



ALACHUA COUNTY Citizen Climate Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023
Grace Knight Conference Room
12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor
Gainesville, Florida 32601

1. Call to Order – Attendance and Determination of Quorum – the meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.
Members: In person - James Fulton, Jennison Kipp Searcy, Terry Harpold, John Nix, and Adam Despang (Absent: Jackie Davis, Danielle Cucchiara, Nathan Fox, and Carly Muir)
Staff: Stephen Hofstetter (ACEPD), Eric Walters (GRU), Gus Olmos (AC Solid Waste), Betsy Riley (AC SEEDS), and Mike Castine (ACGM)
Guests: Jyoti Parmar, Roberta Gastmeyer, Kali Blount
2. Approval of Agenda – Jennison Kipp Searcy moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Terry Harpold. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2023 – There were no changes to the minutes. Jennison moved approval of the minutes, and Adam Despang seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Gus Olmos, County Solid Waste Director provided an updated presentation on landfill diversion options for the county. Several committee members asked questions. Roberta Gastmeyer and Kali Blount provided public comment. A motion was made by Terry to recommend option 3 (Update Policy 1.25 and other related policies to include other alternative landfill diversion options) with caveats that it applies only to the Eco loop. The motion was seconded by Jennison and passed 5-0.
5. Betsy gave an update on the current status of the planning for the June 2 Climate event.
6. The committee discussed the City's Origis Solar contract. Jennison made a motion that the CCAC recommends that the City of Gainesville retain the current contract with the company. Adam seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.
7. Staff Updates:

- a. Stephen Hofstetter – Alachua County staff liaison reminded the committee that the next JWCPB meeting is April 3rd, and the agenda includes a presentation on the early vulnerability analysis results, a presentation of the city’s Resilient Florida Grant award, election of new members, and an update by the CCAC chair.
 - b. Eric Walters - GRU staff liaison provided an update on the steering committees and stakeholder advisory committee for the GRU Integrated Resource Plan (IRC). Jennison made a motion to elect John Nix to represent the CCAC of the IRC advisory committee. Seconded by Terry. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Next Regular meeting is on April 17, 2023. Possible items may include:
 - a. Planning for June 2 climate fair
 - b. CWC/Rebuilding Together presentation (for a future meeting, probably this summer)
 - c. Information on Ag/voltaic examples or presentation (for future meeting)
9. Meeting Recap & Action Items:
 - a. Adam to provide information on the CWC training that is available.
 - b. John Nix will be presenting an update to JWCPB at their April 3rd meeting.
 - c. Steve and Betsy will draft a letter on introduction with talking points for the CCAC members to provide to groups that are interested in participating in the climate fair.
 - d. Betsy and Steve will complete a flyer by April 7th with website links for individuals and groups to sign up for the climate fair.
 - e. Steve will contact Nathan and Jackie to see if either has an interest in being the CCAC alternate for the IRC stakeholder advisory committee.
10. Public Comment – Roberta Gastmeyer thanked the committee for their efforts to address climate issues.
11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM