

EC4 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2016

(RIDEM, Conf. Room A)

In attendance:

Fred Presley (Vice Chair)

Paige Bronk

Barbara Cardiff

Amy Rainone

Al Dahlberg

Andy Andrade

Brigid Ryan (Secretary)

Fred Presley (Vice Chair) opened the meeting at approximately 9:10AM. He briefly reviewed the proposed agenda. The first order of business was the minutes from the January 15, 2016 advisory board meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made and unanimously approved.

Fred Presley (Vice-Chair) noted that he recently sat down with Representative Lauren Carson. She is wrapping up the Commission's final report on the economic impacts of sea level rise and would like to present the Commission's findings once complete.

The working groups provided updates on progress. Barbara Cardiff reported that she hasn't had the opportunity to meet recently with David Caldwell. In addition, she reported that she had the opportunity to attend the concluding session of Rep. Lauren Carson's House Commission on the Economic Impact of Sea Level Rise in RI. Barbara discussed some of the information provided by a number of presenters and the Representative's plan to roll out the Commission's report in April.

Brigid Ryan (Secretary) distributed components of the EC3 June 2014 report as they relate to the work of each working group. She instructed members of the Advisory Board to provide feedback on the items listed as they relate to the work their group is undertaking. It will assist her with tracking the progress on certain tasks related to the full EC4. Brigid also discussed her approach to pulling together a first draft of the Advisory Board's annual report (due in May).

Amy Rainone provided an update on the work of the communications working group. Paige Bronk suggested that Teresa Crean be looped into the working group (it was noted that Pam Rubinoff, also from URI's CRC, is engaged with the working group). Amy explained the climate change new video project the group was working in coordination with Julia Gold from HEALTH (who is funding the development of the video through HEALTH's climate change program). The members of the advisory board discussed how such a video could be utilized.

Fred Presley (Vice Chair) provided an update on the municipal outreach working group. He discussed how they are identifying target groups, as well as that they expect they will hear from municipal leaders (e.g. equipment

needs). Barbara Cardiff talked about impacts of snow to municipal budgets and how this should not be overlooked.

The group then broke out into working sessions (for each of the 4 working groups), and after 20 minutes came back to the full advisory board with updates and proposals. Topics addressed after reconvening as a group included: the need for hazard mitigation planning, the value of comprehensive plans, the need for technical assistance to cities & towns, developing new web resources on climate change in RI, gaps in funding for mitigation & adaptation for the business (and the role Commerce RI could play), and an update on the EC4 greenhouse gas technical committee.

Brigid Ryan asked for written summaries from each working group by April 1st for inclusion in her draft annual report. She is planning to have a draft ready for the next Advisory Board meeting on 4/15.

Sheila Dormody (Chair) was not present. Fred Presley (Vice Chair) noted that she recently left her position with the City of Providence to pursue a position with TNC, and is in discussions with the Governor's Office concerning her ability to remain on the Advisory Board. Liz Stone (RIDEM) will provide an update to the members of the Advisory Board when additional specifics are known.

The Advisory Board will meet again on April 15th at 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.

(Notes prepared by Liz Stone, RIDEM)