

MEETING MINUTES

Monroe County Climate Change Advisory Committee

March 10, 2014

Marathon Government Center, BOCC Chambers,
Marathon, FL

Members Present

Annalise Mannix
Vicki Boguszewski (Vice Chair)
Bill Hunter
Don Riggs
Bob Glazer (Chair)
Chris Bergh
Lisa Kaul

BOCC

Heather Carruthers, Liaison
George Neugent

Staff present

Alicia Betancourt, UF Extension
Rhonda Haag, Sustainable Program Manager
Michael Roberts, Planning
Nat Cassel, County Attorney
Christine Lambert-Barrows

Members Not Present

Advisory Agency Representatives:

Mary Sweeny, Islamorada

Bob Glazer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

1. **Review and approval of meeting agenda and minutes.** The agenda was adopted with changes by a motion from Bill Hunter and seconded by Don Riggs. The Jan 22nd meeting minutes were adopted without change by a motion from Bill Hunter and seconded by Don Riggs .

2. **New Member Introduction.** Rhonda introduced Lisa Kaul who gave a brief biography of sustainability initiatives she has been involved in.

3. **Update to the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP)-** Rhonda gave the CCAC an update to the timeline of the SAP , the importance they play as a stakeholder group, and the need for them to help get the word out about key opportunities for the public to engage and attend the upcoming public meetings about the SAP, in order to make them effective. Discussion of the option to model different community areas ensued, there is the option to model 1,2 or 3 areas: Stock Island, Big Pine Key and Key Largo. Rhonda is going to give the Sustainability Planning overview presentation at the CCAC April workshop that she made at *Last Stand* so the CCAC is aware of and understands the entire contracted scope of work. The CCAC can help by providing outreach to homeowners and others during the public sessions. Rhonda will provide the CCAC with regular status reports on the Plan progress and next upcoming actions. She requested that the CCAC provide a written summary report about what they think the most pressing recommendations were (are) from the CAP and what their approach would be to implement them.

Recommendation to the BOCC

The CCAC recommends to the BOCC that three 3 economic and ecologically distinct communities be modeled with the Sustainability Action Plan. In addition, incorporated communities should be encouraged to participate. Discussion took place about Islamorada's interest in the SAP and climate modeling efforts, and that Marathon and Key West should be encouraged to do so also.

4. **Comp Plan Recommendations-** Discussion of how to present comp plan recommendation to the BOCC ensued. There was a unanimous decision to provide a white paper outlining the CCAC-recommended changes to the *Energy and Climate Element* in the Monroe County Comprehensive plan update (see attachment)

5. **Public Comment-** John Hammerstrom spoke and outlined the research he has been doing including a review GHG meta-data study on the life cycle assessment of yard waste. It found the aerobic composting and anaerobic digestion to be the most environmentally feasible. He provided a copy of the abstract; the full paper is attached. He cited reports by the Soil Conservation Commission which say the supply of compost cannot meet the demand. He suggested a need for an apples-to-apples comparison of possible projects. He recommended a cost-benefit analysis and public outreach. Jan Edelstein spoke about the need for more analysis prior to selecting a yard waste disposal method, including GHG analysis of pick-up, fuel, traffic studies of additional trucks, and accelerant. She

recommended the RFP include an assessment of the GHG direct and indirect and all elements of yard waste disposal and a start date.

6. Yard Waste RFP Update and Incineration Recommendations- Bill gave an outline of the history of the CCAC recommendations and the BOCC actions. Rhonda updated the CCAC on the RFP timeline and process. Rhonda reported the difficulty in making true comparisons based on all the different suggested variables, but that each of the variables were important. Bob suggested the CCAC review the RFP. Nat reported the CCAC members could sit on the selection team but the RFP and proposals are not public info so it could not be done in a regular meeting. They would need to be on the selection team which might be difficult and present a conflict with the CCAC also making recommendations. Annalise suggested we find out what is most important for the BOCC - to save money or GHG emissions. Alicia suggested the CCAC could develop a rubric/evaluation tool for the selection committee which would include more points for the most environmentally preferable options. Bill suggested that they outline best practices for comparison in the RFP's and suggested that moving forward with two pilot programs might provide the real answers that the CCAC and BOCC need to determine the best method.

Bob suggested and all agreed to **set April 29th workshop to look at items which need to be included in RFP and to develop an environmentally focused evaluation tool to help the selection committee rank projects** based on things such as GHG'S, sustainability and environmentally preferable practices. Rhonda will update the BOCC on the RFP process to ask for time to include the CCAC recommendations. The group will also see Rhonda's SAP presentation at that workshop. The members expressed no interest in sitting on selection committee.

7. QA Process- The CCAC chose to hold the QA process to next meeting, changing the name to Prioritization Planning Process.

April 29 Workshop

May 14 Reg. Meeting

June 4 Workshop

July 9 Reg. Meeting

Aug 13 Workshop

Sept 10 Reg. Meeting

Oct 8 Workshop

Nov 17 Reg. Meeting

Dec 15 Workshop

Recommendation AAA Suggestions that the AAA definition be developed at workshop or saved for next regular meeting.

8. Public Comment NONE

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.