

Broward County Climate Change Task Force (CCTF)

Meeting of December 4th, 2008

Governmental Center West, 2nd Floor Hearing room

1 N. University Dr., Plantation, 33324

1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

SUMMARY MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brion Blackwelder
Lois Bush
George Cavros
Carolyn Dekle
Michael Garretson
Dr. Patrick Gleason
Barry Heimlich
Dr. Colin Hughes
Tony Hui
Robert Kornahrens
Dylan Larson
Charlotte Mather
Margaret McPherson
Mayor Roseann Minnett
Commissioner Jared E. Moskowitz
Jim Murley
John Pisula
Robert Renken
Major Larry Rogers
Peter Ross
Hector Samario
Kim Shugar
Doug Young
Kristin Jacobs, Chair

County Staff:

Dr. Jennifer Jurado
Donald Burgess
Patti Webster
Paul Krashefski
Lorraine Bertone
Natasha Herne

MEMBERS ABSENT

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 1:10
- II. Roll Call was made by Lorraine Bertone, and a quorum was present.
- III. Election of Task Force Vice Chair

Motion was made by Charlotte Mather to nominate Commissioner Jared Moskowitz as Vice Chair, seconded by Colin Hughes.

A second motion was made by Robert Renken to nominate Dr. Patrick Gleason. Dr. Gleason declined the nomination.

Vote was taken on the first nomination to elect Commissioner Moskowitz as Vice Chair. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

IV. Discussion of Dr. John Van Leer as Special Advisor to the Task Force

Chair Jacobs introduced Dr. Van Leer and presented a brief summary of his accomplishments.

Motion was made by John Pisula to approve Dr. John Van Leer as Special Advisor to the Task Force, seconded by Barry Heimlich. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

V. Action Items

Donald Burgess of Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department, Natural Resources Planning and Management Division provided a presentation on the proposed Task Force meeting procedures.

A. Adopt proposed Task Force Meeting Procedures

Motion was made by Mr. Pisula to approve the Task Force Meeting Procedures, seconded by Mr. Heimlich. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

B. Adopt proposed Guiding Principles

Motion was made by Dr. Gleason to adopt the proposed Guiding Principles, seconded by George Cavros. John Pisula stated opposition to adopting the Kyoto Protocol within the Guiding Principles. ***The motion passed 23 – 1 with Mr. Pisula opposed.***

Michael Garretson asked that the green statutes from Statute #104 standard be included into the Guiding Principles. These include the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized green building rating system. Chair Jacobs recommended that Broward County staff research and provide an amended version to be approved at a future date.

The amended motion was made by Vice Chair Moskowitz to accept the Guiding Principles with the option to amend, seconded by John Pisula. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

C. Adopt proposed Task Force Structure

The proposed Task Force Structure consisted of six subcommittees:

1. Science and Technical
2. Natural Systems
3. Greenhouse Gas Reductions
4. Property and Infrastructure
5. Economic, Social and Health Issues

6. Intergovernmental Affairs and Communications

Motion was made by Dr. Gleason to adopt the proposed initial six subcommittees Task Force Structure, seconded by Mayor Roseann Minnet.

It was proposed by Rob Kornahrens to include three additional subcommittees within the Greenhouse Gas subcommittee. Chair Jacobs suggested that each subcommittee chair decide how they would like to organize their subcommittees. The six original subcommittees proposal motion was then brought to a vote. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

The addition of a Renewable and Alternative Energy Committee was discussed, and a motion was made to add Renewable and Alternative Energy Committee as the seventh subcommittee. Motion to approve the additional subcommittee was made by Mr. Heimlich, seconded by Ms. Mather. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

D. Confirm proposed meeting dates, time and locations

Mr. Burgess announced the only meeting not scheduled to be held in the Hearing room at Governmental Center West is scheduled to be held at the West Regional Library on January 22nd, 2009. Motion was made to confirm the meeting dates by Dr. Gleason and seconded by Mayor Minnet. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

VI. Presentations

Harvey Ruvin, Chair, Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force discussed the following needs for a successful program.

- Broward County Commission involvement
- Broward County staff directly involved and motivated
- Regional initiative must be a cooperative effort
- Dedication and many hours of involvement.
- Finding the best members for each subcommittee
- Don't only focus on mitigation but adaptation

To date, Miami-Dade, in one and a half years, has had nine full meetings, seventy-five subcommittee meetings and over one thousand hours. The science committee came out strong on the impact of sea level rise to focus on finding what proactive steps to take. He spoke of his creative rap video to try to use music in a positive way and to give a message to the young people. His rap song "Maybe Just Maybe" is on You Tube.

The second presentation was by Ken Brown who represented the Ferguson Group, a federal lobbying team for Climate Communities (a national coalition of local governments seeking national support for local climate action) and ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability (providing expertise, technical support, and innovative tools to help local governments advance their emissions reductions and sustainability goals).

Mr. Brown began his presentation by complimenting Chair Jacobs for her long-standing leadership in the environment and stepping forward in getting the climate change committee off the ground and the importance of this effort. He congratulates all levels of the Climate Change Task Force team and the efforts of putting the programs to work and commends Harvey Ruvlin on his long term leadership.

Mr. Brown discussed the Washington agenda and how it will relate to Broward County. His presentation titled Empowering Local Government Climate Action presented a Blueprint for President-elect Obama and the 111th Congress. (see hard copy presentation) Mr. Brown notes it will take a superior effort at all levels of government reduce greenhouse gas emissions and implement clean energy policies. To endorse the Blueprint and see the complete list of endorsers, visit www.climatecommunities.us/endorseblueprint.html or www.icleiusa.org/blueprint

VII. Brainstorming Session

Identify priority focal areas for short, interim and long term actions

Chair Jacobs suggested that one of the goals that she would personally like to achieve would be finding the short term initiatives for the 31 cities of Broward County and to help bring forth the initiatives of the cities. Chair Jacobs stated that many of the cities do not have the staff resources, expertise or the time. She suggests that the Climate Change Task Force subcommittees bring forth the initiatives of the cities. She would like, after taking time to review the ideas from this session, get set up to go over the ideas from this session for the next meeting.

Brainstorming ideas are as follows:

- Coordinate with Clean Cities Coalition, clean vehicles, etc.
- Protect the Climate at “Water Matters Day”
- Seize ideas from State Road 7 Coalition
- Use Clean fuel infrastructure
- Review the LIDAR data fund processing (currently in progress by Division of Emergency Management)
- USGS model for salt water intrusion by changing re-use and reducing pumping
- As education component, check for Federal funding through the Broward County School Board, not for profit organizations, community groups, etc.
- As incentive to save energy identify the “biggest bang for the buck”
- Check existing model of NatureScape, “Good Neighbors Program”
- Emulate programs like “Know the Flow” or “Water Matters Day”
- Victory Gardens, “Victory Garden for Climate Change” (vegetable garden)
- Community Outreach, establish a website for communication so members can interact and a second site for the public to interact
- Review the list from League of Cities that was sent to the cities
- Energy Conservation suggestions like FPL - how much can we save
- Friendly competition, rewards for those who use the least energy
- Interact in a joint workshop between both Task Forces with expert panel of speakers
- Provide places for electric cars to be charged

- Simplify the way that information gets out using material that is currently available
- Zoning and ordinances to encourage green concepts (solar, etc.)
- Political involvement having someone to look out for the tasks that Task Force wants to achieve
- Solar water tax credits from Federal government, tap into rebates for solar water heaters
- Find the cities resources for funding such as transportation, etc.
- How would we be able to use Federal dollars like FDOT dollars that would become available through the new Florida Governors plan
- Create a Seed program for finding funds from Federal dollars
- What methodology would we use to find these resources

Dr. Jurado stated the resources for both the Climate Change Task Force and the Water Resources Task Force will become available on a website to include meeting dates, minutes, etc. Staff is currently working on the ICLEI benchmarking, and software has recently become available. A reasonable timeline should be established to review and access the data.

In closing, Chair Jacobs reiterates that there are a lot of different efforts out there to be tapped into and there is a lot on our plate. She states that at the next meeting the subcommittee chairs will be appointed.

The next meeting will be held at the West Regional Library, 8601 West Broward Boulevard, Plantation Florida, 33324

Go to the web site to access the address and time for the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm