

MEETING MINUTES

Monroe County Climate Change Advisory Committee
November 13, 2013
Marathon Government Center, BOCC Chambers,
Marathon, FL

Members Present

Annalise Mannix (Chair)
Vicki Boguszewski
Bill Hunter
Don Riggs
Chuck Sherman
Bob Glazer

Advisory Agency Representatives:

TJ Patterson, FL Keys Electric Cooperative
Alison Higgins, City of Key West (not present)

BOCC

Sylvia Murphy, Liaison

Members Not Present

John Forrer
David Tuttle
Chris Bergh (Vice Chair)
Kelly McKinnon

Staff present

Alicia Betancourt, UF Extension
Rhonda Haag, Sustainable Program Manager
Michael Roberts, Monroe County Growth Mgmt

Annalise Mannix, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

1. **Review and approval of meeting agenda and minutes.** The agenda was adopted by a motion from and Bob Glazer and seconded by Bill Hunter. The Sept. meeting minutes were adopted without change by a motion from Bob Glazer and seconded by Bill Hunter.

2. **Public Comments.** Ron Cole spoke about the need for climate literacy in Monroe County as well as topics related to aerial spraying and the relationship to climate change.

3. **SLR/Sustainability Contract.** Rhonda spoke about the review of the negotiated contract for sustainability, it is moving forward and it will encompass the MCAP action items.

4. **SE FL Regional Compact Update & Climate Summit event.** Michael Roberts, Rhonda, Vicky and Alicia shared the highlights of the climate summit with other members. **Rhonda will try to get the presentation of modeling efforts from Hazen and Sawyer.**

5. **Climate Action Plan Update, Timeline for BOCC approval and Implementation Guide.** Alicia stated that the MCAP was sent to County staff for signatures. The MCAP is scheduled to be submitted to the BOCC for review and acceptance at the November 20 meeting to be held in Key Largo.

An Implementation Guide will follow at a later date. Rhonda plans on incorporating the implementation guide into her Sustainability Action Plan.

Additional Discussions/ Other business:

6. **Adaptation Action Areas.** Group reviewed definition and allowance for the county to define. Better defined through Broward County. Group expressed interest in identification of criteria for AAA. The first product of AA will be a map. What is the role of the committee? Michael Roberts suggested taking small steps and allowing it to move through the comp plan process. AAA in other areas are using the CHHA Coastal High Hazard Areas. Chuck Sherman suggested we pay attention to real estate and begin the process of adaptation based on known risks. **(add to next agenda).**

7. **Request/Review Documents.** Group asked to be sent the MCAP with comments, the MCAP implantation framework which Annalise will transfer to a better format for the group, the AIS and Reso for BOCC adoption. **Alicia agreed to send** (Sent on Nov. 14th)

8. **GHG Analysis of Yard Waste Options.** Rhonda outlined yard waste options for Monroe County which are being discussed at the BOCC meeting on Nov. 20th. The options are; incinerate at the MTE plant (status quo), incinerate in place, or compost in Okeechobee. Alicia did the GHG analysis using the EPA WARM analysis tool which showed that the resulting GHG from each option varied by only .10 of a percent per 100 tons of yard waste.

Alicia also explained the EPA, IPCC and standard reporting of GHG does not factor in organic plant material. This material is considered by scientific consensus to be part of the 'carbon cycle' where the plant takes in carbon and expels it. They do not consider time a factor in the GHG analysis and whether it is left to rot in place, incinerated or composted the carbon expelled remain the same. The mitigating factors in each option relate to generation of energy or soil and using fuel to move the material. The group declined to recommend any particular option and asked for time to do more analysis.

9. **Direction for CCAC and New Business.** Bob Glazer recommended looking at trigger points and using monitoring to capitalize on opportunities to get engineering and planning departments together. He stated the best option is a 'no regret' strategy. **Chuck** suggested the group helps staff to set new policies relating to the MACP and offered **to craft language that defines the advisory role and future direction.** Vicky suggested the group contribute to outreach and education, Don suggested education of residents about the MCAP, Chuck suggested working with the realtor board, Bob suggested using a Climate Ambassador type program, Alicia will provide info about Sustainable Floridians Program in 2014.

10. **Selection of Chair, Vice Chair.** Chuck Sherman nominated to Chair, Bob Glazer to Vice-Chair.

11. **Public Comments.** None

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.