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### **Sustainability Committee**

Margarita Kruyff, 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

Maria Algarra, Member – Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez

No appointment – Commissioner Ricky Arriola

DATE: July 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Sustainability Committee

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee was scheduled for July 28, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The meeting was held through Zoom.

Attendees were as follows: Margarita Kruyff, Johann Moore, Michael DeFilippi, Maria Algarra, Jason Koslowe

City Staff: Lindsey Precht, Environment and Sustainability Department Assistant Director; Alyssia Berthoumieux, Senior Sustainability Coordinator; Rolando Martinez, Sustainability Specialist; Samantha Tiffany, Environmental Resources Manager; Jessica Lorenzo, Environmental Specialist; Kayla Acosta, Environmental Specialist; Ander Alvarez, Urban Forester

Members of the public were also in attendance.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Committee Responsibilities**

- a. **Review of the June 30, 2022 Minutes – MOTION:** Motion to approve June 30, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion made by Johann Moore, seconded by Jason Koslowe.

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

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

- i. **Environmental Resources Management Team Introductions** – Samantha Tiffany, Environmental Resources Manager, Kayla Acosta, Environmental Specialist, Jessica Lorenzo, Environmental Specialists, and Ander Alvarez, Urban Forester, introduced themselves and provided an overview of their roles.
- ii. **Oyster Line Presentation** – Maria Algarra, member, presented on native oysters in Biscayne Bay and the benefits they provide to the improvement of water quality. Margarita Kruyff, chair, inquired about project funding. Ms. Algarra explained that implementing an oyster line project would cost an estimated \$6,000 for the materials and water monitoring equipment. Committee members discussed the next steps for seeking funding and agreed to look for potential funding sources.
- iii. **Mid-year Review** – Alyssia Berthoumieux, Senior Sustainability Coordinator, presented a summary of the committee's motions over the past six months and provided updates for those items.
- iv. **Park View Water Quality** – Lindsey Precht, Environment & Sustainability Department Assistant Director, presented on the water quality concern in Parkview. She explained the timeline of events, what has been done by the City so far, and the proposed management efforts. Michael DeFilippi, member, inquired about the City's exploration of the sewage transfer



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station. Ms. Precht confirmed that the Public Works Department has explored those and did not discover any concerns. Johann Moore, member, asked if the City has fines for people not picking up their dog waste. Ms. Precht confirmed that Code Compliance has issued several violations and that the City has made a concerted effort to make it easy for people to pick up after their dog and dispose of it properly. Ms. Berthoumieux updated the committee on the upcoming We <3 Biscayne Bay campaign focused on educating and engaging the public on major sources of pollutants to Biscayne Bay: fertilizer usage, litter, and pet waste.

**b) Old Business**

- i) Climate Action Plan Update – Ms. Berthoumieux updated the committee on the Climate Action Plan and mentioned that the first draft was received from the consultant.

**3. Public Comment and Announcements**

Ms. Berthoumieux announced two upcoming City events; the International Coastal Cleanup being held on September 17 and Yappy Hour being hosted on September 20. She also mentioned the upcoming workshops on the new *Fight the Flood* Private Property Adaptation program.