



Town of Surfside

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

January 15, 2020 – 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 6:34 p.m.

The following were present:

Chair Andrea Travani
Committee Member Deborah Cimadevilla
Committee Member Bertha Goldenberg
Vice Chair Clara Diaz-Leal
Committee Member Paul Baldauf
Mayor Daniel Dietch, Town Commission Liaison

Also, present:

Duncan Tavares, Assistant Town Manager
Lillian Arango, Town Attorney
Kate Stein, Sustainability & Resiliency Officer
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 17, 2019

Committee Member Goldenberg made a motion to approve the December 17, 2019 minutes. The motion received a second from Committee Member Cimadevilla and all voted in favor.

Mayor Dietch and Assistant Town Manager Tavares introduced the new member of the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee, Dr. Paul Baldauf, who was appointed and confirmed at the January 14, 2020 Regular Town Commission Meeting. He stated that Dr. Baldauf is replacing former Committee Member Nirit Tayas Zamir.

Dr. Baldauf introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of his experience.



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3. Monthly Update from the Resiliency Officer.

Resiliency Officer Stein provided an update and provided a summary of the presentation Troy Scott from ShoreLock gave to the Town Commission at the January 14, 2020 Town Commission meeting regarding the Coastal Erosion Pilot Program.

Mayor Dietch and Resiliency Officer Stein addressed the questions from the different members of the Committee.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares provided clarification to the Committee members on the pilot project.

Resiliency Officer Stein spoke regarding the flood simulation model and finalizing the scenario. She stated that she is looking at possibly presenting the final scenario in March. She also stated that there are municipalities which are part of the CRS and their insurance premiums went down.

Resiliency Officer Stein stated that the Chief State Resiliency Officer will be coming to the Town of Surfside on February 27, 2020 in the afternoon.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares gave a history of the resiliency reserve and how it started with the Eden Project.

Mayor Dietch also commented on the funds and the allocation of those funds in the reserve.



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Committee members and staff continued discussion on the funding and contributions from developers as well as the flooding issue and if those funds could be used to assist with the flooding issues and concerns in the Town.

Mayor Dietch addressed the comments made by the Committee members regarding the flooding concerns.

The Committee and staff would like Town Planner Sinatra to attend the next Sustainability and Resiliency Committee meeting to discuss and address land use and priorities.

Discussion also took place among staff and the Committee members on how to promote these priorities and projects and suggestions were given to possibly have workshops, placing it in a “green section” in the Gazette and other ideas were discussed on how to get the word out to the residents.

4. Review and Discussion of Climate Crisis Report/Climate Action Plan.

Resiliency Officer Stein introduced the item and continued going over each item with the Committee Members in order for them to start prioritizing the projects on the list. The Committee is aware that the prioritizing of the projects and actions must be completed to meet the deadline to go before the Town Commission in April.

A lengthy discussion took place with all Committee members and staff regarding the different projects and the priorities of each one.

A motion was made at 8:28 p.m. by Committee member Cimadevilla to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes. The motion received a second from Vice Chair Diaz-Leal. All voted in favor.



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Chair Andrea Travani led the prioritization discussion for the action plan and all members of the Committee agreed by consensus to have Resiliency Officer Stein to provide them via email a copy of the updated project list that was agreed upon at tonight's meeting with all revisions.

5. Public Comments (3-minute time limit per speaker)

The following public speaker spoke on the item:
Lee Gottlieb

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member Goldenberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Vice Chair Diaz-Leal seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 19 day of February, 2020.



Andrea Travani, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk