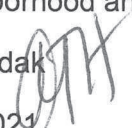


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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee

FROM: Alina T. Hudak 

DATE: June 30, 2021

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE "AD HOC NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCY PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE," FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (SUBJECT TO EARLIER OR LATER SUNSET BY CITY COMMISSION) TO ADVISE THE ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S RESILIENCY PROJECTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PLANNING AND DELIVERY OF THESE CRITICAL PROJECTS; PRESCRIBING THE PURPOSE, POWERS AND DUTIES, COMPOSITION, TERMS OF OFFICE, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON TO THE COMMITTEE.**

HISTORY

At the May 12, 2021 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Mark Samuelian proposed item R7 K, a Resolution, recommending establishing an ad hoc Neighborhood Resiliency Projects Advisory Committee ("Committee") for a period of one year. As set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the Resolution, the Committee would be tasked solely with making advisory recommendations to the City Manager and the City Commission, on neighborhood and private property matters related to City resiliency projects to help improve planning and delivery of these critical projects by incorporating resident ideas and feedback (Attachment A).

After discussion, the item was referred to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee.

ANALYSIS

As a coastal barrier island, the City of Miami Beach is extremely vulnerable to environmental threats such as rising sea levels and coastal flooding. The City has launched several climate resilience projects to address existing flooding and prepare for future sea level rise. These projects include critical life safety and property protection improvements to reduce the risk of tidal flooding, improvements to stormwater drainage, and upgrades to aging water and sewer infrastructure. These projects also aim to include environmental, cultural, and aesthetic benefits, such as improving green infrastructure, street lighting, and sidewalks to beautify the neighborhood. There is a collaborative and cross-departmental effort that is focused on the development and execution of these projects, including all elements of community outreach and involvement.

The Administration is providing recommendations to best optimize the purpose, powers and duties of the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee (Attachment B). These recommendations are to incorporate helpful resident ideas and feedback and to help avoid overlap that could occur regarding specific projects and items that are already reviewed and approved by the City Commission and by existing Committees and Boards, and not result in fiscal impacts or delays.

FISCAL IMPACT

A new Committee would require personnel from the City Manager's Office, Marketing & Communications, Public Works, and Environment & Sustainability, for a total of 8 staff. Each committee meeting would take approximately 48 hours of staff time.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION

Environment and Infrastructure- Reduce risk from storms, high tides, groundwater and sea level rise.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

The City's Community Survey Data shows that 63.4% of Miami Beach residents are satisfied with the quality of public engagement efforts. In addition, the overall satisfaction with City services is rated 19% above the national average.

CONCLUSION/ RECOMMENDATION

The information and attachments are provided for Committee discussion.