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Richard Conlin – Appointed by Commissioner Kristen Rosen-Gonzalez

Mike Gibaldi - Appointed by Commissioner Ricky Arriola

Max Litt - Appointed by Commissioner John Elizabeth Alemán

DATE: December 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Sustainability Committee

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall.

The attendees were as follows: Dave Doebler, Mike Gibaldi, Mohammed Islam, Max Litt, and Jeremy Waks

City Staff: Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Specialist

Members Absent: Richard Conlin and Luiz Rodrigues

AGENDA

1. Committee Responsibilities

- a. **MOTION:** Motion to approve the October 30, 2018 Sustainability Committee meeting minutes. Motion made by Jeremy Waks, Seconded by Max Litt.

2. Sustainability and Resiliency Committee Overview

- a. Yanira Pineda gave a brief overview of the items listed within the December Sustainability and Resiliency Committee (SRC) agenda which included discussions on reusable wares for beachfront concessionaires, the resiliency strategy, and the city's sponsored beverage contract.

3. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

a. 2018 Items

- i. Recap of 2018 Action Items and recap of 2018 Impacts/Wins – Dave Doebler requested an update on ongoing projects including requiring unified messaging on waste bins. Ms. Pineda explained this discussion was passed as a motion in 2017 and implementation of this initiative is dependent on the renewal of the waste hauler contracts which is up for renewal in 2019.
MOTION: Motion to require future waste hauler contractors to install city-approved unified messaging on all sides of commercial and multi-family

waste and recycling containers. In addition, the Sustainability Committee recommended implementing the initiatives listed within LTC#316-2017 to further support this effort. Motion made by Dave Doeblor, seconded by Mike Gibaldi. Mr. Gibaldi inquired about the distance between trash and recycling bins on the beach. Ms. Pineda explained this item was discussed during a previous SRC meeting and staff was given direction to continue working with Miami-Dade County to expand the existing program given the success of the pilot project. Mr. Doeblor inquired on the Special Event Guidelines process and its status. Ms. Pineda explained public meetings with show producers were held to help streamline the existing guidelines. Mr. Doeblor mentioned the Convention Center did not have recycling available during Art Basel. Ms. Pineda stated she would inform the correct department to address this issue and further explained that creating an automated process for event permitting would help catch these types of issues. Mr. Doeblor inquired on being able to sign up for a special permit specifically for community service events. Mr. Litt inquired on whether additional stipulation should be considered to ensure that corporations or for-profit companies do not circumvent the regular special event process. **MOTION:** Motion to incorporate language in the Special Events Guidelines to waive special event permit fees, provide expedited permitting, and free parking for non-profit organizations that organize small community service events such as clean-ups. Motion made by Dave Doeblor, Seconded by Max Litt. Other items discussed included artificial reefs and Miami-Dade County resolutions on Biscayne Bay task force and unencapsulated docks.

- b. Plastic Free Rhythm Foundation – Item Presented by Benton Galgay and James Quinlan of the Rhythm Foundation. Mr. Quinlan introduced the item and explained a case study was conducted for the annual GroundUp Music Festival which highlighted great recommendations and best practices for this event and other events year-round. Mr. Galgay further explained the case study was carried out in partnership class at Columbia University in New York. His presentation included addressing sustainability practices such as zero waste, reduction of single-use plastics, promotion of reusable items, and understanding greenhouse gas emission impacts. Mr. Galgay explained he met with the city's Communications Department and discussed how the city could use this case study as a guide for other events in the city. Ms. Pineda expressed an interest in seeing the outcome of the practices suggested within the study. She offered to speak to the city's marketing team to understand how the city could assist the Rhythm Foundation with gaining exposure and assistance on accomplishing their sustainability goals.

4. Public Comment and Announcements – Member of the public addressed the committee.

5. Next Meeting

- a. January 29, 2019