



ALACHUA COUNTY Citizen Climate Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2024 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
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 6:06 PM by Chair Jennison Kipp Searcy.
Members: In person -- Kathryn Taubert, Gary Kiebzak, John Nix, Jennison Kipp Searcy, Dani Cucchiara; and James Fulton (by zoom)
Staff: Betsy Riley (Alachua County SEEDS Office), Dan Zhu (City of Gainesville), Sofia Aviles (EPD intern), Stephen Hofstetter (AC EPD), Stacie Greco (AC EPD) Mike Castine (AC GM), and Rick Hutton (GRU)
Guests: Jan Brown, Dr. Emily Tayler, Taissja Moore, Jim Harper, Cultural Arts Coalition representative
2. Approval of Agenda—Motion to approve by John Nix, seconded by Dani Cucchiara, approved 5-0.
3. Review and approval of Minutes from the February 19, 2024, regular meetings— Motion made by Dani, seconded by Kathryn Taubert. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Final recommendations from last meeting presentations – No motion or additional items proposed.
5. Presentations on Water Issues, presented by Stacie Greco and Rick Hutton. Additional materials provided by Greg Owen and Mike Castine.

No motion given but several questions. Questions related to enforcement of rainfall devices and code requirements and how much saving have occurred based on these efforts. What type of impacts are we having on our aquifer, are pools making an impact, and discussions of alternative landscaping strategies.

6. Staff updates –
 - a. Steve and Betsy (County)
 - Next JWCPB meeting on April 1st 1-3pm
 - County funding part-time temp position to assist with overseeing five small organizations promoting Community engagement through Spherion.com

- b. Dan Zhu (City)
 - \$180,000 from DOE Block Grant to assist 20-30 homes over next 2 yrs.
 - Gainesville was selected for LEED for Cities designation
 - Selected for Electric Vehicle Video Challenge
 - Received 218 responses to survey
7. Suggestions for next meeting –
 - a. Next month: Community Engagement and Summit Planning
 - Ideas mentioned for Summit:
 - Ben Shelton as possible keynote speaker.
 - Diverse lawns discussion.
 - Third Act and First Act panel.
 - Incorporating voting into the Summit – invite People Power for Florida to get people registered to vote.
 - b. May meeting: Hear from Sierra Club (David Hastings) on IRP alternatives
 - c. June: Presentation from CWC
8. Meeting Recap and action items – No action items, discussed a few summit ideas.
9. Public comments – comments from Taissja Moore suggesting the use of rain barrels, no mow and clover yards, and HOA contests to promote water conservation and native landscapes
10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm