

# MIAMI BEACH

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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

**FROM:** Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

**DATE:** June 24, 2020

**SUBJECT: LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 6, 2020**

A Land Use and Sustainability Committee virtual meeting was held on May 6, 2020. Land Use and Sustainability Committee Members participating were Commissioners Mark Samuelian, Michael Gongora, Ricky Arriola and Micky Steinberg. Members from the administration, including Alina T. Hudak, Thomas Mooney, Elizabeth Wheaton, Nick Kallergis, Roy Coley, David Martinez and Michael Belush as well as members of public, also participated.

The meeting was called to order at

1. Discuss Limiting Big Box Formula Retail And Formula Restaurants In Sunset Harbour.

Commissioner Ricky Arriola  
June 5, 2019 C4 Q (Continued from February 18, 2020)  
Planning / City Attorney's Office

### AFTER-ACTION:

#### MOTION: / (-)

2. Discussion Pertaining To Strategic Increases In FAR Related To Resiliency And Other Defined Policy Benchmarks.

Mayor Dan Gelber  
January 15, 2020 C4 K (Continued from February 18, 2020)  
Planning

### AFTER-ACTION:

#### MOTION: / (-)

3. Parking Requirements in Historic and Conservation Districts – MXE Regulations

Commissioner Ricky Arriola  
February 12, 2020 R5 H  
Planning

Commissioner Ricky Arriola  
March 18, 2020 C4 AC  
Planning

**AFTER-ACTION:**

**MOTION: / (-)**

9. Discussion Regarding Finding A Plan, A List Of Locations Where Blue And Green Infrastructure Solutions Can Be Applied To, In Areas Prone To Flood During Heavy Rain.

*Commissioner Mark Samuelian*  
*January 15, 2020 C4 N (Continued from February 18, 2020)*  
*Public Works*

**AFTER-ACTION:**

Roy Coley, Public Works Director, presented this item. The La Gorce neighborhood, West 59<sup>th</sup> Street between Alton Road and Biscayne Bay, was selected as a pilot program where a basic bioswale will be installed to test the efficacy and value of bioswales of reduce flooding.

Commissioner Samuelian asked what the timeline would be once approved.

Mr. Coley reported it would be 30 days for city engineers to design the bioswale, one month of the permitting process, and less than 30 days to install.

**MOTION: By Acclamation: Public Works to begin pilot program in the La Gorce neighborhood and bring feedback to the committee upon implementation before moving onto the other recommended bioswale.**

10. Mitigation Project Funding From The Department Of Housing And Urban Development.

*Commissioner Mark Samuelian*  
*September 11, 2019 C4 P (Continued from October 23, 2019 SRC)*  
*Office of the City Manager – Grants and Intergovernmental Affairs*

**AFTER-ACTION:**

Judy Hoanshelt, Grants and Intergovernmental Affairs Director, provided an update on this item. She stated city staff submitted comments to the State's Action Plan in October. The State's Action Plan was submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in February and the application was released in April. Ms. Hoanshelt stated city staff will review the city's disaster mitigation projects and recommend which projects to select for this grant.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if there is a deadline to receiving the grant funds. Ms. Hoanshelt expressed she will get that information; however, it usually takes a few months.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if there is any assist needed from the commissioners. Ms. Hoanshelt stated city staff is working with the federal and state lobbyist, as well as Miami-Dade County to complete the application.