

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION TASK FORCE
August 2, 2018
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Elaine Sargent, Chair, Laurie Murphy, Vice Chair, Dr. Haris Alabašić, Cynthia Cannon, Mark Gibson, Carrie Stevenson

Members Absent: Tim Haag, Christy Johnson

Others Present: See Attached sign in sheet

Staff: Don Kraher, 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—July 5, 2018: **Motion to approve minutes of the July 5, 2018 meeting was made by Vice Chair Laurie Murphy, seconded by Carrie Stevenson and was unanimously approved.**
3. Draft Report Discussion:

Chair Sargent opened discussion on the July 19, 2018 revisions to the draft report, starting on page 3 with the introduction and comments made by Member Alabašić. There is an in-text citation. If you are citing something, you need to show where it comes from. If you want to eliminate in-text citations, then the sentence needs to be re-written. Member Stevenson suggested using foot notes. Chair Sargent stated that she felt like the introduction should be a single voice of the Task Force, of how the Task Force speaks about their work. Member Alabašić will work on rewording the second paragraph. In the third paragraph, the Task Force discussed the addition of “should”. The Task Force suggested changing that language to read: **The City of Pensacola and its regional partners, including counties and other local governments ~~should~~ are pursuing an aggressive...**

On page four, and five changes proposed were approved. Discussion occurred on the bullet commit to meet 30% renewable energy target by 2030 ...with a goal of 100% renewable by 2050, the Task Force agreed to **change the date** from 2050 to **2040**.

On page six agreed to proposed changes. On page 7 agreed to proposed changes and to stay with language in the objective under Transportation, without being more specific.

Member Alabašić provided rewording for the Introduction paragraph on Page 3 as follows: The sentence **to remove** is **Addressing climate change differs from city to city and region to region...** and replacing it with the following language: **Addressing climate change is imperative for communities to pursue and is based on unique characteristics of communities and local governments and threats they are facing.** This sentence would be the last sentence in the first paragraph. The Task Force agreed to this proposed language change.

On page 8, the two language changes proposed by Member Gibson were approved and **agreed to delete until traffic and infrastructure (roads, bridges, stormwater) studies and cost-benefit analysis of such designs have been completed based on traffic/runoff.**

On page 9, the last bullet dealing with: Develop permeable surface and green incentives... need to delete, the repeating of **for residents and businesses through the City of Pensacola.** Also, the next sentence: Encourage stormwater fee...agreed with changes proposed by Member Gibson, except **delete discounts** and replace with **fee reduction.**

Also on page 9, Member Alabašić questioned the language of the second bullet. Discussion occurred and Member Alabašić suggested language to read: **Incorporate solar panels on City Buildings or Install solar panels on City Buildings.** Consensus of the Task Force was to use **Install solar panels on City Buildings.**

Also, after further discussion, the fourth bullet on Page 9 was amended to read: **Incorporate building design specifications city wide for commercial and residential developments to increase resistance to impacts from more intense storm events.**

No changes on page 10, editorial changes on page 11 were approved, no changes on page 12, and additions proposed by Member Stevenson under the outreach section on page 13, the Task Force Findings and Recommendations section on page 15 and the other resources section on page 16 and 17 were approved.

Motion made by Member Cannon, seconded by Vice Chair Murphy to approve the amendments reviewed by the Task Force to the July 19, 2018 draft report and final changes made to the draft report. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Chair Sargent stated that she would compile a Final Draft Report to incorporate all of the changes approved by the Task Force so that the Final Draft Report can be distributed to the stakeholders for their review.

4. Stakeholders Review Discussion and
5. Presentation Discussion

Chair Sargent reviewed the revised stakeholders list handed out at the meeting. She suggested that all representative members of the Task Force be responsible for sending the draft report out to members of their organizations. Several members of the Task Force also serve on other boards. Member Cannon volunteered to forward to the West Florida Regional Planning Council, the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) and the BARC Technical Advisory Committee. Member Stevenson suggested sending the report to the members of the Hospitality Roundtable, since that includes representatives of Innisfree Hotels and she will be responsible for that. Council Executive will be responsible for sending to CEO and Keith Hoskins of Gulf Power, as well as the neighborhood associations. Chair Sargent will work with Don Kraher on contact information for other organizations listed on the stakeholders list.

Member Cannon brought up the 30 day timeframe for review and suggested reducing the amount of time for the stakeholders to review and submit comments. Council Executive cautioned the Task Force that individuals serving on the boards could make individual comments; however they could not do so as the Board. The Board would have to take action on the report, sitting as the Board. Member Alabašić also cautioned the Task Force on soliciting input on the report and then how to incorporate or not incorporate the comments received into the document. Further discussion occurred on comment period and presentation of document to City Council. Member Alabašić stated that the Task Force has to present the report as a Task Force recommendation to the City Council even before all of the input is received. You will receive more input once the report is out there. The input could be included as additional information to the report. This information is provided by these stakeholders. Send the report out and present the report. Member Cannon suggested going to the City Council with the report in October. The report would be sent out to the stakeholders early August for their review and comment. It provides a public forum to receive additional comments on the report. Also, any input received prior to presentation at the City Council Meeting could be added as an appendix to the report. Member Cannon suggested creating a summary of findings, consolidating comments for the report. Member Cannon also suggested having the same verbiage

utilized by everyone sending out to stakeholders, so that it is consistent with how it is framed for input. Member Gibson suggested using **On behalf of...**

Chair Sargent indicated she would create something, along with the final report and get it back out to the Task Force for final comment and submittal to the stakeholders. The September meeting will focus on the actual presentation to City Council.

The City Council meeting for October is October 11. The Council Executive will need the final document by September 28, to be included on the agenda for the October meeting.

Chair Sargent also brought forward concerns about the Task Force Goals and Objectives listed on Page 3 of the report, the paragraph dealing with suggestions to obtain federal and state grants. She felt like that was an area the Task Force did not fully address. Grants vary from year to year, different federal and state guidelines and application for various opportunities and programs and it would be difficult to compile a list of grants that are currently available, since they frequently change. Some have grant writing departments and some don't. Member Cannon indicated that Santa Rosa County has a grants writing department, that establishes a team grant writing effort to apply for various grants. Vice Chair Murphy suggested language **to encourage departments that regularly work on grants to seek additional grants.** Member Cannon suggested language **to continue to monitor grant opportunities.** There are new ones coming out now and will be as political times change.

Chair Sargent thanked members of the Task Force for all their hard work on finalizing the draft report.

6. Announcements:

Member Stevenson reported on a series of Tidal Town Halls. There is one in Pensacola on August 14 at 5 p.m. for local candidates to come and speak on sea level rises and other climate issues. It is at the main downtown library. Member Murphy also indicated that ReThink Energy, Gulf Coastkeeper and Gulf Restoration Network are the ones sponsoring the event. There are 13 confirmed candidates participating in the event.

Member Stevenson also reported on August 9 there will be an Invasives Workshop and Air Potato Vine Beetle distribution day from 9 – 12 at the Escambia County Central Office Complex. There will also be a solar power guest speaker that night for Science Hour from 6 – 7 p.m.

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7. Public Forum:

Bev Perry thanked the Task Force for all their hard work. She suggested putting the final draft report on the City's website as well as publicizing the September meeting so that public comments can be received.

Chair Sargent suggested putting a link on 350's and Emerald Coastkeeper's social media pages as well.

Christian Wagley also thanked the Task Force for their work. The formed based CRA areas are going to be considered by City Council at their August meeting. 350 Pensacola events: on September 8, an international event called Rise for Climate Jobs and Justice will take place at Plaza DeLuna at 5 p.m. with different speakers related to fossil fuels and transitioning to clean energy, including Amendment 9 that will be on the November ballot. On Wednesday, September 12 at 6 p.m. at the downtown library will be a movie, "The Burden" which looks at the Military and the burden it has to get the energy to the troops in order to fight battles. There is also a living shorelines workshop at the University of West Florida on Friday, August 3, that is part of BARC. The August speaker for CivicCon is Gena Wirth, one of the principals of SCAPE.

8. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

City of Pensacola Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Task Force Meeting

Thursday, August 2, 2018

Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd Floor

City Hall, 222 West Main Street

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