

Monroe County Climate Change Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes March 23 2018

BOCC Meeting Room

Marathon Government Center

Marathon, FL 33050,

12:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



- I. Approve agenda
 - a. Will need to approve at next meeting- not enough members
 - b. Jerry Lorenz and Caroline Horn 2 new members gave brief introductions
 - c. Quorum could not be established only 5 members here
- II. Public comment
- III. 2018 efforts.
 - a. Business Resiliency- Vicki
 - II> Discussion is intended to get us to start thinking about where we want the MCAP2.0 to go in.
 - III> 9th annual compact summit focused on business resiliency
 - IV> Vicki showed a slide show highlighting focus points of the summit
 1. RCAP 2.0 is an interactive website and not a static document
 2. LEED Standard Requirements higher than the Florida Building code.
 3. Can we as a committee recommend to the BOCC to go further than LEED
 - a. Example to include foraging plants for wildlife as part of the landscaping
 4. How can we create a document that encourages the BOCC to get the state to be more proactive and buy into the same policies?
 5. How could the county incentivize demonstration projects for conservation projects.
 - a. Right now would be a good time as 2 of the commissioners are leaving in the fall and we could get support from them.
 - b. Could there be development requirements for ROGO that require green structures.
 - c. Green standard as a prerequisite for any new structure.
 - d. Could recommend that the mitigation come back to Monroe County instead of being used in the everglades on mainland Monroe
 - e. Pedro to research the legality of keeping mitigation funds in the county by having a designated person in the county that would be in charge of this to take over the former role of Jeanette Hobbs
 6. Resilience bonds- financial markets are now incorporating the aspect of resiliency to natural disasters in addition to tax base and financial stability of an area. Can use bonds for green projects so they don't get a dent in their community rating.
 7. Can we encourage county to take solar further beyond county building and a requirement on all new structures or redevelopment.
 - b. Planners forum/6 specific workshops to be discussed further.

- II> Topics as they relate to policy based on planner's forum input with potential speakers, alignment of priorities with KW list as lead points. (Alison)
- III> Liz put all the comments from the transportation workshop together. Communication was the biggest concern and getting people to know about transportation options.
 1. Rod is going forward with trying to get a hub bus stop on stock island instead of having the buses go through old town
 2. Proposing a plan for another driver and how to make the bus run hourly.
 3. CCAC needs to write a recommendation to support Allison's plan for bus transportation.
 4. Next transportation meeting will be through Zoom in online workshop.
 - a. CCAC members to review transportation workshop notes from last workshop.
 5. Next workshop- solid waste and recycling
 - a. Business resilience will be the following workshop #3

IV. Updates

- a. **Monthly Themes Assign-** Possibly use this material to write a monthly sustainability article and submit to the paper. **Based on list of 2018 themes each member can select a topic a write a 500-700-word article for distribution from the County.** * Each person takes on a different month. Alison suggested using her monthly themes.

II>

- b. **Overall Solar amendment** * Suggestion to start in house, Create our own sustainability standard. Suggest to have renewable portfolio→**Portion of energy we produce should come from renewable source which will help with storm recovery. Security aspect. What barriers exist in our county to self-sufficiency? What policy adaptations can we push to remove barriers to self-sufficiency? Take from our committee to each of our commissioners. Think of solar amendment as something bigger, create atmosphere where not only county buildings are using solar but where businesses and citizens included as well. **Alicia will provide language for committee review, Lisa will contact Delaney Reynolds for language support**

II> Suggested to modify a solar amendment to include all new development and reconstruction on both residential and commercial.

III> **Review draft for discussion on moving forward**

- c. **MCAP review-** Assignments and Timeline

II> Michelle's spreadsheet was shared and group will work on looking at priorities

III> Assign- need to write a summery for the 5-year update to include current climate information and projections Michelle (?), Vicki is interested in supporting by contributing and editing

IV> All- Look at actions completed and new action not currently in the plan but may be in the 5 Year action plan (SAP)

V> Schedule an online workshop

VI> Review the Compact regional CAP for new items or consistency

VII> Next meeting on May 7th will be on Zoom and we will be reviewing the drop box document with the MCAP2.0. Everyone should try and have their sections in my May 7th

- d. **Energy Manager Recommendation** – A draft resolution will be written to include an Energy Plan and position to implement the plan. Including SAP- 5year plan items, which will fit in an energy plan. (Ed: Video conferencing is part of energy management?)

II> Ask for energy audits

Recommendation for renegotiation of contract to immediately eliminate landfill use; Solid Waste Master Plan for County.

- e. **Communications Plan**- all members to complete their sections by early 2018.
- II> A workshop will be schedule in spring 2018 - **May 7th 10:30-4pm**
 - III> Participants from each subject area will be identified and invited to workshop meeting in May.
 1. Goal is to determine how to reach these target groups. How can we communicate what we need to tell with this particular target audience? Discussion of how most effective form of communication→ this is going to hurt you personally, your health, business, your well-being, your home etc.
 2. Ed needs to be assigned section. Assign- how individual choices effect climate change and it was suggested that this be included in the communication plan and ask the BOCC or Rhonda's office to support it. * **Ed**
 3. Natalia will do Education.
 4. Jerry will do tourism

Putting Communications plan on hold until MCAP2.0 is done.

V. **New Business**

Vicki- this Saturday at Cambridge innovation Center event from 9:30-4 climate change with wellbeing to health

Meeting adjourned

Appointed Members:

Bob Glazer (Chair)	Vicki Boguszewski	Shirley Gun
Jerry Lorenz	(Vice Chair)	Natalia Duke
Lisa Kaul	Jerry W. Lieberman	Ed Russo
	Michael Larson	

Advisory members; TJ Patterson, Julie Cheon, Alison Higgins

Staff / Office:

Commissioner Carruthers / BOCC Liaison
 Alicia Betancourt and Liz Yongue / Extension Service- Staff Liaison
 Rhonda Haag / Sustainable Program Manager
 Pedro Mercado / County Attorney
 Michelle Robinson/ Growth Management

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