

Orange County Commission for the Environment

Meeting Summary

March 11, 2019

Richard Whitted Building, 300 West Tryon Street, Hillsborough

Present: Bradley Saul (Chair), Jeremy Marzuola (Vice Chair), Bill Ward, Alan Parry, Jody Eimers, Laura Doherty, Jim Eichel, Carrie Fletcher

Absent: Bill Newby, Lynne Gronback, Will Stanley, Kim Piracci, Matt Crook

Staff: Tom Davis, Kim Livingston

I. Call to Order – Saul called the meeting to order at 7:34.

II. Additions or Changes to Agenda – No changes or additions were offered.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from February 11, 2019. Bill W. made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Alan P. seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. Update of CFE Activities

Bradley S. led an update of CFE activities listed on page 2 of the agenda. Kim L. provided an update on the status of forest management policy item. Several groups are starting to discuss this topic. Better to discuss collaboratively instead of individually, now trying to set up a meeting to discuss. Jody offered that OWASA is currently embarking on a similar process with their lands. Bill W. is currently working on GHG emission data in OC. Kim L. reported she is working with the Collaborative Conservation group and they expect to finish the landscape corridor plan this month.

V. SOE Item

Kim L. reviewed the updated SOE timeline, detailing draft due the end of March. Individual issue pages are now posted on Google Drive, ready for group editing effort, including content, similar styles, format, etc. One issue page currently has not been submitted. Bill W. asked if a PowerPoint will be made. The idea is to ultimately create three products: a PDF, a PowerPoint, and a website. Still some issues to work out for website. The plan is to have a final draft in June, give info to graphic designer, and she will hopefully finish her work in July when the CFE does not have a meeting scheduled. Then the report would be presented to the BOCC in October. No further info currently on the planned joint event with the Collaborative Conservation Group.

A brief Google Docs tutorial for the group was then done. Kim L. and Bradley led the discussion of where the SOE 2019 documents are, how to access, and how to edit. They went over issue template and example issue- bird population

surveys in OC. Further discussion of images, graphics that may be used in the SOE including Photo Contest images, etc. then took place.

Committee Meetings were held so each group could go through their issues and indicators. At 9:00 each committee was then given an opportunity to report on their progress to the entire CFE.

Air and Energy Committee - All of their pages are uploaded to google drive. Committee considered whether or not there are gaps that they should consider, EV, density planning, they have been using a reference section versus including references within each page. The group thought that some consideration should be given to including a Climate Change impact link for each issue or not. Jeremy wondered if maybe this should be included in the recommendations section. Bradley suggested that perhaps a one sentence Climate Change impact call out that is highlighted with a box or something would be a good idea, i.e., "A Hook". Kim L. told the group to not worry too much about formatting all the pages to look alike as the graphics person will do this. Jody suggested references with each page may work better as pages are edited further. Bradley reiterated that links change also.

Land Resources Committee - Jeremy indicated that the members went over each of their issues. They talked quite a bit about developing graphics that tell the story that the group wants to tell. The tree study is still underway. They think they have good ideas but have some changes to make. They may focus more on the rural buffer.

Water Resources Committee: Laura indicated that the group discussed two pages. They talked about ways to cut the issues to 300 words or so. They may consider discussing the lands legacy program. Jody said she would revise her page to fit the template a bit better.

VI. 9:10- Updates

The annual BOCC Work Session with all the boards and commissions present is upcoming on April 4th. Bradley will represent the CFE.

This is Skip the Straw month.

Jim provided a motion to adjourn, Allan seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:13.