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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: March 13, 2019

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE (SRC)
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

A meeting of the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in the Commission Chambers. Committee Chair Commissioner Mark Samuelian, Committee Vice-Chair Commissioner John Elizabeth Aleman, and Commissioner Joy Malakoff were in attendance. Members of the administration and the public were also in attendance.

1. REVIEW OF THE RESILIENCE STRATEGY WORKPLAN – PLANNED AND IN PROGRESS RESILIENCY PROJECTS

AFTER-ACTION

Susanne Torriente, Assistant City Manager, presented the item and provided updates to the workplan (Attachment A):

- The 100 Resilient Cities (100 RC) Assessment of Resilience Strategy Actions is nearing completion and is currently under editing and packaging.
- Staff is in the process of integrating resilience and the 100 RC strategic plan elements into our strategic plan and budgeting process.
- Staff is also working to link our city's resilience strategy and the strategic plan to commission goals.
- Staff recently held an internal resiliency workshop and has additional workshops planned for construction project managers to help integrate a resilience lens into the budget process through trainings and budget documents.
- The Ready Team, and corresponding subject matter sub-committees, vet and report on the implementation of Urban Land Institute (ULI) recommendations at their monthly meetings.
- Funding was approved on 11/14/2018 to conduct an inventory and design guidelines for historical preservation in light of sea level rise, with a kick off scheduled to take place on Thursday 2/28/2019 and Friday 3/1/2019.

- The business case analysis of the stormwater resiliency program had its kick off on 2/5/2019 with department representatives.
- Through the National Flooding Insurance Program audit, the city's community rating system score went from a six to a five – a significant improvement considering the city's size and density.

David Martinez, Capital Improvement Projects Director, provided an update on the status of active neighborhood construction projects.

Commissioner John Aleman asked that future updates be brought to the committee in writing to help the Committee keep track of high level updates. She also requested confirmation whether the artistic screen that is planned to obscure the Sunset Harbor pump station would be installed this month.

Mr. Martinez confirmed that the project is at 90% design and that it has been fully vetted through the community. The structural elements for a successful instillation are still in progress, and the hope is to complete the project in the next couple of months.

Commissioner Malakoff asked if residential pump stations installed on the islands have had landscaping placed around them to shield them from the residents.

Mr. Martinez explained that for some islands, like the Venetian Islands, each pump station may have a different treatment. Some will have landscaping while others in narrow spaces are being reviewed with neighboring buildings to determine the best solution.

Commissioner Mark Samuelian asked Roy Coley, Public Works Director, to provide an update on the Indian Creek Drive projects.

Mr. Coley advised that the seawall project permits are under review by the regulatory agencies and the roadway project is under review with the Florida Department of Transportation before it will be re-bid.

Commissioner Samuelian asked about the work that's being done with Jacobs Engineering as it relates to design criteria, project sequencing, and status.

Mr. Coley stated that the City selected Jacobs Engineering as a new consultant, with the contract being consummated on Monday, February 25th. Staff is currently negotiating tasks, the first priority being the development of concept plans of what integrated water management plans would look like within our communities, a complete review of the City's road raising policy, a complete review of project sizing and sequencing, and also repurposing city owned green spaces. Upon completion of this review, Jacobs will help craft a design criteria package to inform new projects in 2020.

Commissioner Aleman commented on sizing and sequencing and stated that community members are anxious to know the schedule and timeline of projects. She also stated that staff be expedient on getting their task orders on paper.

Commissioner Samuelian asked that the construction update portion of the Resilience Strategy Workplan remain as a standing item. He also suggested that there be future engagement with Jacobs Engineering at the Sustainability & Resiliency Committee.

Commissioner Malakoff asked if Jacobs Engineering is locating areas with low water pressure and examining their water mains and sewers.

Mr. Coley stated that Jacobs Engineering has been asked to develop a matrix to determine what projects go first and provide corresponding justification.

Commissioner Aleman asked that staff consider the urgency of water mains, as well as future infrastructure needs from new development, such as the 500 Alton and North Beach Town Center projects.

Mr. Coley stated that these developments have been included for consideration.

Commissioner Samuelian asked that the road raising and financial policies also be considered.

ACTION: No further action taken.

2. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

AFTER-ACTION

Dave Doebler, Committee Chair, presented the item. He provided a summary of the January 29, 2019 Sustainability Committee Meeting, including the ashcan program.

Commissioner Aleman asked that staff contact the Sanitation Department for tips on placement maps to deploy pole mounted ashcans.

Mr. Doebler stated that Surfrider has already done a placement map reviewed by city staff.

Commissioner Aleman stated that ashcans need to go where the cigarette smokers go, which are often on private property.

Mr. Doebler stated that the idea was for the city to pay for the ashcans, and if a private businesses are interested in having one of them installed, business owners could adopt one for one hundred dollars.

Commissioner Aleman also stated her concerns of having ashcans placed on public property with the risk of cigarette buds entering storm drains.

Commissioner Aleman asked whether there was a referral on composting. Elizabeth Wheaton, Environment and Sustainability Director, stated that staff is putting together a Letter to Commission (LTC) on composting.

MOTION: Recommendation to the City Commission directing staff to discuss a potential composting program, similar to the program at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, in North Beach. Motion made by Commissioner Aleman and co-sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian.

3. DISCUSSION REFERRING A TASK TO THE CITY MANAGER'S READY TEAM: IN ORDER TO BOTH OPTIMIZE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND FACILITATE TIMELY COMPLETION OF PROJECTS

AFTER-ACTION

Mr. Martinez presented the item, explaining that the goal is to maximize public input early in the project delivery process to minimize disruption to construction schedules, as well as change orders.

