

Climate Change Task Force Meeting
Thursday, August 7, 2023
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Government Cntr Room 430 / zoom

Summary Minutes

Members Present

Co-chair: Commissioner Furr
Co-chair: Commissioner Rich
Barmann, Adriene
Bush, Lois
Carbon, Albert
Coscio Carballo, Isabel
Etessam, Shahin
Gottlieb, Lee
Grosvenor, Sheri Brown
Hixon, Debra
Kaltman, Adrienne
Kornahrens, Rob
Polsky, Colin
Robson, Steve
Schafer, Alissa Jean
Shuham, Caryl
Vialpando, Lenny
Welch, Sandra

Members Absent

Maran, Carolina
Metayer Bowen, Nancy
Root, Tara

- I. Welcome**
Commissioner Furr and Senator Rich welcomed the members of the task force.
- II. Call to Order**
Commissioner Rich called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
- III. Roll Call**
Roll was called. Eighteen members were present, and three were absent. A quorum was present.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2023**
A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously in favor of accepting the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting.*

V. Announcements

- a. New member recommendation by FPL is Ben Wesley, BCC approval pending.
- b. New member recommendation for operation/management of >100,000 sq ft facility is Ken Morris. BCC approval is pending at an upcoming meeting.
- c. Appointment updates, vacancy in representing a Hospital District, financial institution, governing board member of SFWMD.

Presentations and Discussion Items

a. Climate Change and Public Health

- a. Dr. Cheryl Holder, Interim Executive Dir., FL. Clinicians for Climate Action
- b. Since Industrial Revolution in 1800's, the earth has been on warming trend.
- c. Adverse impacts of heat on our community, ie children, pregnant women, outdoor workers, elderly, chronically ill, low-income residents,
- d. Significant emergency costs to treat heat health issues within a community.
- e. Miami-Dade created the first ever Chief Heat Officer, Jane Gilbert and a Climate and Heat Health Task Force. Data collection and information dissemination were key tasks.
- f. Miami-Dade created an Extreme Heat Action Plan, with a main goal to inform, prepare and protect people (heat advisory & heat warning protocols).
- g. FL. Clinicians for Climate Action provided virtual and on site education opportunities.
- h. National weather service Miami office proposed lowering the temps to issue advisories & warnings from 110 and 115 to 105 and 108 degrees, which is what Miami-Dade County would affirm.
- i. Miami-Dade had a 29 yr. old farm worker die on the job, which has focused attention to the problem.
- j. Task Force votes unanimously to create a Resolution asking the BCC to lower the temps for advisories and warnings to match Miami-Dade and the National Weather Service recommendations as they are determined and/or revised going forward.

b. Overview of Live Local Act (Senate Bill 102, CH 2023-17 Laws of FL.)

- a. Maite Azcoitia, Deputy County Attorney
- b. Intent is to promote affordable housing, legislation took effect July 1, 2023
- c. Land use implications – effect on local governments and the limitations of legislation with respect to land use.
- d. Changes to density, height, zoning & parking. In some situations where administrative review is sufficient, City Commission approval is not required.
- e. Plat reviews, note amendments and land use amendments will continue to be utilized if no pre-emptions. Resilient Environment Dept. and Planning Dept review will continue to make comments where applicable.
- f. Except for use, density and height, all provisions of the Local Government's Charter and Comprehensive Plan can be enforced. This could be problematic in certain circumstances.
- g. Working group to be set up to look at issues in eastern areas of Broward County, where evacuation zones and coastal high hazard areas exist. These areas are not as suitable for affordable housing. Opportunities exist west of US 1, and it makes sense to start there.

- h. More conversation is needed and discussions will continue within the working group. City officials from eastern Broward should be represented.
- c. Climate Change Action Plan 2025, updates to 2020**
- a. Monica Pognon, Director, Natural Resources Division
 - b. Overview of 2020 Climate Change Actions as written (125 actions).
 - c. Policy; Legislative support, RCAP 3.0, Regional Climate Leadership, County Resilience Plan
 - d. Healthy Community; Resilience Dashboard, Resilience Newsletter, Multilingual tools & educational outreach
 - e. Transportation; EV chargers, Electric buses for school and fleet, adding EV infrastructure.
 - f. Built Environment; Flood elevation mapping, Water Resources Plan, Beach Renourishment, Resilient FL grants
 - g. Energy Resources; GHG inventory, County solar projects, PACE reporting, promote private sector efforts, Solar United Neighbors, SELF
 - h. Natural Systems; Coastal dune project funding, Coral reef outreach, Enhance tree canopy, Informational outreach
 - i. Water Resources; C-51 Reservoir, TY Park water reuse, Conservation Pays
 - j. Will subcommittees be utilized again? To be determined.
 - k. If members have better language or ideas please submit to Monica Pognon directly.
 - l. Cross reference our CCAP with RCAP 3.0 or other current documents.
- d. Resilience Update**
- a. Dr. Greg Mount, Deputy Chief Resilience Officer
 - b. Record breaking global & local heat is creating heat related health/safety issues, Resilience Dept produced various outreach efforts to inform
 - c. Resilience Plan Update, outreach plan in final stages, critical asset analysis, economic modelling, next steps
 - d. RCAP Implementation Workshop
 - e. Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant, due dates & deliverables
 - f. Nov 16 & 17, SE FL Climate Leadership Summit in Miami
 - g. Community Heat Survey, more data & responses would be helpful, pass along
- e. New topics/presentations that would be of interest to members**
- a. Jr Broward Sierra Club, student members are welcome
 - b. Broward Sierra Club, Earth Day March 10, 2024
 - c. SFRPC, discussions on issues related to affordable housing
 - d. NOAA grant - Climate resilience needs climate ready work force, how do we create this, Colin Polsky is contact.
 - e. FDOT resilience action plan for state highways
 - f. Extraction of water causing imbalance of earth's axis, recent study & article.

Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 2, 2023, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.