



ALACHUA COUNTY

Citizen Climate Advisory Committee

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Eric Walters (GRU)

Meeting Minutes

July 17, 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 6:07 PM by John Nix. There was not an in-person quorum for the meeting.
Members: In person – John Nix, Adam Despang, James Fulton, and Jennison Kipp Searcy
Staff: Stephen Hofstetter (ACEPD), Eric Walters (GRU), Dan Zhu (City of Gainesville), Jennie Ford (City of Gainesville), Betsy Riley (AC SEEDS), and Mike Castine (ACGM)
Guests: David Hastings and Jan Brown
2. Approval of Agenda – no changes proposed by committee.
3. Approval of Minutes: Lack of Quorum. But no changes proposed to the minutes.
4. Betsy gave an update on the outcome of the June 2 Climate workshop and fair. We had over 85 attendees at the workshop, 30 vendors, an RTS electric bus, and 3 food trucks. Dan Zhu and Stephen Hofstetter also gave updates on the next steps for the Climate Action Plan.
5. Dan Zhu provided an update on the platform options we are considering and ESRI appears to be the most likely option moving forward. The city is focusing on Transportation, Energy, and Waste and the emissions by each of these sectors.
6. Staff Updates:
 - a. Stephen Hofstetter – The JWCPB will be selecting 5 new members at their August 14th meeting.
 - b. Dan Zhu, Chief Climate Officer, discussed the option of using ESRI as a website platform for carbon tracking. She discussed the climate data platform (CDP) and Gainesville's commitment to the ICLEI 'Race to Zero' and summarized some of the cities EV vehicles and charging stations.

- c. Eric Walters - GRU staff liaison provided an update on the steering committees and stakeholder advisory committee for the GRU Integrated Resource Plan (IRC) and their participation in the Ride & Drive event. They are also working with the community, city and county on the EMPOWER project and looking at EV charging grants and EV policies.
- 7. Next Regular meeting is on Monday, August 21, 2023. Possible items may include:
 - a. Sunshine Law Presentation
 - b. CAP planning for FY24
 - c. Race to Zero (for September meeting)
- 8. James provided a Meeting Recap.
- 9. Public Comment – none
- 10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM