

**Sustainability Committee Chairperson**

David Doeblér – Appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg

**Members of the Sustainability Committee**

Steve Vincenti – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Grieco

Nancy Bernstein – Appointed by Mayor Philip Levine

Michael DeFilippi – Appointed by Commissioner Ricky Arriola

Cheryl Jacobs – Appointed by Commissioner Joy Malakoff

Richard Conlin – Appointed by Commissioner Kristen Rosen-Gonzalez

Scott Diffenderfer – Appointed by Commissioner John Elizabeth Aleman

DATE: September 26, 2017

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

**The attendees were as follows:** Dave Doeblér, Nancy Bernstein, Michael DiFilippi, Cheryl Jacobs, Scott Diffenderfer, and Richard Conlin.

**Absentees:** Steve Vincenti

**City Staff:** Margarita Wells, Acting Environment and Sustainability Director; Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Manager; and Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Specialist.

**1. Minutes**

**MOTION:** Approval of the July 25, 2017 Sustainability Committee Meeting.  
Motion made by Cheryl Jacobs, seconded by Michael DiFilippi.

**2. Hurricane Irma Updates**

- a. Post-Storm Efforts - Ms. Margarita Wells, Acting Environment and Sustainability Director, provided a brief summary of the city's efforts after Hurricane Irma. She explained the city was still under recovery mode for the next couple of months and was focusing primarily on removing debris on land as well as in the stormwater system to avoid reduced stormwater capacity during King Tides. Ms. Wells explained the current waterway contractor's boat had limited space and the city was looking to find a debris staging area accessible by boat to drop off larger debris. The goal behind this is to make the area accessible to anyone with a boat to allow for companies and individuals to lend a helping hand in towing/removing debris. Mr. Dave Doeblér mentioned two water sports companies had offered their time and equipment to help with any waterway clean ups. He also suggested the city organize a monthly clean up to those willing to volunteer.

**3. SRC**

- a. Sustainability and Resiliency Committee – Ms. Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Manager reviewed the individual items that will be discussed during the October Sustainability and Resiliency Committee. She explained the agenda would be long due to the cancellation of the September meeting as a result of the storm.

#### 4. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

##### a. New Business

##### i. 2017 items.

##### A) Resiliency Tools

- Rising Above Portal – Ms. Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Specialist, presented the Rising Above Resiliency Portal to the Committee. She inquired on obtaining suggestions and feedback that could further enhance the site. Mr. Doeblner suggested a ‘Submit a Question’ portion. Ms. Pineda added city staff is working on the main government website that would lead the user to the Rising Above Portal.
- Resiliency Tour Application – Ms. Pineda presented the Resiliency Tour App to the committee and explained the intent of the app was to provide another resource on the city’s resiliency efforts. She added the tour would highlight the city’s new initiatives and future plans.

##### B) Community Initiatives

Farmer’s Market in North Beach – Ms. Nancy Bernstein expressed an interest in further activating the Middle Beach neighborhood through establishing a business farmers market. Ms. Pineda explained that Vania Pedraja, Redevelopment Specialist, oversaw these initiatives and she could assist Ms. Bernstein with further information.

##### C) Commission Letter of Recognition

**MOTION:** Approve letter of recognition from the Sustainability Committee to Mayor Philip Levine, Commissioner Joy Malakoff, and Commissioner Michael Grieco for their years of services and advocacy on making Miami Beach a more sustainable city. Motion made by Mr. Richard Conlin, Seconded by Cheryl Jacobs

#### 5. Next Meeting

##### a. October 31, 2017.