

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
November 3, 2022 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
Drafted: November 4, 2022
Approved: December 1, 2022

Members: Sean Delehanty, Richard Milne, John Botelho, Matthew O'Connor, Sue Hughes-Smith, Mike Yudelson, Kate Walker

Absent:

Staff: Clement Chung, Tina Stevens, Joe VanKerkhove, Yasmin Guevara, Pat Gooch

Guests: John Steinmetz, Molly Gaudioso

Attending via Zoom: Mike Garland, Lola D'Ascentiis, Loretta Morrell

Welcome, Introduction and Announcements (Co-Chair O'Connor):

Meeting called to order at 3:32 P.M. by Co-Chair O'Connor.

1. Presently there are three applications for the two vacant student advisor seats. Deadline for applications is November 18.
2. All committee members should now be receiving all emails sent to the CAP@monroecounty.com mailbox.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Minutes from the October 6, 2022 meeting unanimously approved. Motion by Matt O'Connor; seconded by Kate Walker.

Legislative Update (Legislators Yudelson, Hughes-Smith, Delehanty and Milne):

1. The process for replacing non-voting student members was clarified: the two student appointments that are currently vacant, are the appointments of the Majority and Minority heads of the Legislature. The role of CAP is to solicit appointments, screen, and pass along recommendations. Majority and Minority leaders will review and make the actual appointments.
2. Sue Hughes-Smith and Kate Walker spoke with the County Executive regarding funding for Phase 1 projects – “putting words into action”. The County Executive authorized a \$1-million dollar fund for implementation of Phase 1 projects. This proposed spending was submitted to both the Environment and Public Works and Ways and Means Committees at October meetings for approval. Both committees referred the bill back to the CAP to formalize a detailed spending plan.
3. Sue, Kate, Mike Garland and Clem Chung worked together to prioritize proposed projects from Phase 1. This draft proposal was reviewed by the CAP. The committee was reminded that there were over 60 action items listed in the Phase 1 document, with demonstrated needs well beyond the original \$1 million. Projects were broken down by sector, and included the installation of Geothermal Heat Pumps at the Seneca Park Zoo, additional LED Highway lighting, an aeration upgrade at the Northwest Quadrant Treatment Plant, an Organics Diversion study, conversion to all electric landscaping equipment, and additions to grant programs for charging stations for electric vehicles. After discussion, the aeration upgrade was deleted from the list of proposals.
4. Inflation and availability of materials were cited as roadblocks.
5. Information on the proposed projects will be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature, David Grant. This information will be added to the referral and be reintroduced to the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee at the December meeting. Rick Milne explained that it is the job of a Legislator to be accountable to the public, which is why the detail was requested. Sean Delehanty stated that the Legislature values the work that the CAP has done, which is why they were asked for input.
6. Matt O'Connor suggested attaching an Appendix with all of the details discussed to the matrix, so that the information is readily available should it be needed.
7. A vote was taken on the recommendation of the proposed projects, and the list received unanimous approval.

Climate Action Plan Phase 2 (All):

1. Clem Chung submitted a draft outreach list for Phase 2, which is a composite of many sources.
2. Stakeholders within the target groups need to be identified to help spread the word.
3. Need to be strategic about who is a partner; 20 top organizations were identified.
4. Difference between Phase 1 and 2: Phase 1 was to report emissions and implement strategies for reduction; Phase 2 will be to find out how residents are impacted by climate change. The challenge will be to ultimately get to stakeholders that can help in emission reduction. Molly Gaudioso stated that the outreach list is dynamic, and can be changed. This list will compromise the Community Engagement Plan, which is under development. Bergmann will facilitate a number of outreach events as determined in the Scope of Work.
5. Sue Hughes-Smith said a Youth Engagement subcommittee should be formed.
6. Kate Walker suggested that either a subcommittee be formed to track progress or updates built into the engagement strategy to provide regular, formalized updates.
7. Phase 2 Contract is under consideration by the Legislature for approval at the November 15 meeting.
8. Bergmann presented a draft timeline for Phase 2, which is fluid and thought to be aggressive to meet the 4Q 2023 deadline. Many deliverables, such as a BAU Forecast and GHG Inventories can be used in outreach.

Public Forum:

No comments or requests to speak were received.

Clem and Pat Gooch presented information on GFLRPC Trainings, which provide CEC credits to Monroe County if participation goals are met. Members were encouraged to disseminate this information.

Sue Hughes-Smith mentioned that RCSD School #12 and Brighton were looking for presentations on climate. Lola volunteered to attend when she is on break.

Next meeting is Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 3:30 **in-person** at the Monroe County Fleet Center Building 1 Conference Room. Changes or updates to the meeting venue will be communicated to the committee via email.

Motion to adjourn by Matthew O'Connor; second by Rick Milne. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.