beach Rising Above grant will begin soon.

**MOTION:** The Sustainability Committee urges the Mayor and City Commission to signal its support to Miami-Dade County for the construction of a commercial composting facility and furthermore, the development of a curbside compost pickup program for residents and businesses. Motion made by Johann Moore, seconded by Margarita Kruyff.

Ms. Pineda presented the schedule of events planned for Earth Month, including the Earth Month Tree Giveaway, Baynanza, and Arbor Day Tree Planting. Ms. Pineda added that a newsletter will be sent with additional information about these events.

Ms. Pineda provided an update on the City's beverage contract which was awarded to Pepsi. She explained that the majority of their products will be plastic-free and will be sold in aluminum cans. The committee and the public discussed the sustainability efforts implemented by Ultra Music Festival and how they could be incorporated in the City's special events guidelines. Ms. Pineda explained that staff is working on updating the special events guidelines and will bring them to the Sustainability Committee once the draft is finalized.

The committee discussed the importance of reaching out to other committees to stay up-to-date on other initiatives in the city and how they are related to the Sustainability Committee's areas of interest.

### 4. Next Meeting

- a. April 28, 2022