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## Sustainability Committee

Margarita Kruyff, Chair – Appointed by Mayor Dan Gelber

Michael DeFilippi, Vice-Chair – Appointed by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Maria Algarra, Member – Appointed by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez

Janet Silverman, Member – Appointed by Commissioner David Richardson

No Appointment – Appointed by Commissioner Ricky Arriola

No Appointment – Appointed by Vice Mayor Steven Meiner

No Appointment – Appointed by Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: December 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Sustainability Committee

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee was scheduled for November 17, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The meeting was held through Zoom.

**Attendees were as follows:** Margarita Kruyff, Michael DeFilippi, Janet Silverman, Maria Algarra

**City Staff:** Juanita Ballesteros, Sustainability and Resilience Manager; Rolando Martinez, Sustainability Specialist; Elizabeth Miro, Assistant Director of Facilities and Fleet Management Department; Giacomo Natteri, Administrative Officer.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

## MINUTES

### 1. Committee Responsibilities

- a. **Review of the November 17, 2022 Minutes** – No motion was made to approve the minutes. This item will be added to the agenda for the January 26, 2023 meeting.
- b. **2023 Scheduling** – The committee agreed to continue having their meetings on the last Thursday of each month at 2 pm.
- c. **Nomination of Ex Officio for GO Bond Oversight Committee – MOTION:** Motion to elect Michael DeFilippi as the Ex Officio for GO Bond Oversight Committee. Motion made by Maria Algarra, seconded by Margarita Kruyff.

### 2. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

- a. **New Business**
  - i. **Sustainability and Resilience Manager Introduction** – Juanita Ballesteros, Sustainability and Resilience Manager, introduced herself to the committee.
  - ii. **Iguana Remediation** – Elizabeth Miro, Facilities and Fleet Management Department Assistant Director, presented the Iguana Remediation program; highlighting the history and progress taken by the administration to remediate the proliferated iguana populations throughout the city. Janet Silverman, member, inquired on the reason for the remediation of iguana populations. Giacomo Natteri, Administrative Officer, explained that iguanas can damage seawalls, roofs, and landscaping and are a nuisance to the city. Ms. Algarra asked if the City is educating the public on ethical

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iguana euthanasia. Ms. Miro shared that the educational campaign is forthcoming.

- iii. **Balloon Ban** – Ms. Algarra asked to defer the Balloon Ban item. Ms. Ballesteros stated that City staff will provide more information at the next committee meeting.

## b. Old Business

- i. **Sustainable Events Guidelines** – Rolando Martinez, Sustainability Specialist, presented the Sustainable Events Guidelines being drafted by city staff to reduce the environmental impact of events on Miami Beach. The Sustainability Committee recommended looking into a damage deposit and highlighting the smoking ban on the beach as part of updates to the Special Events Guidelines. The committee also suggested looking into recommending low-emission construction equipment used during event setup/breakdown to reduce the effects of air pollution.

## 3. **Public Comment and Announcements**

- a. **Aspen Ideas: Climate, March 6 – 9, 2023:** Mr. DeFilippi requested that committee members be given passes earlier than last year, so members have enough time to prepare for and participate in the conference.
- b. Johann Moore proposed to the Committee a recommendation for the City to support coop arrangements for electric vehicle charging.
- c. Mr. DeFilippi requested an update on the Miami-Dade County shoreline power project.

## 4. **Next Meeting**

- a. January 26, 2023