

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION TASK FORCE
July 5, 2018
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Elaine Sargent, Chair, Laurie Murphy, Vice Chair, Dr. Haris Alabašić, Tim Haag, Matt Posner, alternate for Carrie Stevenson, Mark Gibson

Members Absent: Cynthia Cannon, Christy Johnson, Carrie Stevenson

Others Present: See attached sign in sheet

Staff: Elaine Mager, Sonja Gaines

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Chair Sargent. A quorum was present.
2. Approval of Minutes—June 7, 2018: **Motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018 meeting was made by Vice Chair Murphy, seconded by Matt Posner and was unanimously approved.**
3. Draft Report Discussion:

Chair Sargent opened discussion on the June 23, 2018 revisions to the draft report. Vice Chair Murphy explained her submitted language changes to the last two bullets under Built Environment on Page 8 and 9 dealing with stormwater and permeable surface/green incentives. Member Haag questioned the intent of the second sentence under the last bullet dealing with develop permeable surfaces that reads: Encourage stormwater fee discounts based on impervious surface area. Suggested change to read: **Encourage stormwater fee discounts on total pervious surface area developed. This may or may not include incentives....**

On Page 6, the next to last bullet—Use a watershed-level..., an additional sentence was added: **Wide-scale watershed management can reduce impacts of flooding from stormwater downstream through the use of better urban planning and design principles including a multi-jurisdictional approach.**

Also, on page 6 where Member Haag was to reword the language on the policy board of the Pensacola Bay Estuary Program, he suggested adding: in addition to water quality **and management** improvement.

On page 11, Public Utilities, under the second bullet, Member Haag submitted the suggested addition of the following language: **Recognizing the fragility of our community's sole water source, the Sand-and-Gravel Aquifer, the City should strive to protect the groundwater resource along with both existing and future public**

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drinking water supply wells. The City Should consider a uniform approach, in conjunction with Escambia County, to protection of the groundwater resource and the drinking water supply by adoption of the County's wellhead protection areas (WHPAs) and the applicable development standards for those WHPAs.

Chair Sargent reviewed the addition of the public health language to the draft report and whether additional language should be included regarding heat related working conditions. **Agreement reached that there was no additional language needed, since it was covered in the first and last bullets under public health.**

On page 3 of the report, Member Alabašić made a suggestion to remove reference to the Strauss report as well as other outside reports since most of the specific risks and threats are covered under the public health section of the report. They could just be referenced in the appendix.

Member Alabašić inquired if the Task Force needed to vote on adding the language suggested by Member Haag on the community's fragility of sole water source to the report. **Member Alabašić made a motion to add the proposed language on the fragility of sole water source to the report, under Public Utilities, bullet number 2, seconded by Chair Sargent and unanimously approved.**

Member Alabasic also suggested on Page 9 of the report, under the develop permeable surfaces and green incentives bullet, changing the language from: May include monetary awards, to including financial incentives. **Member Alabašić made a motion to change the language to including financial incentives. Member Haag seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

4. Priorities Discssion:

Member Alabašić stated that he did not believe the Report should include priorities, since the Task Force Report addressed critical areas of concern under the areas of emphasis.

5. Timeline Discussion:

Chair Sargent presented a revised Stakeholders list for consideration. Member Alabašić cautioned listing individual names as stakeholders since positions change all the time and suggested just using the organization or department. Member Haag indicated that in addition to the two individuals listed under West Florida Regional Planning Council that Austin Mount is the Executive Director. Member Gibson suggested adding NAS Pensacola under agencies. Alternate Member Posner suggested adding Escambia County and Escambia County Health Department under agencies. Dr. Gloria Horning suggested sending to the NAACP, since they have an Environmental committee.

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Task Force discussed timeline for distribution of report to stakeholders, allotted time for feed back to the Task Force from the stakeholders, holding public meeting and final report delivered to the City Council. The public would need at least a 30 day notice of the meeting. Vice Chair Murphy strongly suggested wrapping up the final report at the August meeting. Delivery to City Council would then probably be in October.

Chair Sargent indicated that she would entertain a motion to accept the draft report, including the changes that were discussed at today's meeting, so that at the next meeting, that document will be prepared and ready to send out.

Member Haag indicated that the server at ECUA that allows access to Microsoft office has been crashed all week, so he's not been able to formulate and submit comments. None are substantial, they just add clarity.

