

Climate Change Task Force
Property & Infrastructure (Built Environment Adaptation) Subcommittee
February 13, 2009
Florida Atlantic University, Ft. Lauderdale Campus
Board of Trustees Conference Room
111 East Las Olas Blvd.
11th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Valerie J. Amor
Michael Clarchick
Norman Fisher
Carlos Andres Gonzalez
Barry Heimlich
Chris Herin
Stephen Higgins
Steve Holmes
Terry J. Karda
Marcie Nolan
John Paniccia
Jim Murley, Chair
Henry Sniezek
Henry E. Tarquine

COUNTY STAFF:

Jill Cohen
Nancy Gassman
Tony Hui
Sermin Unsal
Lenny Vialpando
Michael Zygnerski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Bassett
Barbara Blake-Boy
Lois Bush
Rosana Cordova
Toni Edwards
Michael Garretson
Joe Winn

- I. Welcome & Statement of Objectives were presented by Property & Infrastructure (Built Environment Adaptation) Subcommittee Chair James Murley, Esq. The meeting was called to order at 9:34. Roll Call was made by the Chair and subcommittee members introduced themselves. The Chair requested the addition of any new members or interested parties to the subcommittee.
- II. There were no minutes to approve.
- III. Nancy Gassman, Natural Resources Administrator for the Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department of Broward County made a statement regarding the Broward County Website which contains all relevant materials relating to the Climate Change Task Force. The address is www.broward.org/climatechange.

- IV. There were no presentations made today, but the Chair indicated that there will be presentations in the future.
- V. Nancy Gassman provided an update on the other subcommittees of the Climate Change Task Force, and spoke in particular about the necessity for a focal area and mission.
- VI. Identification of outputs and review for full task force to go over:
 - a. Mission Statement

After reviewing the mission statement, Tony Hui suggested the removal of standards from the mission statement.

Barry Heimlich suggested that water resources belong within the purview of this subcommittee.

Tony then suggested that water supply belonged in the built environment, while water resources belongs in natural resources.

To alleviate overlap to the full committee, Nancy Gassman furthered that the County Staff will aide in advising what each subcommittee is doing.

Carlos Andres Gonzales requested that the subcommittee look at the broad regional planning process and how this subcommittee fits within it.

Henry Sniezek volunteered to do a presentation on the County planning process if the subcommittee would like.

Norman Fisher asked if there are benchmarks to measure against and he questioned if we need to look to adaptive strategy or do we try to prevent sea level rise and salt water intrusion.

Lenny Vialpando offered a discussion on the potential impacts of sea level rise on road beds, flooding issues and related infrastructure.

The Chair wants to look to the County Commission to see what they can do. We need to balance the evidence that we need to adapt to the consequences of green house gas and global warming. We need to create a matrix for the built environment with impacts specific to Broward County.

Nancy Gassman furthered that the Science and Technical Committee will speak to the issue of sea level rise at their next meeting.

Mike Zygnerski offered that there is a model with USGS to track movements of saltwater intrusion and it will look at different scenarios and effects upon coastal wellfields.

Marcie Nolan questioned if we could come up with benchmarks to measure our goals against.

Nancy Gassman suggested that maybe we should change our current benchmarks to adapt to future events.

The Chair then spoke about the recommendations of the subcommittee. The steering committee will make sure that the subcommittees are consistent with each other and ensure that there is not too much overlapping.

Stephen Higgins questioned what the final product is, to which the Chair responded that the final product will be a chapter in the plan.

Barry Heimlich offered to circulate a .pdf of an adaptation section to the group and furthered that the Climate Change Task Force does not have a Sunset Provision.

b. Brainstorm Ideas

Transportation Systems
Stimulus Bill
New Orleans v. Florida
Water Supply
Flood Protection
Single Stream Recycling
Hazard Zone Building
Insurance
Comprehensive Plan and Process

VII. Action Items

Chair requested that the subcommittee define and organize 5 action items. After discussion the group came up with:

1. Infrastructure
2. Planning and Zoning (Process and Implementation)
3. Water
4. Building Envelope (Structural)
5. Insurance

The group also came up with a sixth item, Emergency Management.

VIII. Next Meeting to be held on March 13, 2009, 9:30 AM in the same location.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.