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Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee

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

DATE: March 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee on March 23, 2023 – Virtual Meeting

Present: Clare McCord, Galen Treuer, Alon Alexander, Curt Dyer, Jason Koslowe, Ronald Starkman

Absent: Spencer Hennings

City Staff: Amy Knowles (liaison), Juanita Ballesteros, Mariana Evora, Lauren Firtel, David Gomez, Gabriella Gonzalez, Matt Kenny, Cristina Ortega, Kevin Pulido, Mina Samadi, Noel Webber.

Commission: Commissioner Laura Dominguez, Commission Aide Brian Garces

Public: John Aleman, Matthew Gultanoff

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Welcome by Clare McCord, Chair

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – C. McCord moves, Galen seconds.

LTC from 4/4/22

LTC was discussed; Commissioner Dominguez to review and contact appropriate departments, as needed. Will report back in next meeting.

Human Rights Committee (HRC) – World Ocean Day (6/8/23)

Discussion regarding World Ocean Day event and the Committee showing support by sponsoring. Goal of HRC unclear, to be discussed with more information during next meeting. C. McCord to communicate with HRC.

Padlet

Decision was made to discontinue use of Padlet as a tool to prioritize agenda content.



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FUTURE TOPICS

1. Intersection between what the City is going to do to its infrastructure to mitigate sea level rise and how this ties into individual property owners.
 - a. Discussion held by J. Koslowe regarding interest in reporting from City staff on projects about sea level rise and how to facilitate private property issues for property owners and so Commission can devise policy to direct staff, as needed. Timelines of projects. C. McCord requests city staff to talk about emergent challenges and how staff is addressing. Ex/ harmonization agreements Indian Creek project (Kevin Pulido to present)
 - b. Discussion of how rainwater from private property is taken into consideration when designing the new stormwater system. Property by property harmonization plan to account for this (C. Ortega).
2. Undergrounding of electric infrastructure by FPL – Staff presentation requested (David Martinez or Joe Gomez)
 - a. J. Koslowe requests staff to research new undergrounding program and to explain to Committee so they can advise Commission if action is recommended. Stated that Coral Gables is doing this. There is a new statewide program. G. Treuer discussed potential for overlap in undergrounding electric with ongoing infrastructure projects.
3. Resilience Projects and how they may affect the ability of a building to acquire flood insurance
 - a. R. Starkman asks for clarification on implications of projects and flood insurance eligibility from appropriate staff. A. Knowles explained that road elevation does not create basements per FEMA definition. The issue that made the news in Sunset Harbour was clarified by the insurance company and the city did not create a basement condition. A forensic engineering inspection/ report was done to clarify that the building is not a basement, road elevation is not a consideration in flood insurance.
4. Discussion on role of neighborhood associations during projects to communicate to residents
5. Request for FDOT Presentation on Upper Alton Road Project
6. Communications Department to share Lessons Learned + Updated FAQs
 - a. https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/West-Avenue-Ph2-FAQ_042022.pdf (West Avenue Project)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment shared.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Koslowe motion to adjourn, G. Treuer seconds. Meeting adjourned.