Alternate Member Posner made a suggestion to remove the word "harden" from the consider current sea level rise bullet on page 6. After further discussion, Task Force agreed to remove "**or harden**".

On Page 7, under the first bullet, Member Haag questioned the use of three different benchmarks. Further discussion was held on keeping a simple benchmark, doing an inventory and measuring greenhouse emissions. Member Alabašić suggested changing the language on the first bullet under Policy Recommendations to read: Adopt a target of 30% greenhouse gas emissions reduction by 2030 based on the baseline when the inventory is completed.

After further discussion on this suggestion, as well as questions raised by the chair about voting on other proposed changes, **Member Alabašić made a motion that the first bullet on Page 7 under Policy Recommendations read, as follows: The City of Pensacola shall mitigate its contribution to global climate change by reducing the government operations greenhouse gas emissions to 30% by 2030 based on the greenhouse gas emission inventory. The second sentence will stay the same. He further moved to amend the first paragraph on page 9, the second sentence to read: Develop a rebate program or provide installation financing to provide funding, tax credits or reimbursements to property owners who install specific practices, and promote an awards and recognition program that would provide marketing opportunities and public outreach for exemplary projects, including financial incentives. Member Murphy seconded the motion.**

Chair Sargent asked for public comment on this motion as well as previously voted on motions..

Dr. Gloria Horning asked who is doing the City monitoring. She is not aware of any monitoring being done in the City. Chair Sargent explained there is a recommendation to the City to conduct a study to get the data.

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Member Alabašić explained when greenhouse gas emission data is collected, it is based on the energy consumption, so that anything the City consumes in operations that is basically translatable into greenhouse gas emission inventory, so the recommendation deals with the specific requirements and targets that the City should set up to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is not dealing with the specificity of who and how the data is collected, that is not the Task Force's job. The Task Force will only make policy recommendations.

Vote was taken on the motion and was unanimously approved.

6. Presentation Discussion:

This will be addressed at the next meeting, since it deals with how it will be presented to the City.

7. Request relevant photos, graphics, and references:

Chair Sargent indicated that she would compile the changes discussed at this meeting into a final report and have the report submitted to the Task Force members, with a 5 day window for review and comment back. She is still looking for pictures or specific graphics to include in the report. Member Alabašić cautioned on the use of graphics in the report. Photos or maps would be easier to understand.

Member Haag suggested adding Florida West Economic Development Alliance to the list of Stakeholders.

8. Announcements:

Alternate Member Posner reported on the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers South Atlantic Coastal Study which includes coastal areas along the Gulf of Mexico to Mississippi, and will provide further information to the Task Force. Also, the next Science Hour that is hosted by UF/IFAS and Escambia County will be next Thursday, July 12 and he will be giving a RESTORE update. Also, the Escambia County Marine Advisory Committee meeting will be on Monday at 5:30 p.m. One of the topics to be discussed is the NAS Pensacola Bay living shoreline project that the County has funded through the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

Member Haag welcomed the City of Pensacola to ECUA's Recycling family. The City became a customer as of Monday, July 2.

Member Alabašić shared his newly published book.

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9. Public Forum:

Dr. Gloria Horning indicated that she's been working with Public Lab out of New Orleans. They are doing a public service, media campaign and action on the ground that "only rain goes in the drain". The first of 2 events will be in the Tanyard, showing them how to safely clean out a drain. The second will be in Mayfair. They will be painting some of the drains and will be able to adopt a drain.

On Wednesday, the 18th Ann Hill and her team will be doing a Bruce Beach clean-up.

She also mentioned the green slime being pumped out by ECUA station lift at the south end of DeVilliers that is going into the waterway.

Christian Wagley indicated the slow ride would be held this Saturday, leaving from the Downtown Public Library. They had a candidates forum before the last slow ride was canceled. There were 140 people there. Got to ask them about bike pedestrian questions. Every mayoral candidate endorsed Vision Zero, which is a goal of zero traffic fatalities, whether it is cars, pedestrians, or cyclists in the city. Progressive cities across the country are doing this. It will mean a radical redesign of the City, the use of formed base codes, the walkability and bike-ability and those types of things in order to get to zero fatalities. The next slow ride will be July 27 leaving from Southtowne. 350 Pensacola's next meeting is Tuesday, July 24 at Bayview Sr. Center and will be on arctic research and climate change.

10. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.