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OFFICIAL AGENDA
SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY TASK FORCE
VIRTUAL MEETING
MEETING ID: 869 2368 4044 | PASSCODE: 596227
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM

1. Opening Items

1.A. Call to Order

1.B. Roll Call

1.C. Selections of Task Force Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the 2025 - 2026 Term

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2025

2.A. January 28, 2025

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3. Old Business

4. New Business

4.A. Presentation by Reef Arches - A Coastal Protection Initiative

4.B. Discussion on Possible Collaboration with Seawall Enhancement Companies and Village Homeowners

4.C. Discussion on Dark Sky Yoga Event on 4/21 through 4/28

4.D. Discussion on Be-305-Free Water and Energy Audits

4.E. Discussion on Waste Connections Shutting Down the Recycling Plant

4.F. Discussion on Developing a NBV Zero Waste Plan

4.G. Discussion on Jet Ski Operator Dumping Floating Platforms Onto Pelican Harbor

4.H. Discussion on NBV Building Code Possibly Adding A "Future Crown of Road" Concept

5. Staff / Commission Liaison Updates

6. Public Comments

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: March 25, 2025

8. Adjournment

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NORTH BAY VILLAGE
SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY
TASK FORCE

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025, | 6:30 P.M.
MEETING ID: 817 3971 4213 | PASSCODE: 522638

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call:
    a. Former Chair Alisha Graham called the virtual meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
        i. Board Members Present:
            1. Alisha Graham
            2. Neil Krasner
            3. Oliver Pfeffer
            4. Brenda Krebs
        ii. Board Members Absent:
            1. Dave Doebler, excused.
        iii. Village Staff Present:
            1. Mayor Rachel Streitfeld
            2. Commissioner Doris Acosta
            3. Village Planner Silvia Vargas
            4. Village Manager Frank Rollason
            5. Assistant Village Clerk Isabel Betancourt
        iv. Additional Participants:
            1. Kelsey Rumburg, Village Resident

    b. The selection of Task Force Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the current term is deferred until March.

    c. Oath of Office given to all present members by Assistant Village Clerk Isabel Betancourt.

2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2024 –
    a. No changes or recommendations - Minutes approved
    b. Brenda Krebs made the motion to approve. Oliver Pfeffer seconded it and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Old Business
    a. Neil Krasner followed up with Public Works on storm drain inlet filters

i. Inlet filters have not been reinstalled
ii. New Public Works Superintendent: Tim Smith
iii. The only inlet filter removed was on North Bay Island.

4. New Business
    a. Revisiting Green Code:
        i. Review what has become standard and increase requirements
        ii. Turf ordinance:
            1. Recommended height, material, coverage
            2. Oliver Pfeffer will provide samples of other programs that encourage green buildouts
            3. Treat it as a living document – evolving as needed.
    b. Seawalls:
        i. Explore different programs to assist homeowners in improving and repairing seawalls
        ii. Grants are not feasible as seawalls are on private property
        iii. Investigating infrastructure framing
        iv. Seawall vulnerability assessment with Alec
        v. Special taxing district might be an avenue
        vi. Village Manager Frank Rollason and Mayor Rachel Streitfeld visiting the Kind Design facility
        vii. Seeking other companies that offer sustainable seawall repairs

    c. Green Financing:
        i. Creative funding mechanisms
        ii. Mayor Streitfeld will spearhead the signature project/pilot project/program.

    d. Synthetic Turf Ordinance Review with Village Planner Silvia Vargas:
        i. Planning and Zoning Board recommended no synthetic turf in the front yard
            1. Task Force shares the same sentiment
        ii. Both committees agree: No right-of-way or swale installations
        iii. 15 percent or less coverage recommended not to require a permit
        iv. Mayor Streitfeld asks about enforcement – Village Planner Vargas explains that many seek consultations, adding an element of accountability; Code Enforcement Director Orlando Rodriguez is effective with enforcement
        v. Alisha Graham recommends providing alternatives to turf with native plants - Mayor Streitfeld seconds and requests to add this section onto the Ordinance
            1. Mayor Streitfeld wants to incentivize more native plants: canopy trees, ground cover, and shrubs
            2. Mayor Streitfeld suggests offering a 50 percent discount on master permits for fully native landscaping plans
            3. Oliver Pfeffer suggests limiting this incentive to single-family homes
            4. Village Planner Silvia Vargas mentions the absence of a dedicated landscaping code

5. Alisha Graham recommends a custom list of saltwater-tolerant plants for residents
6. Alisha Graham suggests a percentage-based option for more creative landscape designs

vi. Mayor Streitfeld and Village Planner Vargas to finalize ordinance details
vii. Oliver Pfeffer recommends a sustainability fund, refund, or rebate for compliance
viii. Mayor Streitfeld emphasizes increasing tree canopy and creating a new code section outlining these goals
ix. Village Planner Vargas notes the need to amend Chapter 9, Section 4 of the landscaping division, which references Chapter 18A of the Miami-Dade landscaping code:
x. Final Turf Ordinance Recommendations:
1. Buffer area: Increase to 4 feet from 2.5 feet
2. Mayor Streitfeld recommends reducing turf height; research suggests a maximum of 1.75" with no exemptions
3. Commissioner Acosta raises concerns about lifespan and quality requirements
4. Mayor Streitfeld states an 8-year warranty is required

e. SONDE Water Quality Testing at Vogel Park dock in partnership with Florida International University and Friends of Biscayne Bay
i. Village Manager Rollason and Commissioner Acosta arranged Miami Waterkeeper testing at Vogel Park

f. Discussion on Fuel Consumption Audit of the Village's Fleet Vehicles postponed to next meeting

g. Discussion on Waterkeeper Test Results for the Village:
i. Mayor Streitfeld inquires whether VILLAGE STAFF SRTF provided annual water quality results from Miami Waterkeeper
ii. Mayor Streitfeld states water quality results are mixed (50 percent good, 50 percent bad)
iii. Clarification: Water testing sites include Vogel Park, Grand View Marina behind Civic Park, and Surf Rider volunteer tests at Jerusalem Harbor
iv. Commissioner Acosta advocates for improved signage regarding water quality notifications

h. Debriefing on the Back Bay Study Subject Matter Experts Workshop:

i. Additional Business:
i. Neil Krasner asks about the status of the $35K for Civic Park, which is allocated for permits with DERM

5. Staff / Commission Liaison Updates: None

6. Public Comments: None

7. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting: None

8. Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.