

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
March 4, 2024 (3:30 – 5:00 PM)
Drafted: March 29, 2024
Approved: May 6, 2024

Members: Matthew O'Connor, Michael Yudelson, John Botelho, Sue Hughes-Smith, Rick Milne, Kate Walker, Mike Garland

Absent: Alden Smith

Staff: Clement Chung, Madison Quinn, & Joe VanKerhove MCDES

Guests: Molly Gaudioso, Colliers Engineering & Design

Attending via Zoom: Akilah Skerrette-Banister; Lola DeAscentiis; Anna Yatteau; Loretta Morrell, Genesee Valley Audubon Society; Dylan Hudon, Orion Konieczny, Emma Warnke, & Chrys Adams RIT;

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

Meeting called to order at 3:36 PM by Co-Chair O'Connor.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Minutes from the February 5, 2024 meeting approval – motion by Matt O'Connor; seconded by Sue Hughes-Smith. Motion unanimously carried.

Legislative Update (Legislator Hughes-Smith):

Airport proposed a project to expand electric charging with grant funding both for public facing charging stations in the parking lot and infrastructure for charging the electric shuttlebus (all Level 2). There was discussion on the lack of Level 3 charging.

Climate Action Plan Phase 2 (All):

1. Schedule Update: Deliverables
 - Feb 5-Mar 1: Stakeholder Interviews
 - March 4: Draft Plan – GHG Section & **Topic Highlight Pages**
 - March 29: Revised Goals/Actions Section
 - April 1: CAP Committee
 - April 5: Complete draft plan
 - April 15-19: Public Workshop #3
 - May 6: CAP Committee
 - May 24: Final Plan (revisions from committee and public comments)
 - June 3: CAP Committee – Final Plan review and letter to Legislature
 - June 11: Referral to Legislature
 - July 9: Legislature Adoption
2. Stakeholder Outreach – Aggressive schedule. Late February dedicated to stakeholder conversations (primarily via Zoom, some in person if invited to existing meetings). Meetings held with several stakeholder groups: Higher Education, Transportation, Businesses, Sustainable Materials Management, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce. Environmental nonprofits: shared workbook, invited to comment via Google Form and offered they could invite Madison to an upcoming meeting if they'd like a deeper discussion. Next: Agriculture 3/6, Municipalities 3/7, Town Supervisors Association 3/15; Council of Governments 3/20, Village Mayors Meeting & Energy TBD. Given draft plan schedule, comments after 3/8 will be addressed in later draft in April.

Schedule is on Google Drive and will be updated throughout stakeholder engagement period. Some of the stakeholder input will be captured in case studies or project/program spotlights on work happening in the focus areas.

3. Draft Plan Development – working outline shared with the committee last meeting; no feedback thus far. Environmental Justice – EPA's EJ Screen &/or DACs from NY State; connect the CAP to the future Climate Adaptation & Resilience Plan (CARP) and other county plans; Tree Canopy; Pilot programs; Green/regenerative economy.

Is there room for additional carbon sequestration apart from trees? Soil sequestration, crop selection, etc.

Sections 1 & 2 forthcoming in the next couple of weeks; review and comments in the Google document to be integrated into the final plan.

May 6 meeting – incorporate committee comments; May 10 referral packet; Submit the nearly final plan by May 24 (or

earlier) for submission to Legislature for June/July cycle;

The workshop will be similar in format to July 2023 public meeting, but focused more on actions, strategies, prioritization, and opportunities for community partnerships. Virtual meeting at noon, then open house in the evening, in person at MCC.

Madison will work with the County Communications Department to advertise with press release and social media posts.

Draft plan with committee input by early April ahead of public meeting mid-April; plan in draft form to be sent to committee ahead of next meetings; posted online before Public Meeting for public to review. We'll work to avoid the big Earth Day events like the Climate Summit, etc.

There has not yet been a discussion of what form of an advisory committee will be going forward. The CSC task force will need to exist in some capacity, but it does not need to be in the current form of a legislative committee. This can be discussed as we get closer to the finish line. The needs will change in implementation, with more working groups, with roles for subject matter experts in focus areas. To be discussed with the County Executive's Office and among the Legislators on the committee. The current committee will sunset upon the passing of the Climate Action Plan Phase II.

New Business: None.

Public Forum:

No comments or requests to speak were received.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024 at 3:30 PM 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 Michael Yudelson; seconded by Matt O'Connor. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.