

MEETING M I N U T E S
Monroe County Climate Change Advisory Committee
June 25, 2012, Marathon Government Center, BOCC Chambers

Members Present

Chris Bergh (Vice Chair)
Harry Appel
Bob Glazer
Bill Hunter
Kelly McKinnon
Don Riggs
Chuck Sherman
David Tuttle

Members Not Present

Annalise Mannix (Chair)
John Forrer
Tom Genovese

Advisory Agency Representatives:

TJ Patterson, FL Keys Electric Cooperative
Alison Higgins, City of Key West

BOCC

Sylvia Murphy, Liaison

Staff present

Rhonda Haag, Sustainable Program Manager
Alicia Betancourt & Doug Gregory, UF Extension
Nat Cassel, Assistant County Attorney

Chris Bergh, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

The **agenda** (Attachment 1) was adopted with the following changes by a motion from Chuck Sherman and seconded by Bill Hunter. Additions to the agenda included an Update on the SE Climate Compact Climate Action Plan and a discussion of the future direction of the CCAC after completion of the Community Climate Action Plan. The **minutes** from the May 17 meeting was adopted without change by a motion from David Tuttle and seconded by Bill Hunter.

Review of BOCC Action on Organic Waste Recommendation

Doug Gregory reported that the organic waste recommendation and resolution from the CCAC was accepted by the BOCC after a brief discussion where interest was expressed to having presentations to the BOCC similar to those we heard at our May meeting from Waste Management and the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District. Kevin Wilson (MC Staff) assured the BOCC the proposals would be evaluated for implementation, including presentations to the BOCC, as appropriate.

A brief discussion followed regarding how best to collect yard and food waste effectively since most yard waste will come from residents and food waste from restaurants and grocery stores. Commissioner Murphy suggested the County start with yard waste and later add food waste to make the transition smoother. David Tuttle inquired if there would be a market for the compost. Chris Bergh responded that the analyses presented in May indicated a ready market was available.

Overview of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant

Rhonda Haag presented the EECBG progress to date. The grant activities are completed (November 2010-June 2012). The grant was written and obtained at the request of the Green Initiatives Task Force and involved 8 projects, including three municipalities (Islamorada, Key West, and Marathon). Three major amendments to the grant were required to accommodate changes in personnel and in-kind match dollars. Projects included installation of solar ball field lights in Islamorada, a greenhouse inventory and climate plan for Marathon, more efficient ball field lights for Key West, an updated air conditioning system for the Freeman Justice Center, purchase of 6 hybrid cars, installation of 15 solar water heaters on low income Habitat for Humanity homes on Big Pine Key, completion of a County Operations Energy Reduction Plan and production of a 15 minute educational video highlighting the sustainability efforts throughout the Florida Keys.

A phase II unmet needs funding opportunity may be available for those who managed their grants well. Chuck Sherman noted that he was quite familiar with the EECBG program and he applauded the County's success. David Tuttle suggested the CCAC assist in identifying unmet needs. Bill Hunter asked for guidance on identifying higher priority items and Bob Glazer asked that a copy of the RFP be forwarded to the CCAC when it becomes available.

Chuck Sherman indicated that the state granting agency will be looking for proven projects, probably something associated with commercial building retrofits to get the most energy savings possible.

Break 1:30 – 1:50 pm

Christa Marshall from the Climate Wire News Blog was introduced. She is in the Keys to do a story about the potential effects of sea level rise and wanted to interview available CCAC members.

Change in September CCAC Meeting

The September meeting will be shortened because the meeting room will not be available till 1 pm and staff has to be in Key West for a 5 pm budget hearing. T.J. Patterson indicated that the FKEC meeting room would be available that day. Consequently, the group decided to hold the September meeting at the Florida Keys Electric Coop's Marathon office from noon till 3:00 pm Thursday September 13th. The address is: 3421 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, FL 33050 (305) 852-2431.

TNC's Keys Coastal Resilience Tool

Chris Bergh demonstrated the Interactive web tool for evaluating inundation vulnerabilities (www.coastalresilience.org). It is still in the development stage but is expected to be helpful for adaptation decision making. The interactive vulnerability tool was first developed for the Long Island, NY area.

Review of Draft Climate Action Plan

The timeline for the completion of the Monroe County Community Climate Action Plan was discussed. Members will have until July 6th to submit and changes to document version 4.6 (sent to them prior to meeting). Staff will incorporate changes and provide intro and background information as well as complete minor editing issues. This will be returned to members by August 24th for final review. Any comment or suggestion will be due back to staff by August 31st. The final report will be voted on at the September 13th meeting for inclusion on the October BOCC agenda which has an Oct. 2nd deadline.

Chuck Sherman moved that “A draft completed CAP should be ready for distribution to the CCAC before the September meeting and upon approval at the September meeting the final Monroe County Climate Action Plan is to be put on the BOCC agenda for their October meeting. Motion was seconded by Don Riggs and approved unanimously. There was some discussion about October being the anniversary of the CCAC but the CCAC was initially created by the BOCC in January 2011 and the first meeting was in April 2011.

Other Business

Update on SE Florida Climate Change Compact Climate Action Plan

Rhonda Haag noted that the public comments were still being incorporated into the draft CAP and probably the most significant change would be inclusion of more information on the agricultural sector. The steering committee was to meet soon to finalize the document.

Future Direction of the CCAC

A lengthy discussion ensued about what the CCAC should address after completion of the Community Climate Action Plan and prior to their sunset date of October 2013. A variety of suggestions was presented, some of which are listed below:

- Community Education
- Coordinate with municipalities, utilities and businesses in addressing climate change issues
- Consider the role of the tourist community in addressing climate change issues.
- Review the state of the County's roads and bridges

Review the state of the County's water supply with FCAA

Review the County's Comprehensive Plan's Climate and Energy sections as they are developed.

Review staff progress in vetting and implementing the Community Climate Action Plan.

Review how the existing and proposed wastewater collection systems incorporate or function considering the potential impact of a 2 foot sea level rise by 2050.

Commissioner Murphy suggested a list be provided to the BOCC to give them and the public a sense of direction that the CCAC wanted to pursue.

Ranking of CAP Action Items (Not on Agenda)

At the end of the meeting it was suggested that CCAC members rank their top priority action items to provide the BOCC some sense of which ones were deemed most important. It was pointed out that the action items were already ranked but that a large number received the high ranking and thus may not be providing adequate guidance. It was decided that members should complete their action items rankings and get them to staff by June 6th. The six items that get the cumulative highest rankings will be submitted to the BOCC as priority items to be addressed. Members are to number those items 1-6 with 1 being their top pick. They can choose items from any category but it was mentioned that we should focus on things that could be started within the year. Staff will compile these rankings for discussion at the Sept. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

Attachment 1 = CCAC June 25, 2012 Agenda

Monroe County Climate Change Advisory Committee
Meeting
June 25, 2012
Marathon BOCC Meeting Room, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



- I. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda and May Minutes– Mannix (12:00-12:20)
 - II. Review of BOCC Action on Organic Waste Recommendation—Mannix (12:20-1:00)
 - III. Overview of EECBG Grant—Haag (1:00-2:00)
- BREAK (2:00 – 2:15)
- IV. Change in September CCAC Meeting Start Time from noon to 1 pm or select new date—Gregory (2:15-2:30)
 - V. TNC’s Keys Coastal Resilience Tool – Bergh (2:30 – 3:00)
 - VI. Review & Discuss Draft Climate Action Plan Revisions – Mannix (3:00 – 4:00)
 - VII. Other Business
 - a. Update on SE Florida Climate Compact Climate Action Plan
 - b. Discussion of Future Direction of the CCAC

Appointed Members:

Harry Appel	Bob Glazer	Don Riggs
Chris Bergh (Vice Chair)	William Hunter	Chuck Sherman
John Forrer	Annalise Mannix (Chair)	David Tuttle
Tom Genovese	Kelly McKinnon	

Staff / Office:

Nat Cassel / County Attorney
Doug Gregory & Alicia Betancourt / Extension Service
Rhonda Haag / Sustainable Program Manager
Michael Roberts / Growth Management
Rosa Washington & Colleen Murphy / Solid Waste

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