



## ALACHUA COUNTY Citizen Climate Advisory Committee

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**Staff Liaisons: Stephen Hofstetter (County)**  
**Dan Zhu/Jennie Ford (City of Gainesville)**

### MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2024 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Second Floor Gainesville,  
Florida 32601

1. Call to Order – Attendance and Determination of Quorum – 6:03pm  
Members: In person – Jennison Kipp Searcy, Kathryn Taubert, Sage Cera, Jackie Davis, John Lawson, Barry Jacobson; Terry Clark, Pamela Hawkins (John Nix absent)  
Staff: Stephen Hofstetter (EPD), Jennie Ford (City) Dan Zhu (City), Sofia Aviles (EPD), Mike Castine (GM)  
Guests: Kali Blount, Ellen Siegel
2. Approval of Agenda—Motion to approve with introductions before review and approval of minutes by Kathryn, seconded by Jackie. Approved 7-0. Pamela showed up after agenda was approved.
3. Introductions:  
Terry Clark: Been in Gainesville 10 yrs, went to FSU for geography. Public and private sector work. Worked as a consultant for water management districts
4. Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2024 regular meetings — Motion by Jackie, seconded by Barry. Approved 8-0.
5. Discuss annual report objectives and goals – some of the suggestions included - Kathryn would like to see more results highlighted (such as recommendations to the JWCPB); Pamela would like to see measurables and deliverables to determine how effective the CCAC is; and Jennison pointed out that we spent time discussing the direction of the upcoming climate summit  
Motion by Jackie to send comments to Steve who will then prepare a second draft, seconded by John L., passed 8-0.
6. Select new officers: Kathryn moves to accept slate of officers, seconded by Jackie. Approved 8-0
  - a) Jennison: chair
  - b) Barry: vice-chair
  - c) Sage: secretary
7. Review of early draft chapters of climate action plan
  - a) Jackie suggests we collaborate with SAW (sequential art workshop) to create an entertaining summary of the CAP

- b) Steve says that this is a background document. The information will be presented through dashboards and other online tools
  - c) Jackie liked the layout of the draft
  - d) Sage liked the layout as well as the “What you can do” sections
  - e) Jackie suggests we go over 3 chapters a month to get through the CAP quickly starting in December
  - f) Jennison suggests that we break out into groups to address each chapter
    - a) Terry suggests that everyone look at everything because sometimes people without expertise will ask important questions
    - b) Jennison suggests having 2 ‘experts’ and 1 non-expert lead the discussion on each particular chapter
  - g) Terry suggests identifying funding sources
    - a) Steve discussed identifying cost vs climate impact so that we can pick the most important actions to prioritize
  - h) Terry suggests being very specific and define measurable goals
  - i) For subcommittees: Steve must give 10 days notice on any additional meetings
  - j) Jackie suggests 30 min for each chapter, and if that isn’t possible, have additional meetings per month
8. Staff updates –
- Stephen Hofstetter (County): Climate specialist position posted; Nov 16 Climate summit update  
If you plan to attend in person, please register. There are only 120 seats
- Dan Zhu (City): Submitted race to zero report to UN
- LEED for cities application for the city
    - Hope to put together a draft by end of December
  - 47 million for GRU energy efficiency
    - GRU and DOE are working on details
  - City climate plan draft has been available since April
    - Do we want them to present their climate action plan next time? 15-20 min
  - Currently implementing 10 different grants for the city
9. Suggest items for November regular meeting:
- Review summit event
  - Approve final annual report
  - City climate plan presentation
  - Hear about the fate of GRU post Nov 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Will we get a representative from GRU again?
    - Will we have any recommendation ability to the GRU board (city or otherwise)?
      - Add it to staff updates
10. Member recap, action items and member comments – Sage gave a recap of highlights of the meeting.
11. Public comments –
- Ellen Siegel - This is the best board meeting in a long time, a pleasure to sit in
- Shoutout to Dan - Gave a concise understandable CAP presentation
  - Would like our help: CLEO is doing a workshop for around 40 people - Climate leadership engagement opportunities
  - CLEO Speakers Network Workshop
    - want around 20 more people - People who are concerned about the climate, want to learn more about the climate, and want to learn what they can do
12. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm