



AD HOC NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Miami Beach
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TO: Members of The Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Committee

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- Clare McCord, Vice-Chair
- Spencer Hennings
- Barbara Herskowitz
- Calvin Kohli
- Jason Koslowe
- Galen Treuer
- Amy Knowles, City Liaison

DATE: July 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Committee on May 24, 2022, Virtual Meeting

Present: Elizabeth Wheaton, Clare McCord, Spencer Hennings, Galen Treuer, Barbara Herskowitz, Amy Knowles

City staff: Rogelio Madan, Joe Gomez, Cristina Ortega, Maria Cerna, Kevin Pulido, Juanita Ballesteros

Absent: Calvin Kohli, Jason Koslowe

1. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was opened with a few words in remembrance of the late Commission Samuelian, who was a champion for resilience.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Minutes Approval

Committee agreed to address the minutes at the end of the meeting or at the next meeting.

Private Property Adaptation (PPA) Program Launch

A. Knowles provided an update on the PPA Program launch. Information was provided on the application window, review process, and anticipated timeline. The Committee expressed support and enthusiasm for this innovative program. The Committee also expressed some concern over the small application window and recommended clearly stating the deadline on all communications.

Resilience Program Update: Neighborhood Improvement Projects

C. Ortega and J. Gomez provided information on the Neighborhood Improvement Projects.

- First Street: A survey with design options was conducted. Over 240 responses were received, with the support of South of Fifth Neighborhood Association. The results and responses are being compiled and will be made available.
- Northshore and North Beach Town Center: The full scope is currently being negotiated. The project is in the preliminary engineering phase and is being carried out as a design-bid-build project.
- Indian Creek: Project has been completed.
- West Ave: The project is still in negotiation.
- Indian Creek Seawall: The project is progressing according to schedule and is over 90% complete. Greenspace improvements to follow.
- Living Shoreline: The Lake Pancoast project is being managed by the environmental team and is still pending permits. There are three other living shoreline projects that are high up on the priority list of seawall prioritization; they are currently in negotiations for detailed design and permit, which was provided by a study conducted by Cummins Cederberg.

Committee Status

The Committee had a discussion on how it can be helpful to current and future projects. The Committee also discussed if, as an ad hoc committee, this group will be reconvened for a second year and how it should proceed. The Committee creation process was explained, with an Ad Hoc Committee needing a 4/7 vote.

Resilience Code

R. Madan, Chief of Community Planning, provided an overview of the on-going Resilience Code update. A draft of the updated code is expected by July 15 so that it can go to the Planning Board on July 26. This project aims to embed resilience into the base structure of the code and to provide a general update that will make it more cohesive and user-friendly. The code is expected to be approved in October. Once this phase of the code is completed, the team aims to undertake more study and more outreach to integrate more substantial resilient considerations into the code.

Vulnerability Assessment

A. Knowles and J. Ballesteros provided an update on the vulnerability assessment which has been funded by the state through the Resilient Florida grant program. The work is in initial stages and has not yet begun. The Committee expressed this seems like a good opportunity for public engagement in understanding overall vulnerabilities and planning, and that the Committee can provide feedback on planned engagement through this process.

Flooding Interim Solutions Discussion

E. Wheaton proposed a motion to oppose a piecemeal approach to stormwater projects. J. Gomez answered questions and provided information on the goals of interim solutions. No motion was made. If the item is considered for funding, the Committee provided guidance on the importance of emphasizing to the community that these are short-term solutions. Committee also proposed clear signage on active



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construction sites to inform and educate the community on how the project functions, its cost, how it relates to resilience, and its benefits.

A motion to adjourn was brought to the Committee which was unanimously approved. Committee adjourned.