

Broward County Climate Change Task Force (CCTF)

Meeting of January 22, 2009

Broward County West Regional Library

Multi-purpose Room 103

8601 West Broward Boulevard, Plantation, FL 33324

1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

SUMMARY MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brion Blackwelder

Lois Bush

George Cavros

Carolyn Dekle

Michael Garretson

Patrick Gleason

Barry Heimlich

Colin Hughes

Tony Hui

Robert Kornahrens

Dylan Larson

Roseann Minnet

Jim Murley

John Pisula

Robert Renken

Peter Ross

Hector Samario

Kim Shugar

Doug Young

Vice Chair Jared E. Moskowitz

Chair Kristin Jacobs

County Staff:

Dr. Jennifer Jurado

Donald Burgess

Patti Webster

Paul Krashefski

Lorraine Bertone

Natasha Herne

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte Mather

Margaret McPherson

Major Larry Rogers

Lynn Shatas

- I. Welcome and Statement of Meeting Objectives were presented by Broward County Commissioner, Kristin Jacobs, Task Force Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30. Chair Kristin Jacobs encouraged all members to join the subcommittees and stated that it would be discussed later in the meeting.

- II. Roll Call was made by Jaclynn Conner, and a quorum was present. Chair Kristin Jacobs reminded the group that each task force member may send an alternate that can attend the meeting, although the alternate does not count towards the quorum. She reminded members and alternates present that while an alternate's input is valuable they will not be able to vote on any issues that come before us. To make taking minutes easier, she also requested that individuals identify themselves before speaking.
- III. The minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting were approved with minor changes.
- IV. Announcement of Subcommittee Chairs
 - Economic/Health/Social – Peter Ross
 - Greenhouse Gas Reductions – Doug Young
 - Intergovernmental Affairs and Communication – Carolyn Dekle
 - Natural Systems – Kim Shugar
 - Renewable and Alternative Energy – Robert Kornahrens
 - Science and Technical – Dr. Patrick Gleason
 - Property and Infrastructure/Built Environment – Jim Murley

Chair Kristin Jacobs encouraged everyone to sign up for the subcommittees.

Vice Chairs will be announced at the next meeting. The Steering Committee structure is comprised of the chairs of the subcommittees.

- V. Presentations
 - A. Broward County...Operating Toward a Greener Future was presented by Ms. Daniela Banu, Broward County Pollution Prevention, Remediation and Air Quality Division. The primary aspects of the presentation included discussion of the following:
 - Internal operations
 - Emissions inventory
 - Mitigation activities
 - Policy commitment and targetsQuestions and discussion followed.
 - B. ICLEI's Framework and Community-scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory was presented by Ms. Maribel Feliciano, Broward County Pollution Prevention Remediation and Air Quality Division. The primary focus was on conducting a County-wide carbon emissions inventory and general task force process consistent with the ICLEI framework. Questions and discussion followed.

C. Realities for South Florida in the Face of Global Warming and Sea Level Rise were presented by Dr. Hal Wanless, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Miami. The primary aspects of the presentation included discussion of the following:

- Projections – conservative and adjusted
- Contributing Factors – thermal expansion and ice melt
- Local implications – flooding/drainage
- County's climate Initiative

Questions and discussion followed.

Jim Murley with FAU gave a presentation on the Florida Energy and Climate Commission. A report was distributed to the Task Force providing a summary of the kick off meeting which largely focused on administrative issues. He also stated his intent to provide the task force members with similar updates. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Jennifer Jurado was introduced and thanked the core working group: Eric Myers, Donald Burgess, Patti Webster, Daniela Banu, Maribel Feliciano and Jeff Halsey. Dr. Nancy Gassman was introduced as a new member to the County's climate change initiative and staff technical lead for the Task Force. Dr. Nancy Gassman and Donald Burgess will be serving as coordinators to the subcommittees. Jacie Conner will be handling the administrative area. Lorraine Bertone, Paul Krashefski and Natasha Herne were also thanked for their help with setting up for the meetings. Agency staff was also thanked. Chair Kristin Jacobs thanked everyone.

VI. Results of Brain Storming Session and Survey for Use by Subcommittees were discussed by Mr. Donald Burgess, Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division. Additional issues were added:

- Single Stream Recycling
- Insurance
- Comprehensive Planning
- Emergency Preparedness Response
- Land Use
- Mass Transit
- Zoning
- Shovel-Ready Projects for schools and universities
- Architecture 20-30

Robert Kornahrens stated that the first meeting for the Renewable and Alternative Energy subcommittee will be on February 6. If anyone from facilities for schools or government buildings is interested in joining this subcommittee, please sign up.

Donald Burgess stated that Miami-Dade County Climate Change information is posted on the Broward County Climate Change website at www.broward.org/climatechange.

The presentations from today's meeting, as well as agendas and subcommittee meeting dates, will be posted on the website.

Chair Kristin Jacobs introduced Michael Owens, Senior Assistant County Attorney, with the County Attorney's Office. Mr. Owens stated that a regular staff person will be assigned to the Task Force. He discussed the Sunshine Law pertaining to Section 119 – Public Records and Section 286 – Public Meetings. The requirements are that the public's business is conducted in the open and to ensure public access to the meetings. It does not require public comment. The task force meetings are subject to the Sunshine Law. Mr. Owens stated that the subcommittees are also subject to the Sunshine Law. The website for more information is www.Myfloridalegal.com.

The work plan timeline for future Task Force Meetings was distributed.

Dr. Jennifer Jurado stated that she and staff had met with all subcommittee chairs. She also stated that Jacie Conner will be sending out an E-mail to the subcommittee chairs with her E-mail address. Subcommittee meeting dates need to be sent to Jacie Conner for posting on the Task Force website.

The next Task Force meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19 at 1:30PM at Government Center West, 1 North University Drive, 2nd Floor Hearing Room, Plantation. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM.