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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE – 8th FLOOR**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301**  
**May 29, 2014 – 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS	APPT BY	ATTENDANCE	Cumulative Attendance 1/2014 through 12/2014	
			PRESENT	ABSENT
1. Valerie Amor, Chair	M	P	5	0
2. Alena Alberani, Vice Chair	II	P	3	2
3. Daniel Ayers	M	P	5	0
4. Steven Cook	I	P	5	0
5. Vicki Eckels	IV	P	4	1
6. William Goetz	I	P	1	0
7. Darin Lentner	IV	P	3	2
8. Jim Moyer [6:37 pm]	III	P	5	0
9. Mate Thitisawat	C	P	4	1
10. Cheryl Whitfield	III	P	5	0
11. Jim Wood	II	P	1	1

**ALSO PRESENT**

Transportation & Mobility Department

Diana Alarcon, Director of Transportation & Mobility  
 Karen Mendrala, Livability Planner

Sustainability Division of Public Works Department

Dr. Nancy J. Gassman, Assistant Public Works Director – Sustainability Division  
 Heather Steyn, Sustainability Specialist  
 Rivana Stadlander, Administrative Assistant I

**CALL OF ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Amor called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm, roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present. Mr. Moyer arrived at 6:37pm.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION**

At the May 29<sup>th</sup> Sustainability Advisory Board meeting, the Board voted to support the local resolution proposed by the Food & Water Watch organization to label genetically engineered foods or genetically modified organisms and encourage the Commission to do the same.

**MOTION**

The Board voted unanimously to present the communication to Commission.

**EXHIBIT**

Food and Water Watch's Proposed Resolution

LOCAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes that consumers want accurate and thorough information about the food they feed their families; and

WHEREAS, the potential long-term risks to public health and the environment from genetically engineered foods are unknown; and

WHEREAS, safety studies on genetically engineered foods are limited because biotechnology companies prohibit cultivation for research purposes in their seed licensing agreements; and

WHEREAS, some independent, peer-reviewed research that has been done on genetically engineered crops has revealed problems with liver and kidney functions in rats, deformities and neurological problems in vertebrates and lower nutrition content in Roundup Ready crops; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the United States Department of Agriculture to ensure that genetically engineered crops are safe to grow, the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that genetically engineered products will not harm the environment and the Food and Drug Administration to ensure that genetically engineered food is safe to eat; and

WHEREAS, the patchwork of federal agencies that regulates genetically engineered crops and animals in the United States has failed to adequately oversee and monitor genetically engineered products; and

WHEREAS, farmers who produce organic or non-genetically engineered crops run the risk of crop contamination from nearby genetically engineered crops; and

WHEREAS; farmers who unintentionally grow genetically engineered-patented seeds or who harvest crops that are contaminated with genetically engineered traits could lose marketing options and face costly lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 *New York Times* poll found that 93 percent of U.S. consumers wanted all genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014, the City of Fort Lauderdale supports mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered products.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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Date

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Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THIS SIGNED RESOLUTION TO:**

1. Gina McCarthy, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460
2. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250
3. Margaret Hamberg M.D., Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20993
4. Senator Bill Nelson, United States Senate, 716 Senate Hart Office Building Washington, DC 20510
5. Senator Marco Rubio, United States Senate 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
6. Local Representative Lois Frankel, United States House of Representatives, 1037 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515
7. Food & Water Watch, 1044 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304