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March 12, 2024

The Strategy Committee met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Present

Director Robin Barnes, Chair
Director Maurice Sholas, M.D., Ph.D.
Director Lynes R. Sloss
Director Janet Howard
Director Tyler Antrup

Members Absent:

Director Alejandra Guzman

PRESENTATION ITEMS

Grace Vogel, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Environmental Affairs, gave an update of the Green Infrastructure Plan that was adopted in April of 2014. The efforts of the Green Infrastructure Plan consist of demonstration projects, K-12 educational curricula, workshops for professionals, businesses, residents, and community groups, and technical tools and studies to further the knowledge and shared understanding of green infrastructure concepts. Grace updated the committee on grant efforts and next steps for the plan, given that dedicated funding for the Green Infrastructure Plan has been nearly all allocated.

Executive Director Ghassan Korban explained to the committee that the source drainage funding is exclusively through property tax via three separate millages. The millages are subject to voter approval. The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans is exploring alternative sources of revenue and capital that can support green infrastructure. The Strategy Committee members engaged in a robust discussion about partnership and communications strategies for sustaining the Green Infrastructure Plan.



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Grace Birch, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Communications Director, gave an update on the communications plan and goals for the next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Strategy Committee, Director Sholas moved to adjourn. Director Howard seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:42 a.m.