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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: November 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee on October 19, 2023 - Virtual Meeting

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

Absent: Spencer Hennings

City Staff: Amy Knowles (Liaison), David Martinez, Cristina Ortega, Kevin Pulido, Noel Webber

Commission: Commissioner Laura Dominguez, Commission Aide—Aron Soriano

Public: Johann Moore

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Welcome by C. McCord, Chair.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – C. McCord moves, R. Starkman seconds.

Boards & Committees

C McCord discusses previous meeting goal to invite other committee members to discuss how they engage with the community. Reminds committee to review shared documents (agendas, minutes, committee pages) previously shared with members. This item to be on the next meeting agenda (December 19).

Standing Committee Discussion

Commissioner Dominguez shares update regarding Commission item to change this committee from an ad hoc to a standing committee. In order for this item to pass in Commission, four votes would be required—Comm Dominguez advises committee members to contact other commissioners to express their support for this committee as well as the contributions made for the city and suggests that other committees may need to be revised if they are not contributing to making the City better. C McCord agrees and references R Starkman's past suggestion for the committee to actively engage with Commissioners. Commissioner Dominguez to discuss with City Attorney's Office to determine when the ad hoc committee will sunset, until the ordinance is passed to change the status of the committee. A Knowles to follow up with guidance from City Clerk's Office to determine best course of action for



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committee members who would like to re-join the committee due to changes in appointing commissioners.

Public Works Stormwater Master Plan – *Cristina Ortega, City Engineer*

Purpose of project is to update the City's stormwater program and bring together all the studies that have been done over the years. Masterplan compiles recent studies done by AECOM (consultant) as well as other consultants that have looked at the prioritization of neighborhood projects, road raising strategies, and implementation of blue/green infrastructure, among others. C Ortega explains how the process included data collection, analysis, and stormwater modeling which was presented to the public in a hybrid meeting which included a public comment period. The information was also shared during the October FERC committee and will be presented again in early 2024 including the recommendations and public feedback. The Stormwater Master Plan approach is comprised of projects including neighborhood improvement, water quality, and critical needs. The proposed stormwater infrastructure summary includes 60 stormwater pump stations, approximately 104 miles of stormwater pipes and force mains, and an estimate of \$3.7 billion for proposed neighborhood improvement projects. C Ortega explains the issue with the remaining gravity system pump stations especially during storms and king tide events, and the next steps which this masterplan hopes to tackle. C Ortega shares ongoing water quality projects and other critical needs projects that are complimentary and adaptable to future neighborhood improvement projects.

R Starkman asks if coordination has been done to communicate with specific neighborhood associations to present and get input from the boards and residents. C Ortega shares that individual contact has not been made but that the Communications team has been sending citywide communications including a website with the materials and recording from the workshop. A Alexander recommends adjusting prioritization list instead of basing it on complaints received due to varying degrees of community/neighborhood involvement. C Ortega explains that flooding complaints are only one of many criteria used to determine priority list. C McCord emphasizes importance of getting feedback from the public. A Alexander suggests improvements to flood complaint features on the website/app so residents can access easily.

Egov Reporting Difficulties/Suggested Improvements

A Knowles asks committee members to share their experiences with the Egov app when trying to report flooding specifically; she shares that the city has a flood response communications process in order to get information out before, during, and after flood events and emphasizes the importance of having information coming in through the app as well as phone calls to the Public Works control room and to flooding@miamibeachfl.gov. A Alexander shares that he has had some technical difficulties using the Egov app and suggests including an option to drop a pin instead of using the address feature in order to be more specific. A Knowles notes feedback and shares that geocoordinates captured from the Vulnerability Assessment pop-up events have been provided to the Public Works team to include in their



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masterplan to incorporate resident feedback regarding observed flood concern areas. G Treuer suggests adding new ways of providing information on the app, such as photos with geolocated information, for ease of access to reporters and city staff who would be receiving the information.

C Ortega explains the current process which includes dispatching the operations team to a flooded area to determine whether a drain needs to be cleaned, obstructing tree needs to be removed, etc. at which point photos are taken. She states that her team will look into the possibility of using this data to facilitate car flooding claims; A Knowles shares that in past extreme flooding events this was a difficult process and that this data could potentially help the process, while being a useful data set for the City.

Public Comment: Johann Moore—Sustainability Committee member suggests capturing data for insurance claims for flood-damaged scooters and mopeds to be inclusive of working-class residents who may not have cars.

Stakeholder Outreach, Communication, and Personal Engagement Improvements

No new updates to report. Plan remains the same to engage other boards & committees to discuss their public engagement and stakeholder outreach.

Human Rights Committee Expo

C McCord reminds committee that December 16th they have been invited by the HRC to attend the expo. A Knowles and C McCord shared details with the committee provided by Amanda Knapp, HRC Chair.

Committee Purpose

R Starkman suggests editing the last sentence of the Committee Purpose to be more concise. C McCord to review and discuss further in the next committee meeting.

FUTURE TOPICS

- (1st) City Clerk guidance re appointment of committee members
- Boards & Committees Engagement Discussion – PPI
- Extend invitation to Commissioners in 2024
- Committee Purpose

STAFF UPDATES

A Knowles shares success of the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact Summit held at the Miami Beach Convention Center; over 800 people attended, despite the weather event.

ATTENDANCE – REMINDER

C McCord emphasizes importance of attendance and reminds committee of last meeting for the year.



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PUBLIC COMMENT

Johann Moore—Sustainability Committee member suggests capturing data for insurance claims for flood-damaged scooters and mopeds to be inclusive of working-class residents who may not have cars.

ADJOURNMENT

C McCord motion to adjourn, C Dyer seconds. Meeting is adjourned.