Ms. Torriente added that public input is key in advance of setting project budgets as it is more difficult to incorporate the community's requests after a project budget is defined. She suggested that staff bring a comprehensive list of recommendations for improving the project delivery process in writing for the Committee to review at the March meeting. The recommendations will include:

- Allow for maximum input from the community and staff early on, before a budget is set.
- Once the Commission approves the project based off vetting, then a budget can be created to lessen change orders and ultimately complete projects faster.
- Harmonize the competing needs within the city by utilizing the Ready Team, which consists of executive staff, to prioritize and compromise needs.

Tonya Daniels, Marketing and Communications Director, explained recent enhancements to the public outreach process to the Committee. She also stated that staff is working to create an external communications plan that will be used by the Public Information Officers (PIOs) for every project. Once the plan is finalized, it will be brought before the Commission for approval and adoption.

Additionally, Ms. Daniels stated that all projects related to resiliency will be transferred to the Rising Above portal with the intention of creating a one-stop-shop with updates and documents shared at community meetings to assist with transparency and to make sure that those who were unable to participate in community meetings are up to date.

Commissioner Malakoff stated that early input from residents is key, and that change orders are expensive.

Commissioner Aleman added that a defined and predictable process builds public trust, and that it helps residents understand where they have input. She also added that she hopes a transparent process will help future Commissioners and residents trust the process.

Commissioner Samuelian stated that the Committee is another resource. He also suggested that now would be a good time to see how this public engagement process may overlay with the West Avenue project, and how these principles can be used for the Indian Creek project.

Ms. Torriente stated that public outreach for the West Avenue project was conducted through the Resiliency Accelerator, where staff learned how to improve public engagement. She indicated that staff will be memorializing the Resiliency Accelerator process as a standardized operating procedure that staff will present at the next Committee meeting with the ultimate goal of presenting it to the City Commission for approval.

ACTION: Staff to present a comprehensive list of public engagement recommendations and Resiliency Accelerator standard operating procedure to the SRC in March.

4. DISCUSS THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MOTION ON REQUIRING WASTE HAULER CONTRACTORS TO HAVE UNIFIED MESSAGING

AFTER-ACTION

Yanira Pineda, Sustainability Specialist, presented the item, indicating that staff is already working with the current waste haulers on unified messaging and that requirements for unified messaging can be formally incorporated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) when a new waste hauler contract is put out to bid.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if there was anything else needed from the committee to move forward with the item. Ms. Pineda stated support from the Committee would be sufficient.

Commissioner Malakoff stated that companies we use need to be clear on the city's vision to improve recycling rates through unified messaging.

MOTION: Supporting the incorporation of unified messaging requirements in the RFQ for the new waste haulers contract. Motion made by Commissioner Samuelian and passed by acclamation.

5. DISCUSSION ON CITY OF MIAMI BEACH STORMWATER, SANITARY SEWER, AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

AFTER-ACTION

Ms. Margarita Kruyff, Environment & Sustainability Assistant Director, presented the item. She stated that staff is proposing six enhancements to the city's voluntary water quality monitoring program based on the recommendations of Dr. Charles Rowney's assessment and report presented at the September 26, 2018 SRC meeting.

Stanley Kolosovskiy, Environmental Specialist, presented the elements of the current program and the six proposed enhancements.

Commissioner Aleman asked for clarification on Enhancement 2 and expressed her concern with removing outfall sampling points. Ms. Kruyff explained that there are currently two sampling points at each outfall, whose results were deemed duplicative in a statistical analysis. Therefore, staff is proposing to leave only one sampling point at each outfall and use the savings to deploy sampling stations inside the stormwater system to give staff a better understanding of the water quality before it reaches the bay.

Commissioner Aleman stated that the title of the enhancement is misleading and recommended changing the description in future communications.

Ms. Torriente agreed. She also noted that these enhancements are proposed to the Miami Beach water quality program, which is unique to the City of Miami Beach, and not to the Miami-Dade County water quality sampling program, which is separate.

Commissioner Aleman asked if other municipalities do the type of sampling Miami Beach does.

Ms. Kruyff replied that Miami Beach is unique in our sampling program and that the City is working with other municipalities in Miami-Dade County including the City of Miami and the Village of Key Biscayne to help them launch their own programs.

Commissioner Malakoff asked if the water quality sampling can detect the source of pollution.

Ms. Kruyff explained that sampling is one step in identifying the source of pollution and describe the investigation process used to trace the source of contaminants.

Commissioner Malakoff asked if the city can shut down a business/machinery identified as the source of pollution.

Ms. Kruyff explained that there are city codes relating to pollution for which the city can issue violations. Depending on the violation or how egregious it is, the city can also work with the County, the State, and the Federal government to issue violations.

Members of the public addressed the committee.

Commissioner Samuelian suggested improving how the city communicates with the public on the issue of water quality to ensure the good work the City is doing is recognized. Ms. Torriente stated that staff would work to make technical language easier to understand for residents.

ACTION: No further action taken.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING A POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD

AFTER-ACTION

Mr. Coley provided an update, clarifying that survey work has been completed in the area to inform a future design but that no project design currently exists.

Commissioner Samuelian informed the public that copies of a letter from the City Manager clarifying the status of the Lakeview Neighborhood and FAQ related to Lakeview were available (Attachment B). He also welcomed the public to speak.

A member of the public addressed the committee.

Brett Konchak, Representative from the Hinterland Group, presented on behalf of the Lakeview residents with an alternative infrastructure solution.

Mr. Coley responded to the suggestion.

Commissioner Aleman asked Mr. Konchak about relocation issues and how pipelines would work with slope issues.

Mr. Konchak stated that although he's not entirely sure of the city's current system, his suggestion would be more pump stations.

Commissioner Samuelian asked Mr. Coley if Jacobs Engineering would consider something like ining existing pipes.

Mr. Coley confirmed that Jacobs Engineering would consider all options.

Commissioner Aleman asked if AECOM considered all options when putting together the city's current infrastructure plan.

Mr. Coley stated that all options were looked at extensively with a number of engineers and staff, and that replacements and vacating the easement were the best options. Jacobs Engineering may have a different opinion but they have not opined at this point.

Members of the public addressed the committee. A resident provided a handout to the committee (Attachment C).

Mr. Coley responded on the water and waste water concern from a resident. He stated there is supported analysis and that there should be no concern with the drinking water system.

Commissioner Aleman commented on the handout regarding the herbicide handed out by a resident (Attachment D). She stated because Miami Beach is an island, all storm drains end up in city waterways. Commissioner Aleman asked to make a motion for staff to evaluate and make a recommendation on chemicals in lawn products.

Commissioner Malakoff second. Commissioner Aleman also asked Mr. Coley to provide a brief history on the early steps of the city's backflow preventers.

Mr. Coley provided a brief history and explanation.

Commissioner Aleman explained the importance on maintaining the health of the fresh water lens and the vitality of landscaping, which helps stormwater percolate.

Commissioner Malakoff stated that the total improvement package and what it entails depends on Jacobs Engineering.

A member of the public addressed the committee.

Commissioner Samuelian stated that the purpose of the item was to provide information to the public, and that no further actions would be taken at the moment. He also stated there will be public involvement later down the road.

A member of the public, Bob Kunst addressed the committee.

Commissioner Aleman asked that they leave the fourteen points with the Liaison (Attachment E).

A member of the public addressed the committee.

Commissioner Aleman suggested that the resident utilize MB Resident Connect, which would help residents stay informed on legislative tracking on any items such as the Lakeview one.

MOTION: By acclamation for staff to evaluate and bring back a recommendation on chemicals inlawn products. Motion made by Commissioner Aleman.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING COCA COLA CONTRACT IN REGARDS TO PLASTIC BOTTLE SUPPLY AND OUR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

AFTER-ACTION

Tonya Daniels, Marketing & Communications Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Aleman stated that the city would have to be cautious that focus is not headed towards less sustainable options.

Commissioner Malakoff stated that glass can be completely recyclable if they are reused.

Mrs. Daniels shared Coca Cola's response on their products and packaging.

Commissioner Samuelian asked that Tonya confirm when the contract ends. Dave Doebler addressed the committee.

Commissioner Aleman stated that she can't help that feel that tethering a cap to a bottle will only result in more plastic. She also stated that she wanted to better understand which option was worse: more plastic on the bottle or debris.

Commissioner Samuelian stated that the Committee wants the contract to be as sustainable as possible when renewing the contract.

ACTION: No further action taken.

8. DISCUSSION ON EXPANDING THE PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE IN MIAMI BEACH

AFTER-ACTION

Nick Kallergis, First Assistant City Attorney, explained to the Committee that the State is broadly preempted, but that the city has its own ordinances with side walk cafes. The State preemption on plastic bags has been challenged, and the City Attorney's Office routinely checks in with the City of Coral Gables. There are no updates as of yet, and nothing more that can be done, however; there may be something the city can do with straws.

Members of the public addressed the committee.

Commissioner Aleman asked for an update on the #PlasticFreeMB program.

Elizabeth Wheaton, Environment & Sustainability Director, provided an update on the programs initiatives, participating businesses, and upcoming events.

A member of the public addressed the committee.

Mr. Kallergis stated that the city is in an amicus with Coral Gables and participated legally in any way that we can.

A member of the public addressed the committee.

ACTION: No further action taken.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING HOW GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING LIVING OR HYBRID SHORELINES CAN COMPLEMENT GREY INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR CLIMATE ADAPTATION ON-GOING WORK

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Deferred to March SRC for quarterly update.

10. DISCUSS UPDATES TO THE CITY CODE REFERENCING TURTLE NESTING

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

11. DISCUSSION ON PARKING INCENTIVES FOR "SMARTWAY" (ILEV - INHERENTLY LOW EMISSION VEHICLES

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Staff directed to return when 750 permit sale thresholds is met.

12. DISCUSSION ON ENSURING MIAMI BEACH SPECIAL EVENTS ADHERE TO ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Continued until draft guidelines are complete.

13. DISCUSSION ON REPURPOSING OUR GOLF COURSES FOR THE FUTURE

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Contingent on Jacobs Engineering report.

14. DISCUSSION ON THE CITYWIDE FLEET ASSESSMENT AND ESTABLISHED POLICIES FOR THE ENHANCING THE CITY'S FLEET

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Continued until Matrix study is complete.

15. DISCUSSION ON ARTIFICIAL REEFS

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Continued until strategic plan is complete. Staff directed to provide quarterly report.

16. DISCUSSION ON MARINE TRASH SKIMMERS

AFTER-ACTION

Item withdrawn.

ACTION: Direction for staff remove item from agenda.

17. DISCUSSION ON CONSIDERING A NEIGHBORHOOD BIRD SANCTUARY PROJECT

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Deferred to March SRC.

18. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BEACHFRONT CONCESSION OPERATIONS, TO REQUIRE ALL UPLAND OWNER CONCESSIONAIRES AND THEIR THIRD PARTY CONCESSION OPERATORS TO UTILIZE 100% REUSABLE WARES IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR BEACH FRONT CONCESSION OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE DELIVERY, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES; PROVIDED THAT SAID AMENDMENT BE REFERRED TO THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, FOR DISCUSSION AND COMMENT, PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Deferred to March SRC.

19. DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPLORING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH JOINING THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

20. A REFERRAL TO THE SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY COMMITTEE REGARDING PRIVATE SEAWALLS

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Deferred to March SRC.

21. DUAL REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE ADDITION OF WATER MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION ECPERTS TO CITY LAND USE BOARDS

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Deferred to March SRC.

22. REFERRAL TO THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CITY PERFORMANCE, PROGRAMS, AND IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS IT PERTAINS TO LITTER AND CLEANLINESS.

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

DIRECTION: Deferred to March SRC.

23. REFERRAL TO THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MOTION TO INCORPORATE LANGUAGE IN THE SPECIAL EVENTS GUIDELINES SPECIFIC TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ORGANIZE SMALL COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

24. REFERRAL TO THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY FROM TURBINES INSTALLED IN CITY WATER PIPES BU THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

AFTER-ACTION

Item deferred.

ATTACHMENT A

MIAMIBEACH RISING ABOVE

RESILIENCE STRATEGY WORKPLAN SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

DRAFT WORK PLAN FOR DISCUSSION

February 27, 2019

		LEAD	STATUS	TARGET DATE	NOTES				
1)	100 Resilient Cities: Greater Miami and the Beaches Resilient 305 Strategy Development and Implementation								
	1a. 100 RC ASSESSMENT OF RESILIENCE STRATEGY ACTIONS	100RC/CRO	IN PROGRESS	MAY 2019	1/7-1/8/2019 REVIEW OF ACTIONS WITH 100 RC, REFINEMENT IN PROGRESS.				
	1b. RESILIENT 305 STRATEGY RELEASE	100RC/ CRO	IN PROGRESS	MAY 2019					
2)	Miami Beach Resilience Strategy/Strategic Plan/ Budget Integration	on							
	2a. INTEGRATE RESILIENCE STRATEGY WITH THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUDGET (YEAR IN TRANSITION)	CRO	IN PROGRESS	SPRING 2019	100 RC PARTNERS MIAMI-DADE AND MIAMI INTEGRATING RESILIENCE AND STRATEGIC PLANS				
	2b. LINK ORGANIZATION RESILIENCE STRATEGY/ STRATEGIC PLAN TO COMMISSION GOALS	CRO	IN PROGRESS	SPRING 2019					
	2c. INTEGRATE RESILIENCE LENS INTO BUDGET PROCESS THROUGH TRAINING AND BUDGET DOCUMENTS	CRO/E&S/ CIP	IN PROGRESS	JAN 27, 2019 BUDGET KICKOFF	1/18/19 WORKSHOP FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGERS, ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS PLANNED				

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RESILIENCE STRATEGY WORKPLAN SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

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February 27, 2019

		LEAD	STATUS	TARGET DATE	NOTES
3)	Urban Land Institute (ULI) Recommendations				in the state of th
	3a. RESILIENCE ENHANCEMENT ACTION DESIGN for YOU- READY TEAM	СМО	IN PROGRESS	ONGOING	COMMITTEES VETTING ITEMS AT MONTHLY MEETING
4)	Neighborhood Projects Updates				
	4a. DESIGN CRITERIA PACKAGES INTEGRATED RESILIENCE PLANNING	PWD	IN PROGRESS		CONTRACT SIGNED FEB 2019
	PROJECT SEQUENCING, NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES, ELEVATION ANALYSIS	PWD	IN PROGRESS	21 98 1 1	CONTRACT SIGNED FEB 2019
	4c. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR PROJECTS	CIP/ COMMUNICATI ONS	IN PROGRESS		
	4d. SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS	PWD/ CIP	ONGOING		ROUTINE UPDATES BY PWD/ CIP
5)	Special Projects				
	5a. INVENTORY AND DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	P&Z	IN PROGRESS	ONGOING	11/14/2018 FUNDING APPROVED AT CITY COMMISSION
	5b. BUSINESS CASE ANALYSIS OF THE STORMWATER RESILIENCY PROGRAM	CRO/PWD	IN PROGRESS	ONGOING	2/5/2019 KICKOFF HELD WITH DEPARTMENTS, LTC
	5c. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) PROGRESS	CRO/ BLDG	IN PROGRESS	MAY 2019	SAVINGS INCREASING FROM \$6.6 MILLION TO \$8.3 MILLION ANNUALLY

LETTER FROM THE CITY MANAGER



ATTACHMENT B

February 4, 2019

Dear Lakeview Resident,

In response to recent inquiries from the Lakeview Neighborhood, the City of Miami Beach is reaching out to every household to provide the most up-to-date information concerning your neighborhood improvement project.

