



Town of Surfside

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

October 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 6:33 p.m.

The following were present:

- Chair Andrea Travani
- Deborah Cimadevilla
- Bertha Goldenberg
- *Vice Chair Clara Diaz-Leal

Absent: Nirit Tayas Zamir

Also, present:

- *Mayor Daniel Dietch, Town Commission Liaison
- Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager
- Duncan Tavares, Assistant Town Manager
- Kate Stein
- Lillian Arango, Town Attorney
- Frantza Duval, Recording Clerk

*Vice Chair Diaz-Leal arrived at 6:35 p.m.

*Mayor Dietch arrived at 6:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2019

Committee Member Goldenberg made a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 minutes. The motion received a second from Committee Member Cimadevilla and all voted in favor.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares introduced Kate Stein who will be assisting the Town with Sustainability and Resiliency items.

Kate Stein, introduced herself and stated that she is currently working as a consultant with the City of Miami Sustainability and Resiliency Department. She

gave a synopsis of her experience and the work she has done in the past and the ones she is currently engaged in.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares asked the Committee members to introduced themselves.

Committee members introduced themselves to Ms. Stein.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares also advised the Committee members that at the 10th Annual U.S. Green Building Council Gala Verde, the Four Seasons Hotel and Surf Club received the Overall Best Project of the Year Award for the LEED Certification and their Sustainability and Resiliency initiatives they have put in place at their hotel.

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

Assistant Town Manager Tavares introduced the item and suggested going over the plan and getting input from the Committee since there were many actionable items. He stated they moved the workshop with the University of Miami to November 14th and the information will be in the Gazette and on the Town's website.

Committee member Cimadevilla wanted to clarify what exactly will be taking place at the workshop.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares stated that once they have the information, they will release it to the Committee members and the residents. He advised the Committee members what they are looking for is public input on how to have a more sustainable and resilient community.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares advised the Committee members of the upcoming Planning and Zoning Board Meeting and stated that this plan will go before the Planning and Zoning Board as well as it being presented at the upcoming Workshop.

Chair Travani suggested going through all the pages and obtaining input from the Committee members on any comments or changes they would like to suggest.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares asked for clarity if they want to go through the entire document or action plan.

Chair Travani asked Assistant Town Manager Tavares how he wanted to proceed and focus on the second part.

Committee Member Goldenberg mentioned on page 9 to have coastal beach erosion.

Committee Members mentioned on page 9 possibly having a Chief Resiliency Officer. Assistant Town Manager Tavares stated the Commission did approve funding for resiliency projects and there might be funding there to have a Resiliency Officer. He stated that the Community aspect is needed as well for the community to attend the workshops and be engaged.

Mayor Dietch gave an update on the funding which is to implement the resiliency 305 project. He also gave a history of the funding and the state restriction on the resilience funds.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares also stated that is why they have Kate Stein there where she might be able to assist the Town.

Chair Travani asked what type of projects are within the 305 project.

Mayor Dietch directed the Committee to page 56 where some of the projects are listed.

Committee Member Goldenberg stated that on page 20 it talks about communication and page 86 talks about specifics. She stated that she feels there should be some educational sessions and possibly having a series of educational meetings.

Mayor Dietch spoke about different workshops in the past and unfortunately not too many residents would attend those meetings.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares stated that the Commission just approved a Citizen's Academy because there is a disconnect among the residents and how their government works for them. He stated that another way they are looking at is how to incentivize the residents to attend. He stated that possibly making an academy for resiliency and at the end of the academy those who attend receive some type of token.

Kate Stein suggested a way that some people learn could be done online and having a consistent message. She suggested possibly putting out information where they will get used to seeing the information in spurts, that might make them more engaged.

Further discussion among the Committee members and staff continued on different suggestions on the plan.

Mayor Dietch suggested having tag lines. He gave examples like inaction is expensive, and sea level rise is not free. He suggested the Committee members to come to the next meeting with some of those tag lines that will catch people's attention.

Committee Member Diaz-Leal suggested a tag line to be something like "you can't afford to sit this one out" and acting on the plan might work.

Committee Member Goldenberg suggested that on page 20, you see a way to educate the public and that the page is good the way it is.

Mayor Dietch suggested having members of the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee do a video piece on why resiliency is important.

Committee member Goldenberg suggested on page 31, she would like to move the word relocation and use that as allocation instead of relocation. She suggested to move it to the bottom.

Mayor Dietch clarified a point and mentioned that the idea is to start saving today to help individuals and mitigation will be funded separately.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares suggested moving that section of relocation to the bottom and add a line with better language.

Town Manager Olmedillo commented on what Miami Beach does, which is while one is here make it better.

Further discussion among the Committee members, Mayor Dietch and staff continued regarding king tides, flooding and how Miami Dade County will be handling these issues.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares stated that staff spoke to neighboring municipalities on how they can assist the Town.

Committee Member Diaz-Leal requested to add at the end of page 31 the word "details" and what they can do and do a recap of the things that have to be done to preserve time.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares spoke regarding the commitment of planting trees and the Town has run out of space to plant more trees.

Committee Member Goldenberg spoke regarding page 42 "Training for Elected Officials". She asked if any of the elected officials have gone to any training. She also asked if there is a way for the elected officials to attend some training.

Mayor Dietch stated he has attended training through the Florida League of Cities.

Committee Member Goldenberg stated that on pages 44-45 the Army Corps of Engineers are doing a Back-Base Study and she suggested for the Town to contact them.

Chair Travani asked regarding the Flood Adaptation Assessment on page 45.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares stated that is currently being work on.

Chair Travani asked regarding Page 47 and the GIS and if there is information on it in terms of the Flood Adaptation Assessment or if there is anything else in the GIS that can assist.

Town Manager Olmedillo answered Chair Travani's question regarding the information you can obtain from GIS and stated that the Town is going to cover to a new system called "Tyler" very soon.

Chair Travani stated on pages 74 and 75 maybe having a bibliography at the end.

Committee Member Diaz-Leal commented on page 75 and suggested implementing some of the items and setting priorities.

Mayor Dietch also suggested the Committee putting a memo together with their recommendations where the Commission as well as the public can see those recommendations.

Committee members agreed to prioritize the items on the plan and to present it to the Commission by having a workshop in the beginning of the year.

Mayor Dietch suggested forwarding their recommendations to the Commission advising them that they would like to have a workshop with the community.

Chair Travani stated for the Committee to have their priorities by the next meeting in order to put together the workshop to present to the Commission.

Discussion took place among the Committee members and staff regarding walkability areas for pedestrians and possibly painting portions of the sidewalks.

Committee Member Diaz-Leal suggested developing designated bike lanes, walking lanes and possibly creating some ideas on how to strategically propose them.

Committee member Goldenberg stated that she did not see anything on page 91 regarding cyber security and that should be our top concern. She suggested that there should be something in the plan addressing cyber security.

Mayor Dietch advised that there are policies and procedures in place regarding cyber security but the main issue is the user.

Chair Travani stated if there is a discussion group that they could join regarding page 93 Homeowners Insurance. He suggested joining a group that will assist with how insurances will be responding on the risk factors including sea level rise.

Mayor Dietch addressed Chair Travani's question regarding flood insurance.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares suggested adding a section of having a liaison to have a seat at the table to assist with that item.

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

No public comments.

5. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Committee Member Diaz-Leal to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Committee Member Goldenberg seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

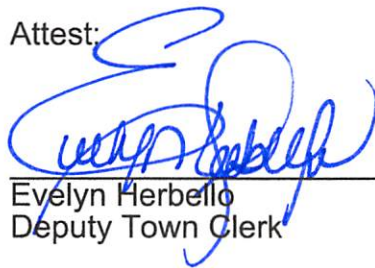
Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 17 day of December, 2019.



Andrea Travani, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk