

## Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee Committee Members

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TO: Members of the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee

**DATE: July 27, 2023** 

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee on July 27, 2023

- Virtual Meeting

Present: Curt Dyer, Spencer Hennings, Jason Koslowe, Clare McCord, Ronald Starkman, Galen Treuer,

Absent: Alon Alexander

City Staff: Amy Knowles (Liaison), Alexander Alvarez, Gabriella Gonzalez, Matt Kenny, Olga Lyons, Cristina

Ortega, Kevin Pulido, Otniel Rodriguez.

**Commission:** Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Public: Matthew Gultanoff, Kevin Marino

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Welcome by C. McCord, Chair.

### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Approval of Minutes – S. Hennings moves, C. Dyer seconds.

#### Stakeholder Outreach, Communication, and Engagement Improvements

C. McCord moves to transmit previously shared letter of improvement recommendations as an LTC. C. Dyer seconds. C. McCord provides introductory language, J. Koslowe suggests including improvement recommendations in the body of the LTC instead of addendum.

Motion: The committee approved the transmittal including the agreed-upon recommendation list (Attachment 1) as a letter to the City Commission. [C. McCord moves, C. Dyer seconds]

Committee discusses potential creation of a newsletter to provide updates to residents regarding the committee's work and upcoming projects. C. Dyer shares that navigating the city website can be difficult when trying to find information. C. McCord suggests using the MBRisingAbove site to share updates with the community. J. Koslowe suggests adding a button to the page so that residents may leave feedback. A. Knowles shares screen to display MBRisingAbove site features. R. Starkman shares that he would like the committee to send a newsletter in addition to any site updates. Committee discusses planning an in-



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person event or meeting to encourage residents and community leaders to come and interact. Discussion continues and link to projects will be available to MBRisingAbove to direct users to Neighborhood Affairs Projects page. K. Pulido shares Neighborhood Affairs page and Engagement Toolkit. O. Lyons provides IT update regarding Miami Beach main website metrics and overall site upgrades. Committee discusses next steps to be taken at next meeting in September.

Motion: Committee recommends to utilize/upgrade the existing Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee webpage [MBRisingAbove] to communicate the work of the committee, to inform people about projects in progress or upcoming, link to existing projects page [Neighborhood Affairs Link], and create a button for feedback for residents to become more engaged and to ask questions about the projects. [C. McCord moves, R. Starkman seconds]

Motion: the Committee recommends, in September, to make a plan to revisit personal engagement such as event/focus groups targeting community and association leaders to explain the priorities of the committee and gather input around what the committee has seen as the key issues around resilience infrastructure projects by making use of the contact list of associations and sending informative email updates. [C. McCord moves, G. Treuer seconds].

#### **Transportation Department Presentation: Department Procedures**

O. Rodriguez, Asst Director Transportation and Mobility department introduces himself and briefly shares what the department's role is. Transportation & Mobility dept. help coordinate with Public Works to determine lane closure and scheduling conflicts; open to answering any future questions. R. Starkman inquires if the Transportation Committee has discussed the overlap of projects during their meetings. O. Rodriguez shares that in-depth conversations have not occurred regarding upcoming projects, but that it is on the committee and City's radar, especially regarding work programmed for 2025—particularly along Alton Road.

#### Reminder—Attendance

C. McCord reminds committee members of the City's attendance policy: failure to attend 33% of regularly scheduled meetings will result in automatic removal from the committee.

#### **Future Topics**

Future topics as discussed in motions:

- Revisit personal engagement to target community leaders and/or overall residents
  - o Plan event, focus group, newsletter, etc.
- Discuss MBRisingAbove site changes (feedback button, Neighborhood Affairs link, etc.)
- Draft content for email to be sent to specified audience



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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment available.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

C. McCord motion to adjourn, S. Hennings second. Meeting adjourned.