

Town of Surfside

SUSTAINABILITY SUB COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall - Manny Crawford Conference Room 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor, Surfside, FL 33154

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kousoulas at 6:00 p.m.

The following were present:

Chair Kousoulas

Vice Chair Bertha Goldenberg

Lou Cohen

Absent:

Deborah Cimadevilla

Also present:

Daniel Dietch, Town Mayor

Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager Duncan Tavares, Asst. Town Manager Sarah Sinatra Gould, Town Planner Kathy Mehaffey, Town Attorney

Judith Frankel, Planning and Zoning Vice Chair

Elora Riera, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Approval of Minutes – August 31, 2017

Committee member Cohen moved to approve the minutes as written. Committee member Goldenberg seconded the motion which passed 3-0 with Committee member Cimadevilla absent.

3. Michael Bloomberg's Sustainability Grant - Verbal

This item was discussed after item 4.

Town Planner Sinatra explained that the deadline for this grant ended in August.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares explained grants and the challenge the Town faces with being able to match them and how they are working on improving that process.

4. Topics Provided by Planning & Zoning Board

Assistant Town Manager Tavares commented that at the last Planning & Zoning Board meeting, the Board discussed a number of topics for the Sustainability Sub-Committee to discuss which were sea level rise, storm surge, sea walls, the dunes, and the beach. The PEM program was also mentioned which is on your agenda tonight.

The Committee discussed each of these items and how in depth each of these topics can be discussed.

Assistant Town Manager Tavares stated that if the Committee agrees, Chair Kousoulas can discuss with Town staff how to parcel these topics out for future meetings so that each are discussed on a one-on-one basis.

Chair Kousoulas would like to add the capillary action of sub-surface to the topics for discussion and Town Planner Sinatra commented that she will look into that item.

Discussion ensued regarding sea level rise, pumps, and the dunes.

Committee member Cimadevilla arrived at 6:08 p.m.

5. PEM Program Presentation by Kenneth Christensen

Kenneth Christensen presented a slideshow of the PEM program and answered questions from the Committee.

After some discussion, Committee member Cohen made a motion to send this PEM program to the Planning & Zoning Board and evaluate funding and opportunities including legislative priorities, voluntary proffers, private funding, and academic grants. The motion was seconded by Committee member Cimadevilla and passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Jennifer Rotker asked about the impact on the sea turtles.

7. Adjournment

Committee member Goldenberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Committee member Cimadevilla seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this

day of December, 2017

Attest:

George Kousoulas, Chair

Elora Riera, CMC Deputy Town Clerk