

Meeting Summary

Intergovernmental & Communications Subcommittee Meeting

Broward County Climate Change Action plan Update

May 20, 2015

4:00 – 6:00PM

Governmental Center, Rm 430

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Subcommittee mission: To provide the Task Force with information and analysis about the climate change strategies and actions among other governmental entities: within the broader south Florida region, among communities across the state, within the state government and at the national and international level. The Committee will pay special attention to opportunities for the Commission to add its voice to those of others to promote policies and programs that will help Broward County, Florida and the nation to address climate change more effectively. The Committee will also identify opportunities for collaboration with other governmental entities, where such action would enhance the ability of Broward to address climate change. The Committee will also seek ways to communicate effectively the climate change issue and the recommended Task Force solutions.

1. The meeting began at approximately 4:00PM. Chair Jim Murley welcomed the group and went over a few meeting ground rules. Introductions were made. Present at the meeting were: Jim Murley, Richard Grosso (phone-in), Carrie Kashar (staff), Jason Liechty, Barry Faske, Sandra Welch, Nancy Schneider, Susy Torriente, Lois Bush, Julie Lambert, Scott Perrin (phone-in), Deanne Vonstetina, Samantha Danchuk, and Jennifer Jurado.
2. Barry Faske was appointed as Vice Chair.
3. Carrie Kashar provided a presentation reviewing the current Climate Action Plan goals and actions relating to natural systems. Over 80% of the original 126 actions have been initiated and/or completed. The goal of the meeting is to get ideas from the subcommittee with suggestions for new actions, modifications, and on current actions to keep.
4. The facilitated discussion began with a look at the handout provided by staff listing the current goals with notes on progress. Jason Liechty gave a briefing on the handouts related to the South Florida Regional Compact legislative agenda. An overview comment was made by Jim Murley to initiate the discussion. Not just looking at STAR Communities but also look to - Six Pillars – best county plan in the entire state and League of Cities has also advanced a lot through One Broward. Discussion ensued on specific action items:

- a. **PC 1.1** – KEEP and REVISE – must keep the importance of the office alive, maintain yearly funding. Recommend cross comparison of other county offices. **ACTION**: Organizational Chart for the subcommittee to see where the program falls (could be an easy analysis).
 - a. Mandate to integrate energy & sustainability into all the departments throughout the county.
- b. **PC 1.3** – **ACTION**: Sunshine provision for Task Force (when can it end?) need to get for subcommittee
- c. **PC 1.4** – change to support the update of the RCAP.
- d. **PC 1.6** – REVISE - Potentially encouraging municipalities to sign on, also have League of Cities sign on to commitments. We need to do a better job directly communicating to members otherwise they get it from lobbyist, need more contact with members. Regular communication meetings with relevant staff person with the Broward Delegation with an annual meeting with the Broward delegation. Areas that are more general will reflect that the Compact is the vehicle where will most likely take place. Mention Compact municipal working group kicking off this June as progress. Standardized methods for emissions reporting – nobody uses the same year, hard to tell where we are with inconsistent base lines “by x date we will convert 100% of local communities to the same base year”
- e. **PC 1.8** – Need to add to progress municipal survey.
- f. **PC 1.9** – Need to add Climate Institute to the progress.
- g. **PC 1.7** – President of FL League of Cities is a Mayor of Palm Bay.
- h. **PC 1.1-1.9** work to consolidate these actions.
- i. **PC 2.2** – BrowardNEXT needs to be highlighted
- j. **PC 3.1** – BrowardNEXT, combine the two
- k. **PC 2.1** – Include wording to support Greater FL Alliance 6 Pillars Plan to add in revision, combine with the above
- l. **PC 2.3** – possibly add some language to support All Aboard FL
 - a. The BrowardNEXT needs to be incorporated and identify other multi county and county plans. Retain the flavor of the action statement. Just updating, adding adaptation action areas as well. Update.
- m. **PC 2.4** – DELETE/REVISE and move to differ action. Susy – incorporate into integrated into Broward County agencies and elevate the conversations.
- n. **PC 3.2** – Priority Planning Area map adopted, ongoing map, needs to be wording update, action specific. Maybe revise to “Limit Development in vulnerable areas” We don’t have them defined, but the system is much more complex – priority planning area is only one component, continue developing tools to identify areas of vulnerability to help with decision making. Throw in intergovernmental coordination of this planning.
- o. **PC 4.1** – Make the verbs more “happy” more positive less negative words (for PC -4 GOAL). The WAVE project
- p. **PC 4.2** – REVISE need to work with Samantha on the revision to this action, maybe add some language to help the cities find funding, terminology of living shorelines.
- q. **NU - 1.1** – KEEP AS IS – maybe add in something Amendment 1 and the monies

- r. **NU - 1.2** – KEEP AS IS – also add in something to the effect of supporting Amendment 1 including active advocacy
- s. **WR 1.10** – DELETE
- t. **WR 1.12** – REVISE – stronger language than encourage, dramatically under emphasis, need to strengthen language. Identify needs, planning for future demands, compensate for water loss that will be dramatic over the next 40 years, c-51 as recharge, as demands get larger in the central core of the county, increased emphasis of that aquifer used for nonpotable water uses. Where is the investment, shared strategy, shared commitment? Managing a dramatic loss in the capacity of the aquifer and increased demand. Raising the collective interest in doing something different. Raising the priority where opportunities exist, not to overlook them. Not about state mandated, not specific to ocean outfalls. Interagency and collaborative process needed. Add in to collaborate with the Broward League of Cities...Sandra Recommendation. Prioritize where feasible.
- u. Can't afford to let the water plans and move forward, not just among municipalities and counties but also add in SFWMD. Make note of the opportunity is the intergovernmental approach. Share a concern with internal and external agencies and the function of septic systems and whether water quality is compromised where we have an abundance of potential failure of septic systems with increase of ground water, need multi jurisdictional. **Need monitoring added in as action.**
- v. **ZB 2.3** – REVISE - Every three years the state adopts new building code and local amendments go away, exemption of local water conservation amendments, these are for water but there are no energy allowed. **ACTION:** Find Miami's Cool Roofs Amendment, research how we might be able to get around the building code and come to subcommittee with recommendations. REVISE to use codes other than the building code to carry out policies to reduce emissions.
- w. **ZB 3.1** – REVISE
- x. **ZB 2.4** – REVISE
- y. **RA – 1.3** – Need more community-wide references, what applies to whom and more overall coordination with the League of Cities.
- z. **RA 2.2** – DELETE - Or maybe replace with...County has pledged to join the Better Buildings Challenge and will be proposing for a technical assistance grant.
- aa. **MI – 3.2** KEEP – we need PACE
- bb. **IP-4** –
- cc. **RZ 3.1** – **ACTION:** Staff look into actions and come back to committee with recommendations on how can specifically have waste actions that would reduce climate impacts.
- dd. **RZ 3.5** – Same as above
- ee. **MI 3.2** – REVISE specify PACE and QECB
- ff. **EM 2** – (make goal more specific) Encourage participation with communities to maximize community rating system
- gg. **EM 2.1** – DELETE

5. To wrap up the meeting, the chair asked for any additional comments. Some overview comments were made in general about the plan and that wouldn't want to lose, retain focus on coastal zone management issue. Need to figure out how to use it, change language form support the state, but assume a lead role in coastal zone protection. Major mechanism for funding, so at county and local level need partnerships so proposals can rate high. Resilient Redesign. Working with the development community, organizing the community to do these things and then market and outreach. Encourage same conversations with our chambers across our communities.
6. Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM