

Meeting Summary

Renewable & Alternative Energy Subcommittee Meeting

Broward County Climate Change Action plan Update

Thursday, June 18, 2015

4:30 – 6:30PM

Governmental Center, Room 430

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Subcommittee Mission Statement: To provide the Task Force with recommendations for effectively mitigating climate change through renewable and alternative energy policy and actions in the near-term and long-term, building on existing Broward policies and practices. To create model renewable and alternative energy policies and actions drawing on the best practices from cities and regions across the United States and around the world. The Subcommittee will recommend ways to foster equivalent and coordinate commitments and actions among businesses, communities, households and individuals to increase adoption of renewable and alternative energy technologies.

1. The meeting began at 4:35PM. Chair Rob Kornahrens welcomed the group and went over a few meeting ground rules. Introductions were made. Present at the meeting were: Rob Kornahrens, Buck Martinez, Barry Heimlich, Samantha Danchuk, Carrie Kashar (staff), Tanya Tweeton, Paul Farren, William Goetz, Carlos Berriz, Michael Hoffman, Marta Diaz, and Kay Sommens (phone-in).
2. Dr. Samantha Danchuk 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.
3. The facilitated discussion began with a look at the handout provided by staff listing the current goals with notes of progress. Discussion ensued on current plan actions:
 - a. Action items chosen to remove: RA 2.2, RA 3.3, RZ 1.2, MI 2.1, and ZB 2.6
 - b. **Added Action:** Expedite ESCO facilities study and ensure renewable energy potential is measured in the study.
 - c. **Added Action:** Develop a home rating system that ranks homes based on energy efficiency. (Refer to San Francisco Model)
 - d. Expand priority parking to beach, parks and public facilities, similar to handicapped parking with a decal for alternative fuel vehicles (RA 1.5)
 - e. **Recommendation:** Find someone to talk to CCTF to discuss pros and cons of wind and FAU status of deployment (RA 3.1 & 3.2)
 - f. Explore and promote more geothermal projects and determine ROI on various sized projects (RA 3.4)

- g. **Recommendation:** Find a speaker on offshore wind and ocean energy pros/cons
- h. Encourage additional community solar demonstration projects. County-wide solar race? (OC 1.4)
- i. **ACTION:** Group requested staff to look into education programs at local technical schools and universities for renewable energy instruction.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.