

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

February 22, 2021

12:30 PM

Jack Durrance Auditorium

Joint Water and Climate Policy Board

Commissioner Harvey Ward - Member
Commissioner David Arreola - Vice-Chair
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos - Member
Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler - Chair
Commissioner Melanie Wells - Member
Commissioner Anna Prizzia - Member
Commissioner Mary Alford - Member

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

All members were present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On a motion from Commissioner Alford, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[200851.](#) Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Joint Water and Climate Policy Board Meeting (B)

Attachments: [200851 JWCPB 12-14-20 Meeting Minutes 20210222](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve as drafted.*

On a motion from Commissioner Alford, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, the minutes were passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[200845.](#) Discussion of Future Meetings Length (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Commissioner Arreola made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Alford, to ask staff to identify a different day that is not constricted by the start time of the MTPO. The motion passed 6-1, with Commissioner Hayes-Santos opposed.

[200846.](#) Hogtown Greenway Discussion (B)

Attachments: [200846 Hogtown Creek Greenway Presentation 20210222](#)
[200846 Hogtown Creek Greenway Master Development & Management](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff.*

Linda Demetropolous, Nature Manager, City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, provided a presentation on the history of the Greenway, followed by Commissioner discussion.

[200847.](#) Citizen Climate Advisory Committee Update (B)

Attachments: [200847 CCAC Update 20210222](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Hear presentation.

Forrest Eddleton, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Senior Planner and Megan Walker-Radtke, Chair of Citizen Climate Advisory Committee, provided a presentation followed by Commissioner discussion . Commissioner Arreola moved and Commissioner Ward seconded to recommend that the Gainesville City Commission designate a General City Government and GRU staff liaison to the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Commissioner Alford presented information on offsetting greenhouse gases through residential energy efficiencies. Commissioner Alford motioned and Commissioner Arreola seconded "Given that we are facing a climate crisis as long with a housing crisis I move that staff, both as a City and a County, investigate what other counties and municipalities may have similar programs and if staff have additional suggestions that they will provide that information in regular updates in order to bring this program to fruition in a timely manner. Staff is to collaborate with existing local non-profits." The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Citizen Nathan Skop spoke.

200848.

Local Water Conservation Programs (B)

Attachments: [200848 EPD 2021 Water Conservation Program 20210222](#)
 [200848 GRU Water Conservation Presentation 20210222](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Hear presentations from staff.

Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Water Conservation Program Update –
Stacie Greco, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Water Resources Program Manager provided a presentation on the County's water conservation program.

GRU Water Conservation Program Update- This item was not discussed and will be addressed during the next meeting.

200849.

Staff Updates (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive updates from staff.

Update on Zero Waste postponed until the next meeting.

MEMBER COMMENT

200850.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on items to include in the April 26, 2021 meeting agenda.

Potential Agenda items for April 26, 2021 meeting:

Staff will pursue an update on the proposed water system for Newberry and surrounding communities.

GRU Water Conservation Program

New solar proposals in the region

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 26, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjournment time was not captured.