You may have recently seen surveyors in the area collecting data to provide our designers the most accurate information for future use. However, designs do not currently exist for Lakeview's neighborhood improvement project plan. Previous designs were canceled by the City Commission at the May 2018 City Commission Meeting due to the desire to implement the Urban Land Institute's recommendations of an integrated water management approach. Integrated water management means that future stormwater design solutions will incorporate more blue and green infrastructure to advance a more holistic approach to living with water. It also means that the City's approach is also shifting from purely engineering solutions to a more interdisciplinary approach to design with urban planners and sustainability experts as part of future design teams.

The City is currently in the process of hiring the engineering design firm of Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to develop a multi-disciplinary, integrated sea-level rise mitigation and stormwater management strategy for the entire city. This process will include significant community outreach. Two of the issues they will be re-evaluating are the phasing of the neighborhood projects and the extent of road raising. Once they complete the integrated plan, they will then prepare design criteria packages for each of the neighborhood improvement projects, again with community input. We do not anticipate the designs to commence for the Lakeview neighborhood until early 2020 at the soonest.

We will be contacting each of you regarding upcoming meetings to ensure you are all involved in the process to improve your neighborhood. We also encourage you to read the enclosed frequently asked questions for additional information. If you want to learn more about the ULI recommendation, or have any further questions or concerns, please email us at MBRisingAbove@miamibeachfl.gov.

We look forward to working with the community.

Sincerely,

Jimmy L. Morales

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Why does Lakeview need new water and wastewater pipes?

City staff has determined that water and wastewater improvements are critically needed in the Lakeview neighborhood. Water and wastewater piping are in easements that do not allow for maintenance accessibility, and the piping age is such that dependable service is in jeopardy. Wastewater pipes in some cases are filled with many cracks and are ultimately at the end of their useful life.

How will the new stormwater system that the city plans to install improve drainage?

The proposed drainage system will be designed to improve the existing drainage conditions for the entire neighborhood. The system will be designed to handle all rainwater runoff. The intent is to have any greenspace lower than the road to act as the recharge area allowing rain to percolate through the ground and replenish the freshwater. Runoff will be collected in the right-of-way using drainage inlets and pipes that will be connected to a stormwater pump station and water quality treatment devices before runoff is discharged to Surprise Lake. Pumps are expected to be located at the south end of Cherokee Avenue.

Where does the stormwater from the Lakeview neighborhood currently go? It all currently drains into Surprise Lake through the existing gravity-based system. There are outfalls into Surprise Lake that have been used for decades.

Will the new system pollute Surprise Lake?

No. First, the stormwater that currently enters the lake through the gravity-based system will be the same stormwater that will, when necessary, be pumped into the lake. Furthermore, the pumps include technology that actually remove solids, certain particles and other substances that now go into the lake. With the integrated water management's intent of mimicking nature's water cycle, the pollution control devices and regular cleaning of the system, there are no anticipated adverse impacts on Surprise Lake.

How high will the City be raising roads in the Lakeview neighborhood?

The City's current policy is that across the city, roadways should be at an elevation of 3.7 feet North America Vertical Datum (NAVD). The common misconception is that this means to raise roads in all areas by 3.7 feet; however, it means to raise roads to the elevation of 3.7 feet NAVD only on the portions of the road where it is not already at that height. Most of the Lakeview roadways are already between 2 feet and 4 feet NAVD based on some recent surveying the City has performed. This would result in the roadways only being raised from 0 feet in many locations to up to 2 feet in some areas. At the appropriate time, we will work with each property owner to analyze the elevations on their block.

Will raising the roads increase the risk of flooding?

No, the system will be designed to reduce the risk of flooding to habitable spaces.

Why doesn't the city utilize deep well injections for stormwater disposal?

The City has considered the use of deep well injections in its stormwater plan. However, city staff found that the construction cost would increase exponentially compared to outfalls, and the system would use more energy thus increasing our carbon footprint. Finding suitable locations in our highly-developed environment also proved to be near impossible. No other stormwater system in the State of Florida utilizes them for these reasons.

Has the city sought outside, expert opinions?

To help refine and enhance our resilience approach, the City invited the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to conduct a third-party, advisory technical assistance panel to evaluate the city's stormwater management and climate adaption strategy. The technical advisory panel analyzed the city's programs through the lenses of infrastructure advancement, design typologies, creative placemaking, governance, finance, regulation and an integrated communications plan.

After an intensive three-day visit in April 2018, the objective advisory panel issued its final report in September 2018 — recognizing the City for its innovative approach in engineering and prioritization of its stormwater pumps, carefully crafted communications materials, ability to raise funds through utility fees and collaboration with regional partnerships including the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities. Opportunities for improvement include implementing a more comprehensive vision for living with water, improving flexibility and robustness of its pump system, amplifying aesthetics and function, enhancing the Rising Above resilience brand, and establishing a level of service concept to guide future phasing and aid in decision-making.

We are also currently in the process of hirin g the reputable engineering design firm of Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to develop and lead a multi-disciplinary, integrated sea-level rise mitigation and stormwater management strategy with an innovative and adaptable approach.

Jacobs will provide crucial subject matter expertise as we determine the best design for future proofing of the Lakeview neighborhood.

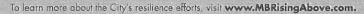
They are also a firm that is highly regarded for incorporating a strong focus on community input that is interactive and action-oriented — creating a transparent, iterative feedback loop and validation of ideas that will shape the City's cohesive water management plan. The team of leading international experts is also committed to maximizing blue and green infrastructure in their plans, not only by managing the quantity and quality of stormwater, but improving the aesthetics of the community, through streetscapes, traffic calming, urban forestation, and pedestrian and bicycle transportation goals.

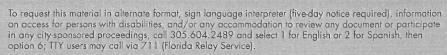
According to the planned timetable, Jacobs will begin working in early 2019 and will deliver a concept plan for Integrated Water Management within months. The process will include public meetings, and everyone will have the opportunity to share their thoughts with the designers. After the concept plan is accepted by the City, the designers are expected to be tasked with developing the necessary plans to facilitate neighborhood improvements.

Will my flood insurance go up?

Flood insurance premiums are increasing due to federal action, which started in 2014 to lower subsidies to the flood insurance program. However, because the City is taking steps to reduce flood risk and prepare the community for extreme weather events, those increases are not as high as they could be without involvement in the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program. Miami Beach participates in and has pursued an aggressive goal to improve its ranking from a Class 6 to a Class 5 in the CRS program. The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) allowing communities to earn flood insurance discounts. Under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), cities earn points for conducting activities promoting flood insurance and reducing flood risk. The CRS rating score ranges from 1 to 10 with 1 being the highest and 10 the lowest.

In December of 2018, the City received a notification letter with the preliminary results of the City's Community Rating Score Audit. The results show an improvement from Class 6 to Class 5, increasing savings from 20% to 25% citywide. This accomplishment will bring our estimated savings from \$6.6 million to \$8.4 million annually, and will save residents and businesses an average of \$185 per policy on their flood insurance premiums, effective May 1, 2019 during the official FEMA review cycle.











June 6, 2018: City of Miami Beach Commission Meeting Lakeview Neighborhood Discussion & Vote (12:55 p.m.)

Mayor Gelber: What we are doing now, I'll make very clear, and Eric correct me if I'm wrong. We have separated Lakeview and North Bay and, by the way, we are free to go to North Bay after this, but I want to deal with just Lakeview now. I know that. What we are going to do, we are going to vote and our vote will put Lakeview next. It will say we are going to forward with you, but we are going go through a design package that is done through this RFQ process. It will be a couple months down the road, but you will probably get a better result and you'll be ... everybody will be smiling when they come back thanking us, but they'll leave knowing that it's going to happen, and...is that correct? Ok, so I think we got that.

Commissioner Aleman seconded the motion.

Mayor Gelber: All those in favor say aye. (All said aye). OK, Lakeview, goodbye.

ATTACHMENT D



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ATTACHMENT E

From: "Stewart, Shandelle" Sent: Feb 8, 2019 1:49 PM

To: "defendjerusalem@mindspring.com"

Cc: "Coley, Roy"

Subject: Lakeview questions from Bob Kunst

Good Afternoon Sir:

My name is Shandelle Stewart and I am Mr. Coley's assistant. Below are the answers that we have gathered for the questions that you asked in regards to Lakeview. The responses and links are below:

How can we get a copy of the full AECOM report, or other consultant's report, that identified Lakeview
as a priority neighborhood and within that report.

Attached is the 2018 AECOM Upper North Bay Drainage Report which includes the Lakeview Subdivision as part of the La Gorce Neighborhood. The AECOM report refers to the Storm Water Master Plans (SWMP) developed by CH2MHill in 1997 and CDM in 2011. Also attached is the 2011 report that provides the prioritization of the SWMP for all City of Miami.

• Please indicate which sections identify our allegedly advanced decaying sewer lines. Where are the "spot repair" sights in Lakeview? Any done? Reports on each of them?

Mr. Coley makes the judgement based on his view of the pictures and sewer lines.

This does not provide all of the requested information. Answer the questions – provide the information.

• We understand that there is video as part of this report(s). Please create an online link so that we may view said videos.

Attached is an example of the videos we have. If you should require a comprehensive list of the videos on file, please inform us so that we may develop a timeline and cost that may be affiliated.

Please provide a list of the videos on file. We will then advise as to which videos we wish to have copies of at that time.

Which consultant(s) selected Surprise Lake for single-point discharge? What areas will contribute to
this proposed discharge into Surprise Lake? (Lakeview, Alton Road, Upper North Bay Road?) What is
the anticipated flow rate (in-thousands-of-gallons / hour) into Surprise Lake?
 This does not provide all of the requested information. Answer the questions – provide the information.

Based on the Upper North Bay Drainage Report, the design flows discharging into Surprise Lake for the 10 year rainfall event is 120,000 gallons per minute.

AECOM Report "Upper North Bay Draft Drainage Report – 8/23/2018" provides "Total Capacity" at 121,184 Gallons Per Minute for Pump Station 1 into Surprise Lake. Does not reference 10 year rain event.

121,184 GPM x 60 minutes = 7,271,040 Gallons Per Hour into tiny Surprise Lake.

By comparison, the Whale Shark Exhibit tank at the Atlanta Aquarium (Ocean Voyager, the largest indoor aquatic habitat in the world) holds 6,300,000 gallons.

Imagine the devastating impact just one hour this volume of highly contaminated storm water will have on tiny Surprise Lake. Multiple that impact by multiple hours over multiple days.

Has the City performed a biological assessment of Surprise Lake to determine the biological diversity of
that marine ecosystem? Please provide a copy of that report. Statement: DERM will not provide this
assessment, but we are in the process of contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to do so upon the
request of We Love Lakeview Inc.

No. However, the city does conduct benthic surveys during the design phase of coastal construction projects.

Unacceptable answer. Engage the services of a marine biological consulting firm to provide this information. Clearly the City has no interest in protecting our marine resources. Further destruction of the fisheries within Biscayne Bay and continuous waterways is not sustainable. The City has \$439M GO Bond funding from which to pay for these consulting services.

Has the City performed a circulation study and/or flushing study of Surprise Lake to determine the time
it takes for the 18-acre water body to completely exchange water? Statement: Tidal exchange is NOT the
same as flushing and DOES NOT completely exchange the water in that basin or north Biscayne Bay.
No.

Unacceptable answer. Engage the services of a coastal engineering firm to provide this information. Clearly the City has no interest in making informed decisions. North Biscayne Bay is known to take over 1 to 2 weeks to flush and exchange waters and additional storm water within Surprise Lake is not sustainable. The City has \$439M GO Bond funding from which to pay for these consulting services.

• Please provide the written correspondence with any and all of the permitting agencies that oversee storm water discharge into Biscayne Bay, that 1) authorized the City to discharge into Surprise Lake, 2) and which defines the "mixing-zone" for this proposed discharge pursuant to the NPDES permit issued to Miami-Dade County.

This constitutes e-mails, permit applications and other documents with several agencies over several years. In order to ensure you get all the records you are seeking, it may be best to submit a public records request.

This does not provide any of the requested information. Answer the questions – provide the information

Please provide a copy of the authorization letter or permit from the Florida Division of State Lands authorizing the City to discharge into this waterway which is owned by the State of Florida.

The Division of State Lands does not oversee discharges into surface waters.

So says the City of Miami Beach which has already violate the use of State Lands with the misplacement of seawall structures in Indian Creek without all of the required agency permits. We will pursue this matter further directly with the Division of State Lands.

• The City recently completed a one year analysis of water quality within the waters surrounding the City, by what process is this study being peer-reviewed?

Following his presentation to the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee in October, Dr. Charles

Robert

Rowney participated in a technical roundtable with local water quality experts from Miami-Dade County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and representatives of other government and academic organizations with whom he discussed his evaluation and his findings. The city also discussed the sampling methodology and is making refinements to the sampling program design based on the feedback received.

Please provide the findings of the "technical roundtable" and the contact information for the "water quality experts" who participated in this discussion. Please provide the proposed "refinements to the sampling program."

 How can we get a copy of this study so that we may share it with NOAA, South Florida Water Management District, University of Miami, Florida International University, and NOVA Oceanographic University, for their peer review and other interested parties.

The report presented to the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee is attached.

This is a summary report. We wish to have the full report and the matrix of all collected data.

 After last week's meeting of the Marine Waterfront Protection Authority, and presentation by Hydrologist Mr. Brad Waller, what steps has the City taken to advance/investigate Deep Well Injection of storm water into the boulder zone at 3,000 ft or more?

Currently, the city does not consider Deep Well Injection of storm water to be the best option.

This is not an acceptable answer and is indicative the City's inability to provide innovative and sustainable technologies for storm water discharge that WILL NOT impact Biscayne Bay and the Florida potable water aquifer. If City staff is not informed on this issue, engage the services of hydrology consulting firm to make recommendations for implantation. The City has \$439M GO Bond funding from which to pay for these consulting services

• Has the City given any consideration to the approach taken by Fort Myers to invert streets and utilize the roadway as a means of a storm water collection system without the use of swales for that purpose? Also, streets in Hollywood, previously raised and now being reduced?

Currently, our strategy includes recommendations by AECOM. These designs will be reviewed by Jacobs Engineering.

• In the Miami Herald, 12/14/.18, it mentioned how the CMB is cleaning out sewer lines. We want to know how many lines, there and a map of those lines, why once a year and is this in all lines and why not 3 or 4 times a year for prevention purposes?

Unfortunately, we are not familiar with the article you are referring to in the Miami Herald on 12/14/18. We tried to locate the article, but it was not available. Please, if possible, can you provide the article so that we can speak clearly on what was written.

https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/environment/article223054220.html

"There were allegations that the city purposely had not cleaned street drains to increase flooding in the area and pressure residents into agreeing to the project. City records show the drains have been cleaned six times in the past six years: once in 2012, twice in 2013, once in 2014, again in 2016 and as recently as April 2018."

Just to give you some information on the city's Stormwater cleaning, which we believe the article could

be referring to, we are tasked with cleaning the entire Stormwater system once annually. There is over 100 miles of Stormwater lines and over 7,000 drainage structures throughout the city. These lines and drainage structures varies in size and depth. Some areas throughout the city are cleaned more frequently for the purpose of preventing flooding and standing water.

The Stormwater system and the Sanitary sewer systems are two different systems. They operate independently of each other. The Sanitary sewer gets transferred through pipes to Miami Dade County for treatment of the sewage.

Thank you, we are aware of the difference.

• When did sewer lines in our back yards become emergency issues? What lines are they?

The EPA and Miami Dade County entered in a consent order requiring the easements to be vacated or for the sewer lines to be relocated.

Please provide a copy of the Miami Dade County "consent order" as it specifically refers to what actions are to be taken by the City of Miami Beach and specifically to the Lakeview Subdivision. Does said "consent order" require the replacement of inground infrastructure and prohibit the use of CIPP technology?

• What authority has your Public Works Department used for any surveys and anything related to this project, most home owners in Lakeview are opposed to?

On June 6, 201, Commission voted to have Lakeview Neighborhood be first in the queue for the development of the Design Criteria Package (DCP) by the Integrated SWMP consultant to be hired the City in the near future. On July 25, 2018, the Department of Public Works issued a task order to Atkins North America to perform a topographical survey for the Lakeview Subdivision in anticipation of the DCP development.

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Bob Kunst, We Love Lakeview Presentation at Resiliency meeting, 2/27/19

From:

"defendjerusalem@mindspring.com" <defendjerusalem@mindspring.com>

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Subject:

Bob Kunst, We Love Lakeview Presentation at Resiliency meeting, 2/27/19

Date:

Feb 26, 2019 8:45 PM

Well here we are, 8 months later of being denied an open hearing on your disastrous mistake to push this street raising project on June 6, 2018, when a few and no HOA, they claimed they had and misrepresented Lakeview, when they didn't, pushed this horror on us and now FINALLY WE ARE #7 OF 24 AGENDA ITEMS YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH, to again minimize our frustrations, feelings and answers we have to offer.

We are forming our own HOA of the 160-170 home owners of Lakeview who said they were opposed to the street raising and insidious distortions to justify this program, that has already a terrible track record on Palm, Hibiscus and Sunset Islands. Now you want to impose this awful plan on us when Lakeview doesn't flood and North Bay Road, which does flood, gets a six year reprieve and Lakeview is somehow #1 for this project based on faulty and poor planning, obsolete and costly recommendations and money politics and corruption.

Somehow Lakeview has become ground zero for 'sea rise', on the planet as a ruse to get Federal, State and

Foundation monies, when in reality the City is a major polluter in Biscayne Bay, with 400 outfalls and an attitude that everyone else is doing it, so why bother, instead of setting the standard on not polluting and destroying this vital resource and the multi \$ billion dollar industries, in fishing, boating, swimming, tourism and being environmentally sensitive and instead Miami Beach is banning straws and plastic bags, while mass polluting Biscayne Bay and its threats to Florida Bay, while FPL is attacking the waters in S. Dade and a coral reef virus has already spread to Key West. There are so many negative reports on threats to our environment and who gave Miami Beach permission to participate in this destroying of everything we love and are blessed with and as a native since 1942, I am outraged and appalled at your insensitivities on all of this.

So when the Mayor and Commissioners approved this project without it being an agenda item or for public input, it also said that taking down our trees in the swales and destroying Lake Surprise and all waterways, was no big deal, not to mention the discharge of million of gallons dailty, again into these critical waters around us.

Miami Beach has yet to plant one tree in Lakeview since Hurricane Irma, when we

lost so many trees, yet Miami Beach keeps talking about 'climate change', which trees would be needed for this issue. Our trees have been around for 70 years and are unique and historic and you want to destroy them?

Hinterland Group is here to show you how to do infrastructure, without destroying our trees, or disruption for 3 1/2 years, cost 10% of present proposals and be effective for 50 yrs. Here is Brett to discuss it.

Deep Well Injection below 3000 feet, is an answer and each one is \$2 million which the City could write EPA for a grant, let alone Go
Funds just passed and do it for the Purdy Ave Pump and all other discharges and there are 22 in Dade and others in Broward and up the coast in each county, so why won't Miami Beach save Lake Surprise and all waterways? You have nothing to stop the heavy metals from attacking everything, but this answer you have waited for 8 months to even discuss here is one that would make an enormous difference and not add to the problem of gross neglect and irresponsibility.

Instead of rushing this job, take Lakeview out of line like you have North Bay Road, and lets look at all the real alternatives that can be done and resolve the issues, from this lack of trust, lack of dignity and lack of accountability, attacking our quality of life, property values, rise in insurance, destroying our historic Lakeview homes and huge mess being created that is unnecessary and unneeded.

We sent two pages of professional questions to Pubic Works on Dec. 20, 2018 and got these answers back on Feb. 5, 2019 and gave each Commissioner and Mayor copies on Jan. 13,, 2019. The answers from Public Works were only begging for more questions, not being addressed and we are concerned more than ever on what we face because of numerous faults and problems.

Here is our response you need to address, to satisfy that Miami Beach is doing right for Lakeview and not the existing menace only proving that no one is quarding the guards that has allowed this crisis in the first place.

Miami Beach wants to be a world class city but try to find a bench to sit on you don't have to pay for. It's all about attitude and whether you care about anything more than concrete and those who donate to you, while ignoring the grassroots, not only in Lakeview, but all over Miami Beach.

Dade County spent \$80 millions on consultants on mass transit and traffic nightmares and then discarded it all and illustrating the waste, fraud and mismanagement here, but happening everywhere.

You hire companies, you claim are the world's best, but they have helped to develop the mess we are in and real answers you are ignoring and the public has

caught on.

You have breached our contract with you. We give you our taxes and you stab us in the back,, front and sideways.

What is your problem? You claim in your mission statement that the City conducts business with 'honesty, integrity and dedication' and here we are 8 months later and little time to even get to the basics of our concerns in this forum, which you need to extend to a real time factor in however long it takes, to resolve these issues or concerns or the nation can also be told what is really going on here, in this exhausting experience, so undeserved.

In your Citizen Bill of Rights you are supposed to give full and accurate information, promote efficiency and be accountable and treat all fairly and equitable and to protect our 'natural resources and scenic beauty' and you have failed on all issues here and indeed are doing false advertising.

Here we are 8 months later and still barely heard.

Stop this project now. Get the alternatives and give us the best that an be offered. Your credibility is at stake a well as the welfare of Miami Beach that so far has been a major disappointment. Clean up the mess you are making in Biscayne Bay which is illegal and immoral and pertains to Lakeview as well.

Yours Faithfully,

Bob Kunst President We Love Lakeview, Inc. 305-864-5110