City of Miami Sea Level Rise Committee
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CHAIR PATHMAN: Good evening everybody. My name is Wayne Pathman. I'm an attorney at Pathman Louis where I'm the managing partner and I have been actively involved in the Sea Level Rise issues for quite some time and I'll get into further about my background as we go around the room.

But, I wanted to welcome everybody. I don't know if Commissioner Suarez did leave? He did? He stepped out. Okay. I've been asked to call the meeting to order. So, it's October 1st, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. This is the first meeting of the Sea Level Rise Committee. Welcome to all of you who are members of what I believe will be a very important committee about the future of the City of Miami relating to sea level rise.

I'd like to, if we can, go around the room.

I'll start to my right and if everybody can just give a quick -- let me, before we do that,

Commissioner Suarez who's been a real active proponent of dealing with issues related to sea level rise and flooding here in the City of Miami. So, I wanted to introduce him.

And, if we could start to my right to my good friend and introduce yourselves and tell us a

little bit about yourself, please.

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MR. MURLEY: Jim Murley. I reside in the Shenandoah Neighborhood of Miami and I worked at the South Florida Regional Planning Council and I've been honored to participate in both the Miami-Dade and Broward County sea level rise climate change compact activity.

MS. CALE: I'm Tabitha Cale. I'm an Everglades Policy Associate with Audubon Florida and I did my graduate research on climate change policy in the European Union and also did some graduate research on climate change policy in the US.

And, my work with Audubon really focuses a lot on water resource work as well as Everglades Restoration. So, being a staff liaison for the South Florida Water Management District which, of course, is the larger drainage infrastructure that then connects to the secondary infrastructure. So, how we manage and move water around the system is going to really, you know, have a big impact on the effects we see from sea level rise and flooding.

MS. DOLLY MACINTYRE: I'm not a board member.

I'm here as an interested person with Dade Heritage

Trust. My name is Dolly MacIntyre and we're

concerned with the impact of water on historic sites which are not easily moved or rebuilt.

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COMMISSIONER SUAREZ: Commissioner Francis
Suarez. I proposed at the City Commission the
creation of this committee and I'm very blessed to
have received the support of my colleagues and I'm
very honored that all of you distinguished members
of our community would choose to participate or
serve on this Board.

MR. IHEKWABA: Good evening. I'm Nzeribe

Ihekwaba, Assistant City Manager. I'm just here as
an observer.

MR. GUANNEL: Hi. My name is Greg Guannel.

I'm the Urban Conservation Director for the Nature of Conservancy. I will be talking to you tonight about some of our efforts in Southeast Florida and the focus of my program is really to help cities and community groups really think about how to adapt to the changing climate and how to best use natural systems in these adaptation things.

MR. MARTIN: Hi. I'm David Martin. I'm the President of TERRA (phonetic). We develop property in a lot of coastal neighborhoods as well as build communities out in the, you know, close to the everglades. So, we interface a lot with the Army

Core of Engineers and South Florida Water

Management and, you know, very excited to be on
this committee.

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MS. COX: I'm Kelly Cox. I'm a 3L at the University of Miami School of Law as a dual degree student at the Rosenstiel School studying Marine Science. I'm here as a legal intern with the City of Miami.

MR. STEWART: I'm Ajani Stewart, Environmental Manager, City of Miami Offices Sustainable
Initiatives and I am the Board Liaison assigned to this committee so here to provide administrative support to you all.

MR. GOMEZ: Albert Gomez, local resident. I live a couple blocks away and I'm also the coordinator for the South Florida Resilience System. It's part of the US Resilience System and we're currently building out a Sea Level Rise Initiative with some FEMA Grant money and the Kresky Foundation (phonetic) in Northern Manhattan and the Eastern -- the Southeast Side.

And, we're looking at replicating it here in

South Florida with some GIS Mapping so I'm here to just listen and start to integrate.

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MR. REGALADO: Jose Regalado, resident. I used to work with South Florida Water Management. Also did environmental permitting and now I'm an underwater photographer and videographer with Discovery Channel. And, I've traveled a lot and I've worked with different countries on the way that sea level and I've seen it firsthand how sea level rise has affected them and seen kind of what we can do. Hopefully we can do something.

MS. MATO: Ines Mato with the City Manager's Office. I work in strategy and performance.

I'm the one that does the booklets that I put there on the table and we're hoping that we can incorporate more strategies and goals that relate to the environment.

So, today I'm here to give you an overview of the goals that relate to the environment and the priorities that we set in the booklet. So, I'm hoping that we can push for more initiatives that help the environment.

MR. BORGES: Reinaldo Borges. I'm a local architect with the firm Borges and Associates in Brickell. My passion, of course, is design,

architecture of the city, a lot of urban design and a lot of sustainability design.

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So, in the last four years or so I've really taken a passion towards resiliency and what it means to architects. I also became Chairman of the Sea Level Rise Taskforce with the American Institute of Architects. I'm trying to bring the concern of the architect to this. I met geologists, hydrologists, many different beautiful brains that are involved in this complex issue and I've been trying to elevate the voice or the architect with this concern and bring it as an added value to what I do in my practice and also to the community.

I passed this out to -- I didn't bring more than about fifteen of these but this gives you a sense of kind of the ambition of the taskforce that we've created and I'll share with you more about that as we get more acquainted with each other.

But, you know, I've decided to dedicate significant time to this because I feel really it's one of the most transformational issues effecting the way we build cities, the way we develop, the way we design, the way our clients allow us to design. And, I've engaged a lot of conversation

now with building officials, zoning officials about how we modify the codes and I've been very involved also with weighing in the beach with the Beach Chamber which is really cutting edge. Looking at how this effects Miami Beach which, as we know, is kind of a coastal barrier island with a lot of concerns.

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I've been working and meeting a lot with AECOM which is a consultant that the City has hired to look at all the different challenges that Sea Level Rise brings to the way that they adapt. So, that -- for me it's more about the way the building adapts to the way it engages the city and the network of infrastructure.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Again, my name is Wayne

Pathman. Mitch, welcome. Actually, Mitch, why

don't you introduce yourself real quick?

MR. CHESTER: I'm President of the fan club for these gentlemen over here. My name is Mitchell Chester and I'm -- that's my introduction.

CHAIR PATHMAN: He's very modest. Again,
my name is Wayne Pathman and I'm an attorney and I
have been actively involved in various issues
related to climate change, specifically sea level
rise and it's economic impact to South Florida.

As some of you may know, in international studies done, including all cities around the world, that Miami is ground zero for economic impact due to sea level rise. It's an issue that, you know, this city and the entire county and entire state will be effected by and probably a lot sooner than later.

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I specifically spend a lot of time dealing with the economics, insurance, banking, taxing, and those things that will arise faster than sea or before the sea gets here. I serve on a number of committees throughout the state dealing with this issue, primarily in Miami Beach.

I'm the chair elective of the Chamber of
Commerce and I head their Resiliency Taskforce
along with Reinaldo. I also sit with Reinaldo on
the AIA Sea Level Rise Taskforce that he created.
I've been quoted, interviewed in many articles as
Reinaldo has and I'm sure some of you have, as well
about the sea level rise issue.

And, I'd like to add that I think it's great that, you know, Commissioner Suarez has brought this to the attention of the city. It's certainly about time. It's something that is going to effect everybody no matter where you live or what you do.

And, it's really important that we take up the task 1 2 of trying to deliver a message, you know, to the commission and to the citizens of Miami of how 3 4 important this is and the things that they need to 5 start doing and planning. I'd like to skip in the agenda just real 6 7 quick. Commissioner, I'd really like to turn over to you and, you know, what your vision is and your 8 9 thoughts concerning, you know, why you pushed to 10 have this committee. 11 Before that I'd like to have you just 12 introduce yourself. 13 MR. GOMEZ: I'm sorry. Pete Gomez. 14 Assistant Fire Chief but I'm the City's Emergency 15 Manager. I apologize. 16 CHAIR PATHMAN: Good person to have here. 17 MR. GOMEZ: There was an accident on Bayshore Drive. 18 19 COMMISSIONER SUAREZ: There's about three 20 people behind you. 21 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. I didn't see 22 everybody. Okay. If you could please introduce 23 yourselves? 24 MS. NELSON: Hi. I'm Joyce Nelson. 25 resident since '74 and an activist since 1990. Ι

saved the Pan Am hangers. I am extremely concerned about this issue because I've traveled the world and seen the actual impact it has had.

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In '75 I was in Alaska, Barrow, Alaska. It was frozen ten miles out in August and now there is no frozen water, at all, in Barrow, Alaska. I've been on the Ice Field Parkway, the same thing.

I've been in Patagonia and seen the glaciers that are diminishing.

This is a -- this is like far away from us but it's right here. I'm passionate about this issue and I live 17 feet above sea level personally. So, I will have waterfront property.

MR. NELSON: I'm Ron Nelson, her husband.

COMMISSIONER SUAREZ: So, thank you all for being here.

MS. NELSON: One last person.

COMMISSIONER SUAREZ: I'm sorry.

MS. SNOW-BHAT: Hi everyone. I'm Cassie Bhat. I'm a consultant. I currently live in DC right now but I'm a born and raised Miamian and I'm moving back home in the next few months. I work primarily or exclusively, actually, on climate change impact adaptation focusing on transportation systems and urban environments. So, I'm very excited to be

moving home and get involved in the issues here. 1 2 CHAIR PATHMAN: One last thing before the 3 Commissioner. Housekeeping, if the members could 4 please raise your hand and give me your name so 5 that I can sign in the members of the committee that are actually on the committee? Let me just 6 7 start to my right. 8 MR. MURLEY: Jim Murley. 9 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. 10 MS. CALE: Tabitha. Tabitha. 11 CHAIR PATHMAN: 12 MR. MARTIN: David Martin. 13 David. CHAIR PATHMAN: 14 MR. REGALADO: Jose Regalado. 15 MR. GOMEZ: Pete Gomez. 16 CHAIR PATHMAN: All right. So, we have a 17 Is there one person missing or is that it? 18 Is that everybody? That's everybody. 19 Perfect. 2.0 Commissioner, sorry, with no further adieu. 21 COMMISSIONER SUAREZ: You know, I think you've 22 said it very well. We ignore this issue at our own 23 You know, this is a coastal city as David 24 mentioned and we have a significant investment in 25 costal property. A big part of the city's revenue

is based on property tax and property value.

So, it's not only an issue that affects the private sector but it's also an issue that very much affects the public sector. And, also as Dolly was saying, you know, this is a historic building that happens to be also next to the coast. And, we certainly could not move Miami City Hall if there were flooding issues.

You know, one of the things that I've tried to do in my six years as a commissioner is to deliver a first world quality of life. And, you know, we've confined ourselves in this issue mostly to flooding mitigation. But, as we know, it's becoming a much, much bigger issue.

And, you know, I just recently came back from Copenhagen. I was selected by the Knight Foundation (phonetic) and an organization called 880 City (phonetic) to study the city. And, one of the things that they've done is they've made, you know, climate change and climate change mitigation part of their master plan. And, what they've done is they've created false elevations, they've taken some of the resources that some from rain and drainage, they've filtered it, they make it public space so that it's beautiful.

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So, they take what is a natural phenomenon, maybe exacerbated by human conduct, and they make it into part of the landscape and beautiful and something useful. So, they take what could be seen as a negative and turn it into a positive.

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I think clearly based on the people that are here in this room, it's, as you know, has an enormous economic impact and we'll have an enormous economic impact on our city. And, one of the things that I attached to the Legislation creating the committee was an article from the Center for American Progress that I'll leave here so you guys can make copies of.

It says From Risk to Resilience, Preparing US

Coast for Climate Change. And, it says that Federal

Emergency Management Agency has studied the issue

and shown that for every dollar spent on pre-hazard

mitigation measures for insured real estate, it averts

\$4 in post-disaster recovery costs.

So, I thought that for a private sector person that return on investment is something that's startling and cannot be ignored. So, you know, I think, you know, again, I'm very glad and honored that this collection of individuals, young and older, private sector and public sector, are coming

together to really start looking at this issue with depth.

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So, my hope is that as a result of this there are concrete recommendations whether they be from a planning perspective, whether they be transportation, whether they be, you know, code, codification, laws, whether it's funding opportunities, whether it's collaborating with the private sector to see how the private sector feels that the city can cooperate with them to make us more resilient as a city.

I can tell you right now, Brickell Bay Drive that's next to the Jade Apartment Building is sort of, kind of -- they're feeling very anxious about the fact that their seawall is substantially lower than the one at the Jade.

So, you know, there's going to be these issues that arise and they're quality of life issues, they're economic issues. So, my hope is that this taskforce, much like the County, can provide us some guidance on how we as elected officials can make our city more responsive to the future opportunities or threats, however you want to look at it, that climate change and sea level rise undoubtedly present.

CHAIR PATHMAN: I know that Matthew wanted to address us. I think maybe it's a good time now to tell us about the ethical concerns and the Sunshine Laws and records before we get any further.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Actually, before that I suggest that we would choose a chairman and vice chairman.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. I thought maybe people might want to hear the laws before they decide to pick a position.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Okay. We can do that.

CHAIR PATHMAN: I think it's always good to know what your obligations are before you accept something.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Well, to be clear, these obligations apply to all members of the Board, whether or not they choose to become a chairman or a vice chairman.

So, this is going to be a very superficial look at some of the specific laws that apply to advisory board members and the State of Florida. You have an additional requirement imposed by the City Commission to attend more formal ethics

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training and there's going to be one coming up,
Ajani can provide you with that information.

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Okay. No worries. So, there are three different -- really four different bodies of law that we will be talking about today. The primary ones that I want you to be concerned about are the Sunshine Law, Public Records Law, and the Code of Ethics. Also important are Regulations concerning lobbyists and the Cone of Silence which is actually a very simple concept for your concerns.

These issues are extremely important. Some of them can lead to felony prosecutions if they're not observed correctly. Often they can also lead to fines for the city or for the individual who's violating. Often they can also invalidate the board action that you seek -- that you sought to undertake.

So, under Florida's Sunshine Law, the broadest concept that I want you to understand is that meetings have to be publicly noticed and the public needs to have an opportunity to be heard at those meetings.

There you go. Kelly for the win.

So, that was the 2013 case but that is any time we are going to be meeting undertaking

official business as the Sea Level Rise Committee, it does need to be noticed in a reasonable timeframe so the public can attend and during all meetings they need to have that opportunity to be heard.

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Okay. Again, if the meeting proceeds and it hasn't been noticed then any action taken at that meeting is not binding. Reasonable notice is what the statutory scheme contemplates. Unfortunately, reasonable notice is also not defined. So, that means that as much notice as possible is what we try to aim for. 24 hours notice absolutely is unreasonable. So, that's where we have to work within. It does depend on the action though.

This is a list of the kinds of meetings that are subject to the Sunshine Law. So, formal gatherings of two or more board members, written communications in which the communications are circulated among board members with comments being provided to other board members, telephone conversations between board members, e-mails.

If for some occasion a member of this Board is being delegated the authority to bind the Board in his or her decisions then those meetings would need to be noticed. For instance, if there's some kind

of negotiation that one board member was undertaking on behalf of the larger body.

And, then this final point, non-member liaisons between board members. For instance, you couldn't use Ajani or myself, your Board Attorney and Board Liaison, to evade the Sunshine Law by having us talk to each board member and then inform you what the other board members were thinking.

Really anything that is likely to come before this body of the City Commission on this subject that's going to be need -- that meeting and that discussion with require a Sunshine Law Notice.

I'm going the wrong way.

So, like I said before, they can be pretty steep, even leading to a criminal misdemeanor or removal from office. More likely it would simply invalidate the action that you were trying to do. So, I think this is one of those issues where a lot of folks are passionate about it, we I think have the public's best interest in mind, and we really want to do a good job and we're eager.

This is an instance where if we run too far too quickly without involving the public, it can blow up in our faces.

And, by the way, if this doesn't seem

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immediately clear it's because the law isn't clear. So, if you do have a question, Ajani's here, I'm here, feel free to reach out to us and we'll work with you on it. We'll try to figure out what the best answer is.

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So, this is the Public Record's Law. Now all documents related to this body are public record. Any person who wishes to have a copy of those records is entitled to them. That doesn't mean a resident, that doesn't mean, you know, a non-corporate entity. Literally anyone who asks for it in any way can get access to our documents so long as there's not some particular exemption involved.

For instance, if, you know, we were engaged in an activity and then litigation was brought because of that, there would be an exemption from production.

So, here's kind of the important part about Public Records Law is that any one of us is subject to it. It's not a responsibility that we can pass onto someone else. You can't say oh, you know what, I'm not the custodian of that document, you should go make that public records request on a Law Department instead.

You need to acknowledge the request and say okay, I understand that you're making a public records request, we will do our best to respond to it as soon as possible after undertaking a review for any exemptions. Whatever word you want to use but simply acknowledge and we'll find a way to respond in-kind and get the document out to the requester.

For some of you, this is going to be important for others, not so much but basically there was an amendment to the Public Records Law. So now that our contractors also are subject to this law when they're undertaking sort of public activities. So, any documents that they create that are not sort of, what's the word, protected by business interest, trade secrets, would also come under the purview of this law.

So, here's more on contractors but I'm just going to go through them. If you have any questions, we'll get those at the end.

So, this is unlikely that you're going to have to deal with this, more likely you would pass this on to Ajani or myself. But, if you are holding -- if you are withholding a public record because it is exempt under the Public Records Law, you do --

you are required to state what that exemption is.

Again, this is one of those laws where they don't give us specific timelines. Everything's about what's reasonable. So, you have to respond in a reasonable timeframe. Requests do not have to be made in writing. In fact, we can't require any sort of formality when it comes to a public records request. It can be done by e-mail, it can be done in person, it can be done over the phone, it can be done in writing, it can be done on a dirty Kleenex, really anything will suffice.

And, I think this one is actually one that is important. If the record doesn't exist in the format that's being requested, you don't have to alter it. All they're entitled to is what previously exists. So, if someone's asking you to answer a question that's immediate request. That's not a public records request. If they're asking you I want a list of X, Y, and Z thing, if you don't actually have that list you're not required to create it.

So, once again, we have penalties. There are fines to the actual person who's violating it. You can be removed from office, once again, there are misdemeanors or felonies that are associated with

violation of the public records law.

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So, again, if you're confused just find Ajani or myself and we'll make sure that this happens the right way.

Ethics. This one's the most confusing.

That's because there are three separate bodies of law that now apply to you in some way or another.

There's the State Ethics Laws, there's a State

Commission on Ethics, there are County Ethics Rules which are interpreted and enforced by the Miami

Dade Commission on Ethics, and then the City has its own Conflict of Interest provisions that apply to you.

This is Chapter 112 of Florida Statutes. By and large you're not going to be affected by it because it contemplates public officers and advisory board members on this Board are not public officers as Florida Statutes define that. So, I'm going to skip onto the County and, yes, there are penalties for that too.

All right. So, this does apply to advisory board members. You can see the citation right there if you ever want to look it up. Section 2-11.1 of the County Code. It's written in language that primarily contemplates county

employees, county advisory board members but all of those provisions are applicable to municipal officers as well.

So, again, here there is a conflict of interest provision. You're not allowed to transact business with this board, in essence neither are the members of your immediate family. If you want more detail on it, please feel free to see me.

This is the kind of thing where if it does implicate the County Code of Ethics, best business practice is reach out to me but also we can get an opinion from the County Commission on Ethics itself. It's very accessible. They have a quick turnaround. And, if you are concerned, the best way to immunize yourself against any kind of liability is to get that opinion letter from the Commission on Ethics.

So, again, here --

CHAIR PATHMAN: Matthew, can I just interrupt you? I just wanted to make a comment about that because I did reach out to Joe Santarino (phonetic) who heads the Ethic Commission for the County and as an attorney who appears before the County and the City, he advised me that I can appear before any board except this one. But, that

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he also cautioned while it's not specifically written in black and white, that I should specifically not represent vendors that may have a contract with the city.

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I don't know if that affects anybody else in the room. It might affect you in some way so you might want to get that opinion. It wasn't your opinion initially and the City Code really doesn't say that but he said someone from your firm can represent your client or the vendor but he suggested I do not do that.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Okay.

CHAIR PATHMAN: I just wanted to point that out everybody.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: I think that's a good point. What's nice about the opinions that the County Commission on Ethics issues, they're very practical and they're going to think about it from a lot of different directions and they will take into account the City's Conflict of Interest Provisions. So, it's really just an easy way to make sure we're doing this the right way.

This one I would hope is obvious but, you know, don't award contracts to one of your

employees or members of your immediate family based 1 2 on your authority as a committee member. Penalties 3 here, voidable, forfeiture of office. 4 And, here's that ethics requirement we talked 5 about earlier. It is a City ethics requirement 6 but, basically, you're an advisory Board Member 7 that needs to complete that Ethics Course within 90 days of taking office. I think there's one coming 8

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MR. STEWART: There is one coming up though soon.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: So, now let's talk about the City's Conflict of Interest Provisions. Once again, this is related to what Mr. Pathman said earlier. Don't do business with the Board you're a member of or represent a party in front of it. So, here the main issue is that that transaction would become void.

MR. STEWART: October 19th is the next one.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Okay.

October 19th.

MR. STEWART: It's here October 19th, City Hall Chambers.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Ajani, will you send out that information?

So, we're moving on to Gift Law. This is one that confuses folks fairly frequently. You will have to file quarterly gift disclosures if you receive gifts in excess of \$100. This doesn't mean you can't get like Christmas gifts or holiday gifts. There are carve outs for family members.

Again, if you are concerned about the specifics of it, please see me. This statute, however, doesn't apply to you. This is a Florida Statute but the law that the County has enacted in its Ethics Ordinance is fundamentally the same. So, these are some examples.

So, tickets are one that are pretty frequent. For instance, if this Board were to hold an event or you were to get access to an event by virtue of your Board membership, it may be that that would be considered a gift and you would have to report the value of it if it were in excess of \$100. You could also pay down the difference to \$100.

However, if it were like an official City of Miami Sea Level Rise Committee Event, you might be working that event and in that case it wouldn't be a gift, you would be actually there on official

business. But those distinctions can get hankie so please talk to your lawyer.

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This is a quid pro quo. Basically, don't accept compensation for official activities. Don't solicit them and don't demand them, and you obviously can't accept them. I think that's all pretty basic.

So, here's the more confusing bit. This is a provision in the City of Miami's Code. Beyond there being gifts that you have to report, there's some gifts that you just can't accept. So, in this instance, if it were a gift from a person or an entity which might or does have business before this Committee that would be a prohibited gift.

There are very few public benefit exceptions. You would know exactly which ones those are because they would most likely be a contract related to what that entity is doing and there would be a provision in that contract and we would make you aware of it ahead of time.

But, again, because Gift Law is always confusing and when it comes time for your financial disclosures and time for your quarterly gift reports we'll talk again and we'll make sure that you're aware of exactly the steps you need to take

then.

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This is a disclosure of financial interest.

It's under State Law. This one is not particularly applicable to you so I'm going to skip across it but you do have obligations to the City and to the County.

So, each fiscal year certain persons are required to financial disclosures by July 1st at 12:00 noon, this includes City Advisory Board Members. There's a few different ways that you can satisfy this requirement. One of them is by giving a copy of your income tax return. However, I suggest that you simply fill out Miami-Dade County's Financial Disclosure Form. You can find it online, you can simply Google that phrase and get it. We'll probably send you a link when it's time for you to fill that out.

So, this is just defining who has financial disclosure requirements and these are the penalties for failure to make those disclosures. You can be imprisoned in the County Jail for up to thirty days. Those don't apply.

So, this is getting back to Gift Law.

Remember I said that for gifts that you were able to receive and if they're in excess of \$100 that's

generally the threshold to make your reportable gift. The exception is if you were receiving a series of gifts that over time total more than \$100 or \$100 then it becomes a reportable series of gifts.

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Outside employment is really for employees.

So, unless you're a City of Miami Employee or a

County Employee this doesn't apply to you. That's

not you either. Let's skip to lobbyists.

So, you're already a member of the Board, you're allowed to address the Board. The issue for you isn't are you lobbying, the issue is are you being lobbied and is the person that is lobbying you, have they registered because you have an affirmative duty to make sure that that is the case.

And, that's something that we can, again, if you are ever unclear on any of these issues you can talk to Ajani and myself. The City Clerk keeps a listing. It may be that you're not sure if the individual before you needs to register. Once again, that's something that is really situational and just bring it to us and we'll figure it out with you when that time comes.

MR. MURLEY: Isn't the key of this though the

definition of lobby?

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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Hey, look at that. That is true. Really the definition of lobbyist is the key. It's not the activity so much as the individual's identity.

MR. MURLEY: But, if he's a lobbyist, he has to be or she interacting with you. I mean, I'm thinking of all the IRS Code Definitions between lobbying and education.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Right.

The City has its own -- the City has its own definition of lobbyists that we rely on.

MR. MURLEY: Okay. So, disregard everything else?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Right. This is the applicable one.

So, you know, that's basically what I outlined for you just now. Every lobbyist is required to say under oath any direct or indirect business association, partner stip, financial relationship with Mayor or any member of the City Commission, any member of the City Board, the City Manager, or member of the City Staff before whom he or she intends to lobby. And, right there it says that you shall be diligent to ascertain that first --

complied by requesting record of compliance from the City Clerk.

That's it for lobbyists.

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So, here's the Cone of Silence. We're nearing the end of this. This is more about the procurement process at the City. I see a nodding head. Basically, if there's a request for proposals or anything related to that, the cone prohibits communications regarding that once the solicitation is advertised in the newspaper. We would alert you if that's the case. We're not there yet but really that is the sum total of this presentation.

So, I thank you for your attention and ask if you have any questions.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you send us this PowerPoint?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Absolutely.
All right. Great. Thank you.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Moving along, the next thing they've asked us to address is to make a selection of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee. So, that would include the seven members to, I guess, vote or nominate somebody and go through the process of selecting a Chairperson

1	or Vice Chairperson.
2	Is anything that you want to advice on that,
3	Matthew?
4	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: I would say
5	that there needs to be a motion to select and
6	then a second.
7	MR. MARTIN: I make a motion for Wayne Pathman
8	for Chair.
9	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: No. This
10	would be a motion that we want to actually vote
11	on it.
12	MR. MARTIN: Okay.
13	CHAIRMAN PATHMAN: Open the agenda, open
14	the meeting for nominations for the position first
15	of Chair and then secondly for Vice Chair.
16	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: So, is that
17	a motion?
18	CHAIRMAN PATHMAN: That's a motion.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second that motion.
20	CHAIR PATHMAN: All in favor?
21	(Thereupon, the committee members responded in the
22	affirmative.)
23	CHAIR PATHMAN: All those opposed? All
24	those abstaining? Okay. Motion passes.
25	Now we need a motion to nominate a Chair.

1	MR. MARTIN: I make a motion to nominate Wayne
2	Pathman as Chair.
3	MR. BORGES: I second.
4	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Are there
5	any other nominations? Okay.
6	CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. We need now to vote.
7	All those in favor?
8	(Thereupon, the committee members responded in the
9	affirmative.)
10	CHAIR PATHMAN: All those opposed? Any
11	abstentions?
12	I accept. Thank you very much. I look
13	forward to working with all of you.
14	Now we need a motion for Vice Chair.
15	MR. MURLEY: I nominate Tabitha Cale.
16	CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay.
17	MR. MURLEY: If she accepts.
18	MS. CALE: Sure.
19	CHAIR PATHMAN: I also have a nomination.
20	I would like to nominate Reinaldo Borges.
21	MR. MURLEY: We'll need a second for both.
22	CHAIR PATHMAN: Right. I'm just letting
23	you know. So, we'll need a second. So, all those
24	in favor of nominating Tabitha? Wait a second. We
25	need a second.

1	MR. MURLEY: We need a second.
2	CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay.
3	MR. GOMEZ: I second.
4	CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. And, my motion,
5	again, was for Reinaldo. Any seconds?
6	MR. MARTIN: Second.
7	CHAIR PATHMAN: Second by David.
8	Okay. So, now we have two potential
9	candidates for Vice Chair.
10	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Also, how
11	would you like to take this, by voice or by hand
12	or by secret ballot?
13	CHAIR PATHMAN: I think ballot when you
14	have two would probably be preferable so nobody
15	feels uncomfortable about who they're voting for
16	because obviously we're a new group and I don't
17	want anyone to feel that way.
18	So, I think that we could, you know, write
19	initials. We could just use someone's initials and
20	we'll give it to Matthew to tally who the Vice
21	Chair will be.
22	MR. MURLEY: Do you have an extra one of
23	these?
24	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Yeah. But
25	it has some

1	MR. MURLEY: You can use mine. So, how do you
2	want, initials? How do you want to do it,
3	Mr. Chair?
4	CHAIR PATHMAN: Initials. There's only
5	seven of us.
6	MR. MURLEY: In either of the two boxes,
7	right? Here and here.
8	CHAIR PATHMAN: We can just take some
9	paper.
10	MR. MURLEY: Do you want to do that?
11	CHAIR PATHMAN: Yeah. Just take some
12	paper. It's easier. If we have nine votes, we
13	know we have a problem. Simple majority will
14	prevail.
15	MR. STEWART: If anyone hasn't had a
16	chance to sign in, I'll pass it around.
17	CHAIR PATHMAN: Collect these. Thank you.
18	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: It was close
19	but the Vice Chair is Tabitha Cale.
20	CHAIR PATHMAN: Congratulations.
21	VICE CHAIRMAN CALE: Thanks.
22	CHAIR PATHMAN: I look forward to working
23	with you.
24	VICE CHAIRMAN CALE: Thanks.
25	CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. The next order of

business on tonight's agenda is to hear from, I guess, the City Manager's Office as to the strategic planning and performance.

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MS. INES MATO: Hi everyone. I'm Ines Mato.

Once again, I'm the Strategic Planning and Performance

Analyst for the City of Miami. I'll move around

because my voice is a little low.

So, today I'm going to be giving you an overview of the strategic plan. It's this booklet right here. So, if you want to get it online, I'll give you the URL. And, today I'm going to be talking about the city's priorities and goals describing the strategic plan for fiscal years 2015 to 2017. And, I will also discuss how our priorities relate to the environment. So, if you could move to the next one?

So, why is strategic planning important?

Well, it's important because we need to set organizational goals, measuring and managing organizational performance is also important. And, also we need to communicate with customers and stakeholders. We have a lot of public engagement activities in order to make sure that the priorities match with what our community wants.

Not only what we think is important but what our

community really wants.

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You can go to the next one. So, we have different strategy development sessions that help us determine what the priorities and objectives are. We also have focus group meetings and we have surveys that go out to our citizens. So, we can see how are we doing with the level of services and how we're doing -- how satisfied citizens are with the quality of life in Miami.

And, here are the main priority areas. We have public safety, which is creating and sustaining a safe environment for residents, businesses, and visitors in the City of Miami. Then we have clean and beautiful neighborhoods that's like it says there, it's just about creating a beautiful community.

And, then we have growth and development that's about promoting development and sustainable economic growth in the City of Miami.

And, then we have also location and economic access. This is important because we need to make sure that everyone has access to the same educational and economic opportunities. Not only, you know, rich communities but also in impoverish communities.

And, then, finally a efficient and effective government. We want to make sure that we're delivering high quality and effective services to customers in a timely and cost effective manner.

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So, I want to talk a little bit more about how our priorities relate to sustainability and the environment. The way the plan works is we have different priorities and then each priority has goals and strategies for — those goals. So, for example, for promoting sustainability and resilience is a goal and so the strategies to get there are those three. We have more but those are just a sample for you to see.

The first one is increasing recycling within the City. The second one is implementing sustainable practices in City operations. We want to make sure that we are saving from electricity to water to recycling in the City. Everything starts by doing it in the City and then, of course, that we want to take those things outside the City. And, then we have promoting best practices in conservation of natural resources.

Okay. So, another goal that is important for us is promoting livable and sustainable communities. That's another goal that we have in

the plan and some of the strategies associated with that goal it's promoting walkability (sic) and bikeability (sic). We all know that traffic is crazy in Miami. So, we want to make sure that people can start walking and biking and going to parks and not being driving all day. And, we also want to increase parks and open spaces.

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I also wanted to touch on some initiatives promoting sustainability. We have a lot more but I just wanted to touch on a couple of them. The first one is Keep Miami Clean Campaign. This Campaign has been pushed by a couple of the departments and it involves -- citizens to clean certain areas of Miami. It also involves educating citizens on how important it is to keep the City clean.

The second initiative is increasing solid waste services such as garbage collection. And, another important initiative is the release of code compliance materials. Our Code Compliance department, they have released very easy to understand materials with pictures that explain what constitute a code violation. Many of these code violations are detrimental to the environment. It might be graffiti, it might be the garbage

outside someone's door, so we just want to make sure that people understand that this is affecting the environment.

And, then as I said before, again, for opening new parks and recreational facilities just to make sure that people can start, again, walking and biking and not only driving their cars all day so that way we help the environment and we decrease pollution.

Okay. And, as I said before, the strategic plan, I didn't have that many copies printed because we're actually releasing the new updated strategic plan. So, you can go to the website miamigov.com/strategicplanning and there you can access that booklet. We'll be releasing the updated version by November or December and you can also reach me at my e-mail, imato@miamigov.com if you have questions.

You can also visit
miamigov.com/strategicplanning/poll. We have
released a monthly poll just to measure opinion on
different topics. And, the idea also is just to
engage the public and to have a conversation. Not
only to push information out but to start having a
two-way conversation with the public.

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The last thing I also wanted to mention, as I said before, that we're planning to incorporate more initiatives that have to do with the environment into the strategic plan. So, if you have any ideas or anything that you would like to see in the plan, let me know and we'll work into incorporating this.

Thank you everyone. And, as I said, reach out to me if you have any questions.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Thank you very much. I guess moving into monthly meeting scheduling. I think we need to get a grasp of when, how often we'll meet and what's the best, you know, evening or daytime and what facilities.

Matthew, will we always be meeting here in this room or at the City?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: I think it depends on availability.

MR. STEWART: Yeah. It really depends on availability. Actually, you're free -- this Board is free to wherever they want so as long as there's public access and parking is free. So, City Hall can be a little bit tricky to reserve especially at certain times of the year.

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So, I mean, if you want to rotate amongst each 1 2 other, there are some facilities related to this 3 initiative who, you know, would be a good fit for a 4 meeting like this if anyone wants to propose. 5 CHAIR PATHMAN: Can't kick the Commission 6 out of their chambers when we have our meeting? 7 MR. MURLEY: It would be good, Mr. Chair, I 8 think if we could go at some point, maybe after 9 we've had some briefing meetings, wherever you 10 think is appropriate but at some point go out to the Districts. 11 12 CHAIR PATHMAN: Are you looking at my 13 notes? Well, I'm volunteering to help 14 MR. MURLEY: 15 you lead us. 16 CHAIR PATHMAN: City tour. 17 MR. MURLEY: I know I live in Shenandoah and 18 the Commissioner comes, we have a big meeting once 19 a month. This would be a great topic at the 2.0 appropriate time when you think is right, Chair. 21 CHAIR PATHMAN: Does anybody have a problem 22 meeting here or getting here? And, does evenings 23 work as opposed to, you know, afternoons or 24 lunchtime or mornings? 25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Evenings are better for

1 me. 2 MR. MURLEY: Yeah. 3 I can propose my office as a site. MR. GOMEZ: I'm on the 10th floor of MRC. I don't know who 4 5 works where but in the downtown area if you work 6 there, I have a great location. It's basically a 7 Command and Control Center for Emergency Management 8 and I've got desktops. 9 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: But, is it 10 like passkey access? 11 MR. GOMEZ: Yes. But if I'm going to be there 12 I'll get you a pass. Do you mean to get into the 13 building? ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: 14 I meant for 15 the public. 16 MR. GOMEZ: Yeah. That's true. That's the 17 only negative. That would be the only negative. 18 Okay. Scratch that. 19 MR. STEWART: Mr. Chair, I'd like to propose 2.0 my office, the Office of Sustainable Initiatives. 21 We are housing the Miami Green Lab which is the 22 Green Building Resource Center for the community 23 and it has quite a big meeting space. Is that on 27th? 24 MR. MURLEY: 25 MR. STEWART: Yeah. On 27th. Exactly.

Parking is going to be a little challenging but there's free parking around the area, a couple blocks radius. This is what the building was designed for, to have these type of community meetings on environmental topics.

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So, this building is always available to this Board. You just need to let me know if you want to have it somewhere else that's fine but you always know that the Green Lab is always available to you.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. I think unless anybody's opposed that we, you know, rotate and see what works best for everybody and deal with the traffic and parking issues as they arise.

MR. STEWART: And, if anyone wants to come by for a tour, just feel free to contact me. It's a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design building. It was built with energy stimulus dollars from the 2009 Recovery Act. A really good fit.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Probably good for the Sea Level Rise Committee to meet in a building like that.

Timing, does everybody agree evenings or six o'clock work? I think that's probably the best time for the public of anybody that wants to attend, although, obviously commission meetings and other board meetings are held in the afternoon. We

can try sticking with six o'clock and then, you 1 2 know, see how that works for everybody. 3 Is everybody in agreement with that? Okay. Ι don't know if I need to make a formal motion for 4 5 that. Do you want us to do that formally since we're a committee? 6 7 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: It's up to 8 you. 9 Okay. I think we should. CHAIR PATHMAN: 10 I think we should just put everything on the 11 record. So, I need someone to make a nomination 12 that we will meet either at City Hall here or at 13 the Green Initiative Building and that currently 14 our meetings will be at six o'clock in the evening. 15 Do I have anyone that wants to make that 16 motion? 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll make that motion. 18 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Anybody second it? 19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll second it. 2.0 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Thank you. All 21 those in favor just say aye. 22 (Thereupon, the committee members responded in the 23 affirmative.) 24 CHAIR PATHMAN: All those opposed? Any 25 abstentions? Okay. It's unanimous.

I think the next thing we're going to talk about scheduling is how often are we going to meet. I think to start once a month is probably good. I think as we get into, you know, more issues and as things arise as Jim has pointed out maybe around the City, we may want to meet twice a month on a particular issue or call a special meeting on something that we think is important to address.

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Or if someone from the Public brings an issue to our attention or from the City, as well, that we may want to meet with that and not wait an entire month depending upon when that comes up or the proximity to the next meeting.

So, I think we should all agree that -- again, I just kind of want to be formal this first meeting about, you know, making a motion that we agree to meet at least once a month, no less than once a month.

Does anyone want to make a motion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Someone second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

CHAIR PATHMAN: All those in favor?

(Thereupon, the committee members responded in the affirmative.)

CHAIR PATHMAN: All those opposed? Any abstentions? Okay. So, that passes, as well.

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So, I think as far as the monthly scheduling that I think we've solved that and that works for everybody.

I had a couple questions, Matthew, for you.

Now that we have a Chair and a Vice Chair, are we allowed to talk outside or must we talk within the meeting? So, if we want to create an agenda or a mission statement or something like that, are we allowed to do that or must it be in the meeting itself if it's administrative in nature?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Generally, if you're going to have a conversation about official business and it's going to be between the two of you, it's going to be a Sunshine Law noticed event. If you want to talk with Ajani about what you think should be on this agenda and Ajani's going to create the agenda that's fine.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Well, --

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: So, Ajani can create the agenda without some sort of Sunshine Law notice issue and he can take into account the various things that anyone, be that a Board member or member of the public wants to put

on that agenda.

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CHAIR PATHMAN: And, I assume that we cannot talk, myself individually or my co-chair and I to a commissioner? I kind of wanted to get some idea other than from Commissioner Suarez what does the Commission, the Mayor think, what do they expect out of this committee and what, if any, goals do they have. So, we kind of address those ideas in a mission statement.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: You could individually write -- if you're not meeting with multiple members of this Board and you're not discussing like -- if you just as the Chairman or you as the Vice Chair or any of you as a singular member of this Board want to meet with a member of a different Board, in this case the City Commission, you can do that. That's not an issue under the Sunshine Law because you guys don't vote on the same issues.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: It's more of a problem if you're using that as a way to communicate amongst each other.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. And, how long -- have you been given any direction about how long

this committee should last? Is it an ongoing, is 1 2 it a permanent committee, is it six months, a year? 3 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: The resolution 4 I saw was it was a permanent committee. 5 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. So, it's an ongoing. 6 And, is there any rules concerning how often a 7 Chair or Vice Chair should rotate or change or 8 anything? 9 MR. STEWART: It actually states it where it 10 states the resolution. 11 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. 12 MR. STEWART: It's at the pleasure of the 13 Committee so it's kind of open ended. 14 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Because I think, you 15 know, there may be others that want to be given a 16 chance to be Chair or Vice Chair. 17 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: You also have not adopted like there are no particular 18 19 bylaws here and you haven't adopted particular 2.0 rules of procedure. So, I've just been going off of Robert's Rules of Order as a default. 21 22 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. 23 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: There are 24 other rules of procedure you could adopt as a 25 committee.

CHAIR PATHMAN: I think Robert's is probably the easiest to go with.

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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: So, there are procedures laid out in Robert's Rules of Order if you wanted to rotate the Chair a different way.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. And, I think it's, you know, my feeling is that we have a lot of intelligent minds in here on this committee and people with different experiences and no idea or no issue is too small.

Obviously, one of the things we should do as a public committee is take into consideration the concerns of the community that we're serving and the individuals. And, you know, I think we'll hear all kinds of things whether it's dealing with historic, whether it's the flooding of someone in front of their house, and how are we going to deal with those issues or maybe they think this is the right forum.

We have to decide as a group what is it that, you know, our goal is. What is our mission statement? What are we trying to address? The head of our committee is, you know, Sea Level Rise. So, that's a very specific issue and a lot of

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people get flooding and sea level rise confused or waste and water and sewer and a lot of them overlap. As we know, you can't say climate change in the State of Florida so we have to be very careful.

MR. MURLEY: Climate Change.

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CHAIR PATHMAN: Jim. So, and, you know, I know Jim and Jim brings a lot to the table and I'll get to know the rest, the some of you that I don't know, better, I'm sure, over time. And, you know, there's a lot of things that Jim has been working on for many years in things in dealing with Florida and flooding and now sea level rise.

So, you know, it's important for you guys to express yourselves and get the ideas out so that we can decide. I think at some point, I don't think it's going to happen tonight but maybe after the second meeting, you know, what is our mission statement? What do we want to accomplish as a group and how do we hope, you know, to accomplish that?

Other cities have a taskforce. City of Miami Beach has a taskforce. Reinaldo's been, you know, kind of involved in attending some of those meetings and some of the people that have been

presenting before that taskforce or that committee.

Miami-Dade County has yet to form one, although
they just hired a Resiliency Coordinator.

I personally think that while our task is on behalf of the benefit of the citizens of the City of Miami, any true solution of sea level rise has to be a global master plan for the community otherwise it's probably not going to work or get funded in the way that it should. So, we have to take that into consideration as to, you know, what is it that we want to do and how do we maybe incorporate activities or things that other cities may be doing that effect, you know, Miami.

Obviously traffic, while it's not an issue of sea level rise, it's clearly effected when the streets are flooded like recently, the last few days. So, we have to make a laundry list, I think a mission statement, of what our ideas are and what kind of resolutions do we want to, you know, pass or undertake.

Now, I have some questions, you know, for the administration in terms of we have an issue before us, we take a vote, we pass the resolution, then what? Where does it go from there? Is it something that if there's someone in the room that

objects to it, do they have any rights with regards to appeals or who acts on the resolutions that we may pass?

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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: So, this is an advisory committee which means at the end of the day what you're doing is you're making recommendations to the City Commission. So, that's how anything would be found. And, you can make those recommendations in any form that you decide is most appropriate, be it a resolution, be it a report, however you feel is most effective.

CHAIRMAN: PATHMAN: Okay. So, as an advisory, I assume everybody understands what that means. You know, we don't have official power to enact something. We will make recommendations, I assume, in the form of resolution and maybe make a presentation before the Commission from time to time about the resolution we passed to see if they will take it under advisement or implement it.

I think that we should also, you know, through our various private lives, you know, let people know that this committee exists because it's obviously new and people should know that there's now forum in the City of Miami that is going to start addressing sea level rise issues or SLR.

Does anybody have any -- Vice Chair, would you like to say something or any issues or things or concerns that you have?

VICE CHAIR CALE: No. I think that's a good place to get started from.

CHAIR PATHMAN: David?

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MR. MARTIN: One of the questions I have is I think it's great that Nzeribe's here from the City Manager's Office and how we can interface with and also obviously the Head of Emergency Response and how we interface with other departments within the City in order to have them potentially participate if the agenda has to do with Land Use Initiatives or if the agenda has to do with Public Works Initiatives, etcetera.

So, I guess trying to set an agenda and trying to coordinate an agenda that has active participation from other City Departments I think is going to be I think a goal that I think would be great. Because one of the questions for me in these committees is as they are advisory but, you know, these resolutions and reports, you know, our goal I think is not for them to just sit on a shelf and just -- we'd like to understand how things can be enabled in order to be effective and

implemented.

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Sometimes we may, without their guidance, we may be coming up with resolutions that don't -- aren't enabled.

CHAIR PATHMAN: That's a good idea and obviously I think as we have discussions about things we'll formulate that ideology and get their input.

Has anyone on the Committee seen the Advisory Report issued by Harvey Ruvin's Committee at the County Level? Has anyone read that?

MR. MURLEY: I was Vice Chair of that Committee.

CHAIR PATHMAN: There you go.

MR. MURLEY: And, I was going to mention it to you as Miami-Dade County Sea Level Rise Report, Google and you'll find it.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Right. I was going to suggest maybe we can be provided a copy for everybody. I think it's interesting to look at and review.

MR. MURLEY: More importantly because of the statement David made about, you know, these things not sitting somewhere. Commissioner Sosa and several other County Commissioners took

the seven recommendations and turned them into resolutions for directly the Mayor to make quarterly reports. So, they're on the October County Commissioner Agenda.

So, Staff can probably -- they're not particularly substantive because they're the first quarterly reports but they will be available to this Committee and they are, you know, gathering information from the County and the Region and the State.

So, it will be a pretty good source of information.

CHAIR PATHMAN: I think we should follow up

-- if Staff can help us follow up with that? It's
important to know what the County's doing so we
don't run head on into them and also know whether
we agree or disagree as a Committee with things
that they're proposing that might affect the City.
So, we should really follow that.

Reinaldo, I know you've been intimately involved with what's going on in Miami Beach. Any comments that you want to make about what you know -- or some of those things that you might want to share with the group?

MR. BORGES: Yes. I think on the County side,

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as well, as we know Commissioner Cava has been very proactive and we should follow along with some of the things that she's initiating with the County Commission. I think that, you know, there's a lot of intelligence coming out of that effort that, you know, follows along with what Harvey did.

In terms of the report that Harvey did, you know, I don't know if -- most of you may be familiar with it. As an architect, when I read it it's like how does it affect what I do tomorrow? Really, it doesn't. The biggest challenge with this issue as we may know is implementation and sort of adaptation of code standards and regulations that affect the way that we design infrastructure and buildings within the city.

In that sense, Miami Beach and this is a portable document format that I can send to any of you that may be interested, this is a draft report that AECOM has issued most recently to the City Manager. It's kind of an interesting process and we may want to discuss this because what the City Manager did is, you know, through the Public Works Director they hired AECOM. They gave them an initial task which has been expanded.

And, right now there are like seven components

of codes that they're looking at in modifying.

And, at the chamber, you know, alerting the

business community about this, we're trying to make

sure that everybody understands what this means and

how it's going to affect development and, you know,

how you really move this thing forward.

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But they have, for example, the City of Miami Beach Building Ordinances are being looked at, the Florida Building Code which we met with Mariano, the Building Official about many times, the Comprehensive Plan, the MIMO Design Guidelines (phonetic) the Stewart Preservation Issues, of course.

So, this is a City specific report which I think really gets into how the rubber meets the road. I mean, this is really how Public Work Standards are evolving in a barrier island, how the buildings will be designed differently whether it's in a residential neighborhood or a commercial neighborhood.

So, it's kind of something that I think Miami has been lacking, you know, I feel like if you look at -- there's one in San Diego. You can Google. San Diego has a very comprehensive report and what was impressive about the report that San Diego

produced which was kind of different than what Harvey produced and this is not a critique on Harvey, it's just the way things are in South Florida.

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It's that San Diego Report included probably like twenty different municipalities that all were around the table, all participated, all collaborated, all understood the map because this is about understanding the map.

And, then also as Commissioner Suarez says, the Copenhagen one and I have this in a PDF, as well, the Copenhagen Adaptation Plan won an award, you know, for not just its complete design and layout but the content that it has. And, it has a lot of applicability as a format to the kind of things that perhaps Miami could look at. You know, I think that it's similar to what AECOM was doing.

CHAIR PATHMAN: If I could ask you, maybe you could create a link that you could send to all of us?

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: He can't do that.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Through you. I wasn't going to do it directly but to you send a link that we could share through all the Committee Members so

that they could read at their leisure some of the reports that you and I have already read or are familiar with like the AECOM report. I think it will educate everybody.

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MR. BORGES: And, these are PDFs so we can shoot them to Ajani and you will. So, I mean, there's just a lot of information. I'm trying to as part of the effort at the American Institute of Architects sort of synthesize all this information and try to make it available and useful.

And, a lot of it is sort of very real based on the reality on how we build our cities. There's also a lot of academic information that FIU and UM are producing through their students which I think is highly innovative and productive and fantastic and encouraging. The thing is, is that as we know, students sometimes go into fantasy land. So, you know, we need to be very reality focused, I think in some of the initiatives that we may take.

That's kind of been what the American Institute of Architects has been trying to do is sort of look at the reality of how development works, you know, how -- I'm so delighted that we have David Martin sitting in this room because David is one of the few innovative developers that really has the courage to be in

this room.

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CHAIR PATHMAN: Maybe the only one.

MR. BORGES: Which is really amazing.

MR. MARTIN: I may not be here next month after we saw the slideshow.

MR. BORGES: But, indeed, you know, there's a lot of conversation. We just had an incredible event last week where, you know, Jay Parker from Douglas Element was saying there's about 250 billion dollars of investment money that wants to be in South Florida in real estate development. So, it's like -- the scary idea is, you know, how do we do that? How do we do that in a way that is intelligent, that is resilient, that is sustainable, that will expand the life of all of these assets.

CHAIR PATHMAN: You had a comment?

MR. STEWART: With regards to the conversation about materials and the things available, our Information Technology Department is creating a website for this Committee. So, we'll have the depository to put these things on so we can share.

I'm not sure if the domain name is final yet but more than likely it's going to be miamigov.com/sealevelrisecommittee but I'll confirm

that with all of you by next week and then we can 1 2 house anything that any of the committee members 3 give to put up there. 4 CHAIR PATHMAN: Before we move further on 5 on the agenda and maybe open up for some of the 6 people here from the public, I think that we need 7 to formulate what our next agenda is going to be. 8 MR. MURLEY: And, you haven't picked a day. 9 CHAIR PATHMAN: Well, we will. We'll get 10 to that. Do you want to be the Chair? 11 MR. MURLEY: No. I just want to make sure we 12 get the day. 13 CHAIR PATHMAN: We'll get there. We'll get 14 I've got a list here. This was all thrust 15 upon me in the last fifteen minutes. 16 But, let's get the day so that Jim is happy. 17 MR. MURLEY: I want to put it on my computer. 18 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. What day next month? 19 I'm realizing next month is a short month because 20 of the holiday. When does it work for everybody? 21 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY HABER: Also, I 22 mean, if this is logistically helpful, for 23 scheduling these kind of meetings you can just

provide your dates of availability to Ajani who can

then figure out what works. That doesn't always

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1	require.
2	CHAIR PATHMAN: We're all here now. If we
3	can agree and it would make your life a lot easier.
4	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, are we talking
5	about November?
6	CHAIR PATHMAN: November. Yeah. I don't
7	want to wait too far into the month being that
8	we're meeting the first week.
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: November 2nd?
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The 2nd looks good.
11	That's a Monday.
12	MR. MURLEY: I can do that.
13	CHAIR PATHMAN: Monday works for me, the
14	2nd. We could try to pick a day that we meet
15	regularly, you know. Now, if that works for
16	everybody it could be the first Monday of every
17	month at six o'clock. Does that work for
18	everybody? Of course people can call and say it
19	doesn't work and try to have, I guess, a quorum.
20	We could try that?
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think that's a good
22	idea.
23	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good idea.
24	VICE CHAIRMAN CALE: Yeah.
25	CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Is everybody in

1	agreement on trying the first Monday of every month
2	at 6:00 p.m.? Okay.
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do we have to make a
4	motion for that?
5	CHAIR PATHMAN: I like to make motions.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I make a motion that we
7	meet the first Monday of every month.
8	VICE CHAIRMAN CALE: I would love to second
9	that.
10	CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Second. All those
11	in favor say aye.
12	(Thereupon, the committee members responded in the
13	affirmative.)
14	CHAIR PATHMAN: All those opposed? Anybody
15	abstain? No. The motion passes.
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll make an amendment.
17	At 6:00 p.m.
18	CHAIR PATHMAN: I said at 6:00 p.m. Okay.
19	MR. MURLEY: I'm very happy. Thank you,
20	Mr. Chair.
21	CHAIR PATHMAN: Thank you, sir.
22	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair, is there a
23	time limit for these meetings or no?
24	CHAIR PATHMAN: No. There isn't. I would
25	imagine as we get going the meetings will last

longer than they will, let's say, tonight.

Especially after we figure out what our mission is and our agendas and how, you know, global we want to be with sea level rise issues, which is why I wanted to get into agenda.

I think all of us probably have something already in their mind that they would like to see on the agenda and we may hear from the public that's here things that they would like to see.

I'll start with myself, you know, one of the things as I said earlier that I think is very important is understanding the economics of sea level rise. So, for me trying to digest the future issues related to flood insurance, banking, and taxation I think are going to be a major impact long before the water gets here and will dictate, you know, the economic stability of the City in the not too distant future.

And, when I say not too distant future, you know, one of the things I believe is that within the next the next ten year it's likely that the Federal Flood Insurance Program which is administered by Federal Emergency Management Agency and which borrows money from the Treasury and never pays it back, is already 30 billion in the red not including this year, this fiscal year.

So, it's likely that that program will either change dramatically or will be abandoned and flood insurance will become something for the private sector. When that happens, insurance will sky rocket and that will then have an affect on banking. In my law practice I represent a number of banks, I've been asked from time to time, you know, how serious is the sea level rise issue and I think you'll see an impact of, you know, banks not wanting to give 30 years mortgages. They'll give you a 30 year amortization and they will not risk collateral 30 years down the road.

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That will have a huge effect economically.

And, then, of course, taxation as the City moves to try to combat these issues and hopefully take a number of our ideas and implement them that's going to cost money. Where's the money going to come from? So, that's one of the main areas I have. I know and I don't want to speak for Reinaldo but I'll ask him to be brief and go next. But, you know, as an architect, you know, he has a lot of ideas when it relates to design. And, as a zoning lawyer I have a lot of issues that relate to zoning, as well.

But, I know that's one of his passions. So,

I'll give Reinaldo a couple of minutes and if you could?

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MR. BORGES: Yeah. Well, being in the City of Miami, of course, and I'm not in Miami Beach. I live in Miami.

CHAIR PATHMAN: You live in Miami Beach. You just don't know it.

MR. BORGES: I have had conversations with our talented Francisco, our Zoning Director, and our fearless leader with Miami 21 and Zoning Guidelines in the City. Sort of initiating the conversation that I think is coming to him, which is how do we modify Miami 21 to allow us to design buildings that have more flexibility and adaptability into the future.

He's incredibly stimulated by the question.

Of course, right now he is the busiest planning director in this part of the world because, as we know, Miami has got a lot of stuff on its plate.

So, along with the fact that he's got limited time and resources, I think that through this Committee we could try to incentivize Francisco to try to find time and resources to participate in this conversation and initiate something.

We know we have, you know, like I used to have

to work really hard to design a sustainable building because clients were like why? Why do I want to do that? It's like the Miami 21 Code, you know, facilitates that for me so my client says, well, yes we have to do it, it's in the Code, it's already prescribed in the Code.

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And, I think the same way with resiliency, you know, once we codify a lot of these issues it becomes a lot easier, you know, to make sure that we're building a more intelligent and more resilient city.

So, I think planning, you know, is something that is vital. I did speak briefly with our fearless building official who's also an engineer by training and very passionate about the way buildings behave. And, I think with the Building Code issue is another one.

And, you know, Mr. Iglesias seems to be a little bit of a denier that anything is happening, which is always a challenge, you know. But, you know, I think we could start inviting individuals like that that perhaps could engage in conversation and maybe start to project an agenda that the City Staff has that we could also hopefully stimulate and encourage, you know.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Jose, do you have anything that you'd like to see that we can get started with our next agenda and try to formulate our kind of mission?

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MR. REGALADO: As far as the next agenda, I'm not sure because I haven't -- but what I've seen a lot whenever I've traveled to places it's kind of just to try and figure out this is a game of, you know, throwing things in the bucket and hopefully -- because we can't do drastic change over night and it's expensive.

So, the ocean reacts, you know, everything is connected to it. Right now they just did a -- they were able to remove carbon out of -- the oceans of carbon sink so they're able to start removing carbon out of it through a machine but it actually increases ocean acidity which is bad. So, it's like this constant battle thing. So, I think we really just need to use ingenuity.

I would love to talk to you, actually, about transportation. I think that's a great thing that we need to start talking. So, I'm just saying that the -- sorry I'm jumping from thing to thing.

COP21 is also in Paris in December. I may try and go if it would please the Board to represent you

and just be an observer. I have the time where I can go.

That's it. Just try and use -- see if we can use technology or something.

CHAIR PATHMAN: So, your issue would be technology and adaptation at Sea Level Rise?

MR. REGALADO: Yeah.

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CHAIR PATHMAN: Pete?

MR. GOMEZ: I probably have a different take than mostly everybody on the Board. I'm finishing up my Master's Program and I did some studies on this topic a little bit but I look at it from, you know, first responders' point of view and how this affects us.

So, every time you build a building I'm like okay, there's another city going up and within the City how are we going to respond to it, how are we going to take care of all these people? So, I look at it from that perspective is as the sea level rises and we have to take another component into it that people are moving into closer communities. So, our population is also increasing besides this problem of the sea level rise.

What I also look at is what's causing the sea level rise, you know, how do we as a city, as a

community try to turn back that, you know, carbon footprint. I don't have the answer. I don't know if the City's willing to take on that challenge because we do have a lot of things that produce emissions.

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So, I think that's a big problem. How do we get that message out to the community, to the end users of those apparatus? So, I look at it in that way. Identify what the problem is. Let's get a good definition of sea level rise and what's causing it and then do we deal with it and how do we deal with it at what level.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. How would you define your issue that we'd like to have maybe as an agenda item?

MR. GOMEZ: Well, like I said, I look at it from responses. How do we in the emergency response world deal with the sea level rise? In other words, we have flooding and that's usually what you're going to see but the flooding causes issues where people are stuck in buildings. We've got to go out and get, you know, that causes manpower. There's manpower issues for us and getting apparatuses out there and getting the right equipment out there.

So, those are all, you know, from my perspective -- those are monetary issues, you know, budgetary items that we need to address from my perspective. Logistically and budget.

MR. STEWART: Logistics during emergencies.

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CHAIR PATHMAN: So, emergency response to SLR and budget?

MR. GOMEZ: Yeah. I'll give you another example. Recently we had -- luckily the City Manager's on board with all this. I asked for a small budget to be able to do some mitigation efforts just for the City. And, within my office we're also constantly applying for grants, pre-disaster mitigation grants so that we can get out there and help whoever we can help.

We recently got a small grant, only \$275,000, to be able to do some mitigation in low income housing. We just got that. I would like to see, like you said, some kind of major budget so we can do some massive projects like flood control. We have a problem with flooding, how do we address that? That's big. The 2000 No Name storm caused millions of dollars of damage to the City in equipment alone and we were able to apply through

our office to get those dollars reimbursed by the Federal Government because we were able to get a disaster declaration.

But, if we don't get a disaster declaration on that, which we're not going to get the money and, you know, this administration especially with the relationship it has with this governor is not going to give us a declaration if we were to ask for it right now. That's the way it is. That's the politics of emergency management.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Good points. David?

MR. MARTIN: So, one simple thing that I would like to make part of the agenda is what are the objectors or deniers saying about sea level rise and what is our response? It's kind of a script that we need to have and I think I'd like to be better educated on so that there's, you know, some of the sarcasm and everything.

I was with a very important market study appraisal firm and they told me, David, it's about resource allocation. So, the City of Miami has a budget, they need to provide services, they need to provide quality of life. And, if there's no, you know, there could be resources dedicated to designing and coming up with solutions.

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But, these huge investments that freak everyone out from a tax point of view I think is -- so, anyway, so objections and responses. I think just having a quick, simple fact sheet that we can develop I think would be nice.

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Number two, I think civil engineers. We work with a lot of different civil engineers that have amazing ideas and sometimes they're so busy with their private practice they don't really contribute. And, we have some very good ones here that have a lot of experience in how we can get that private sector civil engineering community that works, you know, all the time with the City and the Public Works Departments, etcetera, and the South Florida Water Management. And, Department of Environmental Resources Management, excuseme, not DERM, Regulatory and Economic Resources.

I think that having some, you know, credible civil engineering teams come and present and talk I think would be nice as part of our agenda. Third, you know, I think that -- I think that this budget issue is a significant issue, you know. I always argue that, you know, we always talk about affordable housing, we talk about work force housing, we talk about attainable housing.

And, sometimes housing that is low impact is say low density but very high end. It creates a huge annuity for communities, you know. So, the question is, you know, and it's a question for our commissioners, it's a question for our budget directors. How can we start to trap some of this new development tax revenue that we see out there and try to start setting up a bucket for sea level rise?

So, being able to work with a budget director of the City and see how they're forecasting new development and how the revenues associated with this new development, I know percentage goes to the school board, a percentage goes to the City, a percentage goes to the County but it would really be great that, you know, ten percent of this new development or this incremental can be kind of -- it's kind of a resolution.

Say, you know, City Commission says new development tax revenue is incremental, tax revenues that are currently not being used to service the citizens, a percentage of that can go towards the -- I think echoing what he's saying, bringing the budgetary people that are really forecasting tax revenues which I know are very cyclical in our community. We just got assessed

recently for this year and I don't know if anybody's seen their tax bill but it's in some cases ten to thirty percent higher than it was last year.

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So, it's a really surprising thing. But, it's a big challenge for the Budget Director but I'd like to see if he can have a role in one of the agendas, one of the meetings.

And, there's a bunch of other stuff but I'll let everybody talk.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Madam Vice Chair?

VICE CHAIRMAN CALE: So, I guess two things come to mind. The first is it would be really nice to get some kind of overview presentation. Like, I know anecdotally what areas tend to flood and what areas seem like they're being impacted but don't have a good sense maybe citywide what areas we're really seeing some impacts already.

So, I know there are a lot of great sea level rise mapping tools but maybe to have some presentation that shows an overview of where in the City we're starting to see, you know, the most sunny day flooding or, you know, impacts from flooding.

And, then maybe if there's City Staff that

could kind of speak to issues where we know we're maybe already having problems with saltwater coming up into the storm water drainage systems or if there's roadways that might need to be replaced sooner rather than later because they might be close to the coast and, you know, having that sea level rise start to erode a potential roadway.

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So, something where maybe we can get an overview of, you know, here's the elevation in the City, this is where we're seeing impacts, and then here are some potential things that the City Staff are already having to deal with or we know we're going to have to deal with. I think something that would give that kind of overview for everybody across the City would be great.

And, then another thing not necessarily for the next agenda but I think just a good informational item for this Board would be an overview of, you know, like we live in an area where one of the largest worldwide environmental restoration projects is going on, Everglades Restoration.

And, the County, the Four County Compact identified Everglades Restoration as one of the most important tools for adapting to and dealing

with the impacts of climate change in sea level rise. So, just a presentation that would overview, this is Everglades Restoration, this is how it's going to kind of interface with these changes we're seeing in the system.

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So, for example, the water supply for the City of Miami, you know, we're dependent on the Biscayne Aquifer which is going to be recharged more by Everglades Restoration. We're already seeing saltwater intrusion pushing into the aquifers.

Some well fields and other areas have already had to be moved further inland and Everglades

Restoration will provide more water recharge into those aquifers to push back against the saltwater intrusion.

So, you know, speeding up that process is going to be beneficial for the City for protecting our water supply. So, something that would just give an overview of how Everglades Restoration connects to sea level rise adaptation I think would be useful.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Jim?

MR. MURLEY: Picking up on the Vice Chair's comments, one of the things that makes South Florida unique and I think to our benefit since

we're coming along in a time sequence after a lot of work's been done at the regional level, both at the Water Management District working at that level and then down to the Four County Compact.

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We can, I'm sure, put their link up. What I would recommend, Mr. Chair, in terms of a future speaker when you think it's appropriate is maybe someone like Nicole Hefty from the County Resilience Office because I think she could both brief you on where the County is with their resolutions implementing the report, which is where the detail comes.

And, the Compact itself because the Compact is just about to issue a new regional projection of sea level rise that comes from a consensus committee and I think that could be shared and that will help with inundation and other things.

But, just basically we're very fortunate to have our counties working together and to have a very active role now for the cities to be involved. So, I'm not going to -- I think somebody there should be the speaker and we will get a rich amount of information and it will help us understand how the cities were all kind of involved.

I would add, also at a future time both University

of Miami and Florida International University I think
have -- there's a Sea Level Rise Institute at FIU and
there's a new Dean of Engineering and new Dean of
Architecture, basically, almost new at UM. They're both
very interested in this issue. So, I think, you know,
briefing, you know, keeping it at a practical level
I think is an opportunity. There may be some
students that want to work with us.

That would -- those would be my suggestions.

And, if you want to have fun and learn about sea

level rise, the Compact Summit is in Key West on

December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Great speakers, great

place to go, and I'll give all the information.

CHAIR PATHMAN: The Assistant City Manager is going to pay for all of us to go.

MR. MURLEY: That's what I heard. Ajani, you probably already have it but if you can? Thank you.

CHAIR PATHMAN: In listening to everybody, obviously there's a wide spectrum of issues. We're not going to get them all resolved in the next meeting. So, I think we should try to focus on a few of them and I think as we develop what our goals our and what our mission is, then we would bring in some of these speakers to educate us and

the public and hear what they have to say and, you know, formulate ideas and maybe even incorporate some of the things that they're doing so that we know what their initiatives are.

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But, I think we have to get our house in order first. This is our first meeting and we have to create an agenda, you know, for the next one, the next meeting, and it has to be noticed to the public so they know what we're talking about.

I think some of the things that, you know, jump out at me. One of them is what Pete said that what is the immediate emergency need for the community? Because they're experiencing the flooding now from rainfall. It's not really a hundred percent related to sea level rise and everything and what we just saw this weekend is not related to sea level rise. It's, you know, the gravity, the -- pull of the moon and high tide and so on.

But, there are flooding issues and they then those issues have to be dealt with at the City right now. So, I think that's something that should be on our agenda and maybe Pete, you can, you know, we can work together preparing something through Staff that -- a presentation to maybe

discuss those issues, you know. How do we deal with really the first needs of the community, which is really the emergency needs.

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The other thing that I think is important was the economics of what I said. Is that the people need to understand that the insurance is going to change and it's going to change rapidly. It's going to happen long before we start having issues from sea level rise. Most of the reinsurance -- climate models and are reassessing. And, if anybody knows anything about insurance companies, their goal is to make a lot of money first.

And, what is that going to come from? It's going to come from the insurance companies and banks that are selling insurance and requiring you to have insurance long before there's a real parel but, you know, that's something we need to focus on.

And, then I would say that trying to get an understanding of the zoning and something Reinaldo knows, the building and planning because, you know, I know David that you're involved, your family is involved, your company with building a lot of in Miami-Dade County and in Miami. And, you know, we are -- the City is going through an urban renewal

like it's never seen at valuations never seen before and the Code does not require anything to be resilient.

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So, potentially, and I know this is a passion for you as an architect, that, you know, new design, new ideas have to start coming out and there has to be incentives of the building community, development community working with government. Because potentially a lot of what's being built is an obstacle to the future for solutions.

I think that's one thing that we should kind of take up on our agenda immediately and then the other thing that I thought that may be something to try to understand is the mapping that you said. That it would be good to have kind of an overview and say well, here's the City of Miami, what are the worst areas that are going to be affected?

So, those would be and please feel free to comment. This is not about me making the agenda but those are the things I think our next agenda we can start touching on those things. Potentially invite, depending on how long it's going to last, someone -- one person to speak. We shouldn't have more than one speaker initially because it's just

too much us to do so before we have that and then 1 2 also hear from the public. 3 So, does anybody have any comments on that? 4 MR. GOMEZ: In reference to the mapping, I 5 could be wrong but I think we're already working 6 on it because we -- the Building Department, 7 Peter Iglesias is working on updating the CRS, 8 correct? 9 MR. IHEKWABA: Yes. 10 MR. GOMEZ: And, we're working on creating 11 a new mapping for it. MR. IHEKWABA: Can I come in? 12 13 CHAIR PATHMAN: Sure. Absolutely. 14 MR. IHEKWABA: Again, my name is Nzeribe 15 Ihekwaba, Civil Engineer by training and profession 16 a Professional Engineer with a PHD in Structural 17 Engineering. For your information, Miami-Dade 18 Water and Sewer has done a lot of modeling of the 19 sea level rise impact on the City of Miami. 2.0 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: AECOM 21 MR. IHEKWABA: I'm probably going to reach out 22 to Miami-Dade Water and Sewer, which is where I 23 used to work, to see if we can have them come in 24 and make a detailed presentation to this committee 25 on the sea level rise impact on this City in terms

of saltwater intrusion, the impact on Biscayne Aquifer which is the primary source of drinking water and portable water supplied to the City.

And, also like Pete mentioned, we're going to reach out to several department directors of the City, the Planning Director, the Building Official who's dealing with the Department Director, as well, as well as the Public Works Director. Let them come in and make technical presentations to this committee.

As a matter of fact, do you see these ordinances that I created or resolution that created this Committee specifically require the City of Manager in Section 9 to work together with you and to also give you technical and policy advice upon your request. So, if it's the will of this Committee and with your directive we can have staff through Ajani who's your liaison to the City Department -- to the City Manager's Office, we can come in on your scheduled days and give you presentations.

In terms of what is currently available are future plans of the City, we have to address these issues. We are willing and we're available to do that.

CHAIR PATHMAN: I appreciate that. Thank

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you. It's very important and informative for us as we, you know, continue to grow in this committee and our understanding of the things that are needed by the City.

But, I would like to try to see if we can agree tonight before we -- like try to let some of the people that have showed up tonight from the public speak, is to create an agenda for our next meeting in November and those topics.

I think that there could be a plethora of speakers that we could bring in but I don't know that we should do that first. I think we all have to get to know and understand what goals we want to achieve and what we want to do because I'm sure everybody here has been involved in this issue and there's no end anymore to the amount of speakers and people from different departments. They all have great ideas and we have to listen to a lot of them and formulate our own opinions.

But, I think we need an agenda to kind of get us going and then, you know, formulate what our -- again, I think we have to have like some idea. I don't know if it's a mission statement or what but something as to what our goals are as an advisory committee.

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So, you know, I think there's some general things. Obviously, we have the new agenda like we did tonight and I think that we, you know, I would like one thing to -- if Staff can help us with is to keep us aware and have one section of our meetings where before we get started and to the heart of it you advise us anything that you know that's going on in the City itself through its Committees, it's Commission so, you know, we're not speaking out of turn and so that we're not aware of something that may already be in the works or voted on.

So, I'd like a Staff Report or something if you could prepare that and we can talk about that or work with that.

Yes?

MR. BORGES: Can I make a suggestion?
CHAIR PATHMAN: Sure.

MR. BORGES: I mean, I think that there's so many components to this issue, like FIU has the President said something like 800 or 900 professors that have a piece of sea level rising in their program. For me, of course, one of the hyperconcerns that I have is that we do have a city that is getting built every day, that is getting

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designed and permitted with billions of dollars of investment.

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And, I'm also thinking that in this community sometimes everybody sort of in the territorial realm and sometimes we forget to integrate the learning that others are doing. And, you know, I really committed myself to studying everything that AECOM is doing for the City of Miami Beach and they're paying hundreds of thousands of dollars for these experts to do what they're doing.

So, an idea is that, you know, Marcia who you already have met because she came and presented to our Sea Level Rise Taskforce could give us a quick overview of the key points that the City of Miami Beach through the leadership of Mayor Levine and the rest of the Commission have asked them to do. They've been at it now for almost a year.

And, it really ignites a lot of different issues that I think we can learn from for free. It doesn't cost the City of Miami anything. And, wouldn't it be beautiful that suddenly the City of Miami Beach starts to share some of the learning with Miami without us having to reinvent things? The same geology, same concerns. So, that's a proposal to you that maybe because, you know, look,

I was amazed when I went to Harvey's --

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MR. MURLEY: It was actually Commissioner Sosa's Committee.

MR. BORGES: Yeah. I mean, it was like to learn that we forget the Everglades has a lot to do with protecting the urban realm, you know, people are like really? Does that mean you're an environmentalist, Mr. Architect, yeah, of course it is. It means I am.

But, I think for the most part how we build our cities and how modify our codes to me besides, of course, emergency management and how do we evacuate, how do we deal with flash flooding and all kinds of other issues effectuated, rainstorms and so on.

This is so fundamental that, you know, if there is something that is most ambitious to me is sort of learning from this as a committee and then from there maybe establishing other things. Of course, you know, the financial hardship, the investment issues, and we talked about it a lot. I mean, we've been thinking that incentivizing developers and investors is intuitively important.

How do you do that? Well, you know, you create all kinds of incentive programs. This

started to do that. I mean, when I first proposed it at the Dutch Dialogues it was kind of like how do you incentivize developers in Miami Beach when everybody wants to reduce density and intensity in Miami Beach and everybody's concerned about evacuating an island that is very dense and you don't -- perhaps intuitively want to densify it.

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Well, they're starting to talk about that.

How do you create an incentive for someone that is investing significant money into a development to develop something that is going to be more resilient, more sustainable through time?

CHAIR PATHMAN: I think that's good and it's along the lines of what the Committee has said about other people coming and speakers and learning from a plan that's already in place. I think there's potentially -- while it's a plan for another city, we also have to address what the city's concerns on how they want to, you know, move forward. I think it's something we should be looking at in terms of the plans but there's some political things that we will discuss I think in the future that relate to the relationship between the cities and so on.

But, what I still think is important at least

for the next meeting is having an agenda to start creating, you know, what it is that this group is going to do. Again, there's a lot of speaking that we're going to have come in and I think that should be one of the items on the next agenda. Who do we want to start with? Who do we want to have come in? Table them, invite them, you know, give them a platform to speak on. One certainly can be with, what's her name, Marcia from AECOM.

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But, I'd like to have, you know, a consensus from the group to create the agenda, you know, for next month on the issues that we all went around the room and discussed. Which are the ones that we should start addressing, have in there, you know, our idea of creating what our goals our, you know, in essence what our mission statement is.

I think we should also try to agree on a timeframe of meetings, you know, we don't want to be here until midnight unless some nights maybe that will be the case.

But, I think that we have to have an understanding so we can be, you know, like I said we could have an understanding about emergency issues, interfacing with departments within the City and outside the City. It could be dealing

with issues related to impending issues related to insurance, mapping, and dealing with building and zoning.

I think that's a good agenda.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Those four topics.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Yeah. To start with and then we should have a public speaking component to allow the public to speak on what we discussed at the meeting and have comment.

I think that in the beginning there should be the Staff Report, obviously attendance and those kind of things. And, then also every member I think should be given since they're all so involved in the community in so many different things, two minutes to say are you aware of what happened this week, you know, hot topics.

We may want to say, okay, let's bring that up first, you know, just real quick discussion and we'll put that on a future agenda or if it's an emergency thing we'll bring it up. You know, maybe someone has something to say.

So, that's what I'd like to do Ajani. If we, you know, can agree on that tonight and coordinate that. Those are the topics.

Now, it's getting late. I'd like to give the

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public who was nice enough to come up to our first 1 2 meeting any opportunity to speak. Yes? 3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair, can I just 4 say one? 5 CHAIR PATHMAN: Yes. 6 MR. MARTIN: With the mapping, if we can do 7 it at stages? I mean, it won't be maximum, you know, glacial melt as far as -- do you understand 8 9 what I'm saying? As the sea level rises, it will 10 rise incrementally. Sure. 11 CHAIR PATHMAN: 12 MR. MARTIN: Some places will have -- actually 13 be risen faster in other areas. 14 CHAIR PATHMAN: I think your idea of 15 mapping was the greatest concerns of the City. 16 Where we're talking about that will have the 17 first effects. 18 MR. MARTIN: That are most 19 susceptible? 20 CHAIR PATHMAN: Yeah. 21 VICE CHAIR CALE: And, maybe that unified 22 sealable projection from the County is a good, you 23 know, a good level. 24 CHAIR PATHMAN: At some point we're going 25 to do some history about -- by the way, just a

quick segway. Does everybody that's on the Committee believe in sea level rise? I just want to make sure that's the case. Okay.

MR. MURLEY: But, David's point is a real good one about having that cheat sheet. Very good one.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Yeah. Well, that's something that, you know, we definitely have to develop.

But, I want to make sure we're all on the same page, at least thoughts that we have that.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Yes?

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MR. MURLEY: First of all, I think to some degree we have to let the Chair do this with the Staff because of availability of speakers. I mean, I like what you described and I'm ready to let you put it together. Just one suggestion.

I was impressed with the City's Strategic Plan and the degree to which we're building towards a report or -- I think if we fit it back into the plan, use their subject areas, then it may be that individually and collectively our work will get there, you know.

If we come up with a document that's organized differently or, you know, has the subjects then

they'll have to translate it back to the strategic plan. I'm glad to see the City has that. That's just something for you to consider.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Yeah. While that presentation was being made, I was looking through it and it's a really global plan that is far beyond sea level rise.

MR. MURLEY: Yeah.

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CHAIR PATHMAN: And, so, at some point, at the appropriate time, I don't think it's going to be the next meeting but we need to look at that, like you said, and I did make some notes about that that discuss, okay, how do we fit into what they're proposing that relates specifically to what this committee is being tasked to do.

MR. MURLEY: Good.

CHAIR PATHMAN: So, I agree with you. See, we agree a lot.

So, I'd just like to see -- does everybody agree so far in what we're going to try to do next meeting? Okay.

MR. MURLEY: Do you want a motion?

CHAIR PATHMAN: No. That I don't need a motion. I just have to work with Staff on. No motion for that.

The reason I like motions is I'd rather not someone come back and say we didn't agree on that or I didn't get heard or I didn't vote. So, the formality of Robert's Rules I think should be invoked when possible but not everything needs a motion.

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I'd like to start from this side of the room from hearing from some people from the public. You can kind of make any comments you have or concerns with -- I'll give you two minutes. I'm not going to really hold you to that but if you could just introduce yourself again.

MR. GOMEZ: Albert Gomez, South Florida

Resilience System. I'll speak fast. I know a lot
of people in this room and I've collaborated with a
few of them and I'm glad Emergency Management is
here. I've worked with Chuck Tare personally and
there's some things that were brought up.

On cities working together, I was bringing forward all the cities for the Rockefeller Foundations Hundred Resilience City's Challenge. We're going to get a million dollars and they wanted us, they wanted us to do it. I spoke to Julie directly, the director of the Rockefeller Foundation. We were short listed to get the job.

The reason we didn't get the job and the reason they gave the million dollars to Jacksonville was because the cities didn't want to submit together.

It was flat out, we saw it break down and it was horrific. And, I saw it happening and it wasn't really happening for anything and it happened at the Grant Department Level. The Grants Department got really campy about themselves and they wanted to put the grant in for themselves. And, they are the ones that split the division at the City Manager's Department even though the City Manager in Miami Beach was willing to do it.

It turned out to be the stick in the mud was Miami-Dade County. And, I'm saying it straight. That's how it happened.

So, that issue is a constant issue because adaptation in this region is going to have to happen with all the relevant cities and villages.

Now, codification, Miami Beach, all of that is great but mapping. You brought up mapping. Okay. So, I brought up to Ajani earlier today that I've partnered with a group that's -- Conservancy that knows quite a bit about which is Azavea which is a data analytics company with Geographic Information System Mapping Software Technology.

They're exploding. They're a very big company
at this point. They came up with a technology
called GeoTrellis and they created a software
called Open Tree Map where they're tracking trees.
That's good for carbon sequestration, for

valuation, for blue funds, for identifying the value of natural environments.

They also are now opening up the dashboards in the back end to layer maps on all different assets for sea level rise, etcetera, and they're giving us the opportunity to utilize that, our team South Florida Resilience System. And, GIS Day at FIU is on November 6th and I talked to Matthew Torro which is directing that and it's specifically on sea level rise on the 6th of November.

So, I've asked him to bring this committee into that meeting and offer a demo with Azavea's technology free of charge to enable that mapping. That is a decision making tool. It's got back end dashboards. It gives you carbon sequestration, valuation, you can type in insurance data on it, tax abatement, all the things that would be needed to make financial fiscal decisions from a City Manager's perspective.

So, that I think would be a good kind of

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catalyzing meeting to start talking about a map so that we can start to value that. Also that sea level rise information that Douglas Rotter (phonetic) might be able to give us. That would be great, as well.

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So, that's available and I'm offering it to the Committee and ready to do it. I already worked with Andres Gil from FIU Research so we're ready to do this and they're on board. I just lectured at the Resilience Colloquial at UM and I gave a detail on adaptation, design, the whole nine. It was directly related to mapping and asset assessments and things of that nature.

So, but response is something that's critical because it engages all departments and I think you brought that up. The Emergency Management

Department becomes the facto, you know, coordinator for the City when you know what hits the fan. So, getting all the departments on board on this is going to be hyper-critical. One, for disaster response and mitigation but just how they're going to react when it happens.

And, even thought the tides don't have to do the -- the king tide doesn't have to do with sea level rise, per say, we are compounded because of

the gulf stream. So, we have a compounded sea level rise down here. Our abatement and mitigation of sea level rise right here has to do with how do we get back to regular levels so that we can then put in a more strategic plan.

Yeah. So, that's going to be critical for you to understand that really all we're trying to do is stem the rate, not necessarily stem sea level rise. We stem the rate. That's something that we can work in. So, FIU is done.

So, basically our agenda, South Florida

Resilience System, is to develop a coalition of the

willing. We, in Manhattan, are currently working

on a Housing and Urban Development Grant, a 500

million dollar grant with Federal Emergency Management

Agency to develop collectively intelligent distributed

grids. That's not going to happen down here. Florida

Power & Light is too entrenched. It's not going to happen.

The Everglades Water Management feeds into that and breaks down the FPL dilemma but it's not going to happen so we have to do an incremental change, which I think was brought up, as well. So, I think the biggest agenda for us to go right now is since money, the FEMA has agreed -- the FEMA managers that are working with my director have

already communicated that their next turn is to South Florida and that they want to replicate what they're doing in their program down here in South Florida.

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So, one of the low level topics that are being brought up today in the meeting today was that Joaquin is bearing down on them. So, Emergency Management is doing that but the long term plan, let's say long term ten years, is to develop vegetation strips.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Albert, I need you to kind of --

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Vegetation strips around the perimeter of Manhattan to be able to mitigate wave attenuation which is storm surge which is our biggest problem because sea level rise with a compounded -- compounded sea level rise with storm surge is going to be an epic failure and make beautiful properties that are effected by a storm surge destroyed and uninhabitable.

And, that reality needs to be controlled for taxes. We have the bottom line. So, FEMA, those grants are brought forward. Kresky's (phonetic) ready to do administrative funding of it. I've already talked to Willy Gort. He said he would

bring it forward to your office directly to support 1 2 it. 3 I would love this Committee So, it's moving. 4 to come on board with that and bring that network to bear here. It's money, it's funds, and it's 5 ready to go, and it's just replicated off of what's 6 7 happening in New York right now. 8 So, I just let you know that I'm willing to 9 work with you guys any way you can but November 6th 10 I'm going to start throwing information to Ajani so that he can distribute it out. 11 12 CHAIR PATHMAN: Albert, I've got to cut you off. 13 14 MR. GOMEZ: That's it. No problem. 15 CHAIR PATHMAN: What I would like you to do 16 is if you would send an electronic mail to Ajani. I'd 17 like to hear a little bit in depth and get you on the 18 agenda, maybe not the next meeting, and talk about 19 that a little bit further. It seems like you have 2.0 a lot of knowledge that we'd like to tap into. 21 Just going around the room. Next? Anybody 22 else? I know we have the Nature Conservatory has a 23 presentation so I want to get to that real quick. Mitch? 24 2.5 MR. MITCHELL: I applaud everything you guys

are doing. It's late. We needed this years ago. So, in addition to the excellent work and the outline that you've presented, please focus on public health and the consequences of sea level rise as it impacts our community health.

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Please look at new energy systems that will help power your pumping stations, like the US
Navy's system that is taking carbon and hydrogen from water and turning it into designer fuels.
Please focus on how you can effectively use adaptation action areas to enhance the value of communities. It's already in the Statutes, it could be made stronger if Tallahassee comes out of its coma.

Please look at building materials that do not when inundation occurs further acidify the ocean. Please look at personal financial adaptation. The tools that you need from Washington and from Tallahassee to help people deal with mortgage modifications because of sea level rise or ROTH Type IRAs that deal with sea level rise to help people save and to keep our community viable economically. Very, very important.

Please look at how the bond rating companies will impact Miami when they start asking the tough

questions about how we're prepared for sea level rise. Please look at affordable housing when people have to retreat and how we can keep the community cohesive. Please look at how you can consider public-private partnerships.

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We've seen 595 as an effective example of a P3. What kind of public partner -- private-public partnerships can be employed in the fight against sea level rise. Look at natural systems. I just wrote an article that appeared in something called Nature of Cities which deals with how insurers and re-insurers can then turn around and partner with municipalities to help create what I call neighborhood footprints for the natural systems that you're talking about.

Please look also at two other things and then I'll stop. Vertical farming is very, very important. Agriculture is an area that is threatened by sea level rise and the second term of the next president will start losing some very important areas in Southeast Dade. That will affect everybody. One way to bring the community together is vertical farming, responsible, creative, intelligent architectural solutions.

But, please consider having some of your

meetings in the various communities that are not represented here, Liberty City, Overtown, Brickell, all the different areas, even the areas that you wouldn't normally think about. Go to the people and reach out to the people because those are the people that are going to look to you and say you either did or you did not address my concerns as an average citizen.

Thank you very much.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Thank you, Mitchell.

Anything? Do you have anything from the Heritage?

MS. MACINTYRE: I just wanted to be sure that the history aspect is a part of the plan. I would also mention that Flora (phonetic) is part of the plan. You mentioned planting to protect the coastline. That's a very simple and easy thing to do that we can be doing now but nobody's thinking about how this is going to impact the plant life, other than you mentioned agriculture.

But, you know, your own garden is going to be gone to saltwater if we don't do something. So, don't forget that aspect of it. You guys have so much on your plate. I'm just exhausted.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Anybody?

MS. NELSON: I feel privileged to be here with

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you all. 1 2 CHAIR PATHMAN: Can you give us your name 3 again? 4 MS. NELSON: I'm sorry. Joyce Nelson. 5 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Thank you, Joyce. 6 MS. NELSON: I feel so privileged to be here. 7 Go ahead. MS. MACINTYRE: I forgot one thing. 8 9 source of information for you all is concerned 10 scientists. They have put together a report on the impact on historic places of climate change. 11 12 There's a lot of case studies from here all the way out to Alaska. You'll find it very interesting. 13 14 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Thank you. 15 MS. NELSON: I feel so privileged to be here 16 with you wonderful people and I can say many, many 17 different things but I'll stick to one thing like Dolly did. We have to be concerned about the 18 19 people but we also have to be concerned about the 20 environment, the wildlife, what's going to happen 21 to the ecosystem. 22 CHAIR PATHMAN: Anybody else? 23 MS. CASSIE SNOW-BHAT: I'm Cassie Bhat again. 24 know you guys have a lot on your plates. It's a long 25 agenda. Addressing Sea Level Rise is a big one.

two things to offer for your consideration or potential topics for this community to work on.

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Number one, I absolutely agree about the need to do something about the infrastructures that's being built, you know, at -- be it the nature -- there's also all the infrastructures that's already here that needs to be protected or adapted in some way.

The second thing is I think there's a great opportunity here in Miami for greater public awareness and engagement in the sea level rise issue. I think it's actually not the case that people aren't -- don't think it's a problem or don't think it's happening, which is the case in plenty of other cases that I've worked.

But, almost that here's it's a little too scary and overwhelming. So, if there are ways to make -- it's not so much the show them the maps then they'll see problem. It's actually the maps are the problem in some cases. So, identifying ways to make this seem more doable to get people to buy in instead of hiding from the problem.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Thank you. Do we have a presentation that is on the agenda that you want to make? Let's do that now. How long is it?

I can boil it down. 1 MR. GREG GUANNEL: 2 CHAIR PATHMAN: Okay. Let's do that and 3 then we'll be able to adjourn. 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: By the way, tomorrow is 5 the National Day of Action and FIU has a mangrove 6 restoration program setup for the Biscayne Bay 7 So, it would be a good way for you to see a natural environment adaptation technique that 8 9 could be used very easily in South Florida for 10 storm surge mitigation. Just an FYI. So, that's 11 tomorrow and you can get there at 8:30 a.m. and 12 just sign up and see it first hand. 13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, after this the 14 meeting is? 15 CHAIR PATHMAN: We're adjourned. In the 16 future I'd like to keep the meetings to --17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we start a meeting 18 and kind of identify how long so then I can just if 19 I have to pick up my children? 2.0 CHAIR PATHMAN: Yeah. I would say that 21 most meetings I'd like to keep them two hours. 22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. 23 CHAIR PATHMAN: And, then that's why we 24 have to plan agendas so that if we have a speaker 25 we maybe push something else or maybe one month we

have to have more than one meeting where we just have a few speakers lined up and we're not taking and business.

We'll see. As you can see, there's a lot and this is the first meeting. There's a lot to address and, you know, people are going to expect us to do it.

MR. STEWART: Everyone got a chance with the sign in sheet?

CHAIR PATHMAN: Yes. I think everybody signed it.

MR. GUANNEL: Well, thank you. It's late so I will try to keep it brief. Thanks for the opportunity to present at this first meeting. It's an honor given the amount of stuff you talked about tonight.

Very briefly about myself. I'm the Urban Conservation Director for the Nature of Conservancy. I'm a civil engineer, a coastal engineer by training, and now I'm a working urban environment. Tonight I will be talking about what the Nature of Conservancy has been doing and it's current sort of thinking about action within urban communities to try to increase community resilience but also provide some solutions.

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So, very briefly about The Nature Conservancy. What we did is we initially thinking about conserving land and then conserving the ocean so we are really focused on natural resources and conserving natural resources initially but through time we basically realized that we actually need to worry about how natural resources are used for people and how to conserve natural resources for people.

So, we moved onto fresh water now to climate change. A lot of the work lately has been focused on climate change because it impacts everything.

So, we work everywhere in the world, we work in South Florida in particular. Very briefly, all the work that we do eventually our hope is that it will benefit all creatures but, again, you may use the natural system so we start and we think about humans and natural system which brings us to ecosystem services.

So, we've been thinking a lot lately about ecosystem services. Basically, how can we preserve ecosystems because of their service that they provide us? So, anything from tourism to agriculture to fisheries to actually cities and how can ecosystem benefit cities, how ecosystems within cities can help improve the well being of

communities, and how can urban system minimize impacts on ecosystems so that we can, you know, have a thriving community.

So, you all know the challenges. Hurricanes, sea level rise cause flooding but rains also cause flooding, saltwater intrusion, and heat. It's going to get hotter. So, those are some of the impacts that we currently have and that we currently suffer or will suffer in the future. So, the thinking that we're having is how can we help alleviate some of those impact?

And, we want to alleviate some of those impacts really by trying to use natural systems or when we do these make sure that we do not negatively impact natural systems because they provide us with so many services.

And, feel free to interrupt with any questions if I'm going too fast.

So, I just want to recognize that good solutions are being implemented currently and so what we want to try is basically to find a way to as we implement the solutions, we do not negatively impact natural systems but that we can also think as natural systems as a way to, basically, protect us.

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So, when you look at this map of Southeast Florida, everything that's black is basically urban environment and everything in green can be considered basically vegetation and we have all sort of habitats.

So, the point that I want to try to make here is that as we're thinking about sea level rise, climate change, and all the impact that the city is going to suffer, the Nature of Conservancy really think that it's important that we really keep in mind the fact that we live in a green environment. That we live in an environment where there is a lot of natural systems and that we depend and we use these natural systems every day, every single day.

So, it can be just recreation is the pleasure of being in a natural setting. We can think of trees as being a way to alleviate some of the stressors that we have currently in terms of heat reduction but in terms of just increasing well being -- of community so that they are more resilient and more able to face the future that they have.

But, they can also help clean the air which is not really a problem here but the trees and urban forest provide a host of services that I think we

are trying to promote and increase their use and the value of those when we think about adaptation.

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Mangroves, there's lots that you already know about mangroves in terms of the way that they protect against storm surge, the way that they collect sediment, and help clean water but they also serve as habitat for all the fisheries that, you know, we depend on. The fisheries industry is a multimillion dollar industry here so anything that we impact natural systems will eventually have consequences on the economy that we have.

And, then if you think about coral reef, they do provide some -- services but they also, again, serve as habitat for fisheries and, you know, which again goes back to tourism. So, basically, we live in an environment where we really have to make people move to South Florida for the environment.

So, as we think about adapting and facing the future, you really want to think about the services that they provide us and how to integrate them in our adaptation plan. So, a lot of work is actually currently being done and that's something that, you know, this is the direction we're going. It's basically promote work for adaptation, promote solutions.

A lot of work is being done to really create shorelines that promote existence of habitat, create new habitat while at the same time help us prepare for the future. So, this map is just basically what I just said. How natural systems can provide different sort of benefits at the same time and, again, a fair amount of work is being done currently by different counties and cities but also -- cities and more and more are trying to embark into this journey of really preserving the environment for the betterment of themselves but of their community.

So, one resource that we want to make -- we would like to make you aware of is this portal called Maps of Coastal -- which, you know, as the gentleman was talking about was -- but also a host of different groups that the Conservancy is really the creator of this whole system.

And, I'm just going to talk very briefly about it and maybe skip some slides. Basically, it's a portal that -- it's a mapping portal that provides information to different type of agencies about different sort of concerns that they may have when leaving coastal cities.

And, it's an information portal that gives

information about, you know, type of habitat that you have but it's also an information portal that really helps you think about how your community will -- what your community will be on a different sort of scenarios for sea level rise by taking into account both the flooding that you will experience but also what the habitats will be. Again, it's this connection of people and habitat because we are basically extremely linked to each other.

I'm just going to go very briefly. This is an example of an app or two that we created that basically helps you identify how much mangroves and coral reef help reduce the impact of natural hazards. So, I'm not going to go through it because of time but the bottom line is that it's a tool that you can run, you can choose a site, you run it, you choose different sort of hurricanes, sea level rise condition, whatever sort of offshore — that you have. It uses, basically, physics to then compute an answer for you that tells you how much, you know, certain restoration effort will help you protect or mitigate against the impact.

So, you can have map like this one that shows, you know, where reef are most effective at protecting you against storms versus least

effective and then we can then decide, okay, where do I want to -- maybe as I'm thinking about my adaptation plan, think about maybe restoration natural habitat. This is an example for coral reef but we are doing the same thing for mangroves, we are doing the same thing other types of habitats that exist in the region so that as we think about protection, we also think about natural systems and adaptation to other systems.

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So, what does it mean? Moving onto the City.

Again, we have information about different type of projects that exist so it's a mapping tool portal that provides a lot of information and we're moving into a new territory now. We're developing a tool with a scientist at Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University and other universities to create, basically, a living shoreline tool.

So, a living shoreline for those who don't know is basically an alternative to hard structures and it basically provides the same benefit as house structures but in addition they create habitats.

So, it's this win-win sort of opportunity that we are trying to figure out.

So, we have a bit of a process base model to basically say, okay, based on where you are within

the region, what type of solution is more appropriate? Sometimes there's nothing that you can do. A seawall is the only thing that you can do. But, in other cases there are different sort of hybrid structure or just plain old soft structures that can be implemented.

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So, we will have this tool that will be basically parcel based if you're 100 meters along the shoreline from Monroe County all the way to Palm Beach County you'll be able to go into a particular location and say, okay, I want to get rid of this seawall that somebody built because that's the first reaction, what can I do instead? So, it's a type of adaptation tool that we are trying to provide.

Moving on into the City, currently we're working with the University of Miami School or Architecture thinking about, okay, how can we create demonstration sites within the cities to show how natural systems and the -- environment came together work to help us deal with current and future threats but at the same time increase the quality of the neighborhood.

So, this is an example of a site in Wagner Creek in Overtown which is an area, as you know, that has a fair amount of low income community.

So, as the City is cleaning up Wagner Creek, we're working with the UM School or Architecture to think about how we can actually take this opportunity to create a public space, to create an area where people within the neighborhood can come and actually use a natural system or be within a natural system.

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The sort of thinking that we have is that we can't just create a structure to, you know, deal with this or that or have this or that type of function but if we can use the structure which is really a commodity because it's going to be -- if we can use this structure as a way to actually create a neighborhood it's even better and if we can use this structure to create a neighborhood but also increase and within this neighborhood add a fair amount of natural system that provide a host of services it's even better. Because what it will do is it will actually increase community wellbeing, increase community resilience so that they will be able to better live with the type of future and the threats and the stress that they have.

So, it's, again, using human knowledge plus a natural system benefits to create a better

environment. So, in addition to working in Wagner Creek, we are trying to work in Hialeah at a Major Transit Station with the same principal. Trying to bring green infrastructure, to reduce flooding in the water. We are also working and started discussions with the -- system and the type of discussion that we are going to have with them, hoping to engage them with and start working on is how to help make their green plan -- a reality. Really increase the amount of parks.

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Think about parks as way for people to go but also as way for communities to meet so that when there's disasters, there is no sort of I don't know you, you're not from my neighborhood, which we saw a lot happening in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. So, it does to the idea of community resilience, building community resilience but also thinking about them as emergency. So, in case of a hurricane or in case of flooding as a way that the community knows that it can go to.

So, we're exploring different ideas and the last one that we're exploring is financing mechanism. The Nature of Conservancy has a lot of financing mechanism, trying to basically spur private investment into the public. So, we're

trying to figure out, okay, what can be done because money and budget is such a big problem. So, we're trying to develop some tools that would spur investment into public space so that we actually can do it even though the public doesn't have the fund.

And, then this is my last slide, my last point. Reorganizing -- December 12th followed up with the Habitat Restoration Project in -- Key on December 13th. And, the point of this event is really to try to start communicating, reaching out to low income communities, and start communicating to them a lot of what I just said but also try to find solutions. Try to find solutions that would increase their resilience.

So, you know, how can we increase the amount of community garden? How can we when you design buildings use the opportunity to actually maybe create gardens or other sort of amenities or other sort of structures that would actually increase the wellbeing? So, we hope to start this conversation with different community groups and with low income community to, again, try to find the sort of intersection between natural systems, wellbeing of community, and what we want the city to be in the

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future. 1 2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that the City seal? 3 MR. GUANNEL: Yeah. 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's going to be in the City of Miami? 5 6 MR. GUANNEL: Yes. It's going to be in the 7 City of Miami. Yes. And, so this is scientist that you were 8 9 referring to. 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. I couldn't see the location. 11 12 MR. GUANNEL: The location, so this will be 13 finalized so we will have it. We're just 14 finalizing. The location is going to be finalized 15 next week. 16 So, that's my last slide which is basically 17 saying that, you know, what the Nature of Conservancy is doing is basically we're hoping to 18 19 work with, again, willing partners to try to come 2.0 up with solutions that can be implemented right now 21 but also solutions that can be implemented way in 22 the future and see what we can do to really try to 23 improve the conditions and better be prepared for the future that awaits us. 24 25 So, that's it.

CHAIR PATHMAN: Thank you very much. We appreciate that. We'd like to keep the Conservatory involved in our mission and things that we're doing. So, we'd like your participation.

Just two quick housekeeping things before we adjourn. One, if everybody who was here tonight would be -- that's from the Public give us your card. We'd like to, you know, have your information and keep you in contact with what the community is doing.

And, two, just for next time we meet, the Board Members think of how long of a term you want your Chair and Vice Chair to have whether it's one year or two year because we should rotate. I recommend a two year but we don't need to vote on it now. We should figure out what we're going to do.

Okay. With that, thank you everybody. Thank you everybody from the public. Thank you all the members. We'll see you in a month.

(Thereupon, the meeting was concluded.)

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