



Town of Surfside

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 16, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Chief Terrill Williamson Police Training Room
9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor, Surfside, FL 33154

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

The following were present:

- Bertha Goldenberg
- Deborah Cimadevilla
- Clara Diaz-Leal
- Andrea Travani

Also present:

- Daniel Dietch, Mayor, Town Commission Liaison
- Lillian Arango, Town Attorney
- James Hickey, Town Planner
- Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager
- Duncan Tavares, Asst. Town Manager
- Elora Riera, Deputy Town Clerk
- Sandra Lee, Calvin, Giordano and Associates, Inc.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 18, 2018

Committee Member Goldenberg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Diaz-Leal and all voted in favor.

3. Election of Officers

Committee Member Travani commented that he would be willing to serve as the Chair.

Committee Member Cimadevilla made a motion to nominate Andrea Travani as Chair. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Diaz-Leal and all voted in favor.

Committee Member Diaz-Leal made a motion to nominate herself as the Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Cimadevilla and all voted in favor.

Nirit of 9032 Dickens Avenue asked about the role of the Vice Chair. Town Attorney Arango explained the process for public speakers and explained the role of the Vice Chair.

4. List of Environmental Resolutions and Ordinances – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Town Manager Olmedillo provided the Committee with a list of environmental resolutions and ordinances that are already in place with the Town. He answered questions from the Committee.

Committee Member Goldenberg commented that Miami-Dade County revised their landscape ordinance in 2009 and no longer uses the term “city scape” and now uses the term “Florida friendly” and suggested that perhaps the Town should revise their ordinance as well. She also mentioned rain sensors and moisture sensors and questioned how the Committee would go about discussing these items.

Town Manager Olmedillo explained how the Committee works and that they report to the Town Commission unlike the prior Subcommittee that reported to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mayor Dietch arrived at 6:43 p.m.

5. Beach and Dune Report Presentation – Sandra Lee, AICP CEP, LEED AP BD+C, CFM, Director Environmental, Calvin Giordano and Associates
Assistant Town Manager Tavares introduced the item to the Committee.

Sandra Lee of Calvin Giordano and Associates provided a Beach and Dune Report PowerPoint presentation. She answered questions from the Committee.

Committee Member Diaz-Leal requested to see a list of ocean front buildings that have not complied with the revised lighting requirements.

The Committee would like to see a list of each of the existing trash receptacles in Town and who is in charge of each.

Discussion ensued regarding the beach and dune report and how to begin the process of creating a beach and dune management plan. Town Manager Olmedillo stated that Ms. Wheaton will be available at the next meeting to present the Miami Beach plan that is in place.

The Committee discussed the different recommendations that were outlined in the report and would like to address the following items in the beach and dune management plan:

- Partner with a company who has a specific know how in dealing with the control of light pollution to work with the Town
- Recommendation to have signage regarding the beach at the ocean front condos and hotels
- Program to constantly remove all of the invasive vegetation
- Thorough professional cleaning of the vegetation and then search for alternatives of yearly maintenance of invasive species
- Revise title to read “Control Feral Animals”

Mayor Dietch suggested the following topics: sand quality, solid waste, ropes and posts, permitting, survey and ownership.

The Committee would like to discuss the dune management height at their next meeting.

6. Committee Priorities from the Town Commission

Mayor Dietch introduced the item and explained the priorities from the Town Commission. Mayor Dietch stated that one of them is the Dune and Beach Management Plan, the second one is the past, present and future of all the sustainability initiatives in order to tell the story. The third item is the Abbott Avenue drainage.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares commented that staff has earmarked the March meeting for the Abbott Avenue drainage report.

Chair Travani stated that they should work on identifying areas and one of the ones that is a big challenge for the Town is sea level rise. He spoke about the possibility of receiving information on how much water the soil in Town absorbs.

Board Member Cimadevilla encouraged all members to review the CGA report that was presented during the last Commission meeting regarding the Abbott Avenue drainage.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Adjournment

Vice Chair Diaz-Leal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Committee Member Goldenberg seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

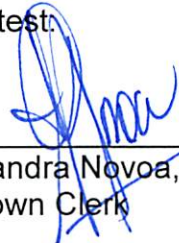
Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 17 day of APRIL, 2019



Andrea Travani
Committee Chair

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk