



Town of Surfside

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

February 19, 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 (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)
- Committee Member Paul Baldauf
- Mayor Daniel Dietch, Town Commission Liaison (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)

Also, present:

- Duncan Tavares, Assistant Town Manager
- Lillian Arango, Town Attorney
- Kate Stein, Sustainability & Resiliency Officer
- James Hickey, Calvin Giordano & Associates
- Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2020

Committee Member Goldenberg made a motion to approve the January 15, 2020 minutes. The motion received a second from Committee Member Baldauf. All voted in favor with Committee Member Diaz-Leal absent.

3. Monthly Update from the Resiliency Officer.

Resiliency Officer Stein provided an update on the work LULab is doing and the model they are building, which should be available in March. She spoke regarding Florida Resilience Officer, Dr. Nesheiwat's visit next week. She also provided an update from the County on the Resilience 305 meeting that took place and the focus is to work with partners in other neighboring municipalities and develop those partnerships.



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Assistant Town Manager Tavares provided the Committee with an update on the meeting that they had with Senator Wasserman-Schultz and the appropriations the Town is requesting of federal funding for the issues of flooding in Town.

Committee member Cimadevilla asked what the process would be in obtaining federal funding for the flooding issue.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares explained to Committee member Cimadevilla what the process was and that Calvin Giordano and Associates are assisting the Town to see how they can apply for those funds and what the eligibility criteria would be.

Resiliency Officer Stein stated that once the report and community toolkit are ready from LULab, they will be posted online with a workshop to follow.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares updated the Committee on the beach renourishment project and he advised them that there will be no more beach sand hauled. He gave an update on the restoration of the dunes now that the beach renourishment is complete.

Discussion took place among the Committee members and staff on the issue of the dune restoration, beach sand renourishment, dune adoption and the ownership issue that may arise.

4. Discussion with Town Planner Sarah Sinatra of Calvin, Giordano & Associates, regarding which Climate Crisis Action Plan items to forward to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Resiliency Officer Stein spoke regarding the land management area prioritization and advised the Committee that Town Planner Sinatra stated that some of these priorities do not fall under the purview of the Planning and Zoning Board.



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James Hickey, Calvin Giordano and Associates, went through the Climate Crisis Action Plan items with the Committee members and advised them which ones fall under the Planning and Zoning Board prevue and which ones does not.

A lengthy discussion took place among the Committee members, staff and James Hickey, Calvin Giordano and Associates, on each item.

Chair Travani stated that LEED should be required because it is necessary.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares discussed the building permitting process for LEED certification and adding the requirement of LEED Certification in the Code.

A motion was made by Committee member Goldenberg to recommend and require that all residential buildings over 30 feet in height and all commercial buildings must be LEED certified. The motion received a second from Committee member Diaz-Leal. All voted in favor.

Discussion took place among staff and the Committee members regarding green roofs and conduits being put in place when a new building is being built in order to make it more accessible for parking spaces for electric vehicles.

Consensus was reached by all Committee Members to recommend staff to provide more information on green roofs for an upcoming meeting.

Consensus was reached by all Committee Members to make a recommendation that all new construction building to have conduits in place making parking spaces ready for electric vehicles.

Committee members requested staff and Calvin Giordano and Associates provide more information on shade trees and shade tree requirements used by other communities, toward identifying potential ways to increase shade trees on public rights-of-ways.



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5. Discussion regarding classification of items that received a “1” ranking in the Climate Crisis Report & Action Plan.

Committee members made comments on the ranking process, and those who had not submitted their rankings to Resiliency Officer Stein for tabulation agreed to do so by Monday, February 24, 2020.

The Committee members suggested handing out flyers on their priorities at the next Town Commission meeting in an effort to educate the public on the needs and priorities of this Committee.

The Committee as a whole agreed to create a new action related specifically to flooding on Abbott Avenue and to put that action as priority “1”.

6. Discussion on prioritizing education and engagement actions in the Climate Crisis Report & Action Plan.

The Committee discussed this item in conjunction with Item 5 and requested Resiliency Officer Stein to bring back at the next meeting the tabulations.

7. Discussion of timeline and next steps for LuLab report and toolkit.

Resiliency Officer Stein gave an update and stated that they are waiting on LULab to finish their edits for the report and once the report is done, she will provide it to the Committee Members.

Committee member suggested that the workshop with LULab and the report be made public and televised.



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8. New Meeting Date: March 11, 2020

Discussion took place on the availability of the Committee members to hold their next meeting on March 11, 2020. All Committee members advised they were available to attend the meeting on March 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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

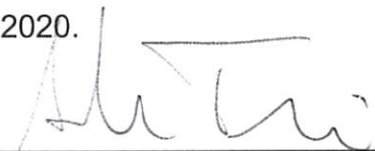
There were no speakers signed up to speak.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member Goldenberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee member Cimadevilla. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 11 day of March, 2020.



Andrea Travani, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk