

**ST PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

**Meeting of March 19, 2015
1:00 p.m. – City Hall Room 100**

Members & Alternate: **Chair, Darden Rice; Vice- Chair Karl Nurse;
Bill Dudley, Steve Kornell, Charlie Gerdes (Alternate)**

Support Staff: **Gary Cornwell, City Administrator**

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Minutes

1. February 13, 2015

D. New/Deferred Business

**1. PACE projects and solar project financing (Brady Smith, Tampa Bay Regional
 Planning Council)**

E. Continued Business

F. Upcoming Meeting Agenda Tentative Issues

1. April 16, 2015

G. New Business Item Referrals (attached)

1. Review and re-prioritize referral list

H. Adjournment

City of St. Petersburg
Energy, Natural Resources, & Sustainability Committee
Friday, Feb. 13, 2013 @1:00 pm
Conference Room 100/ City Hall

Members and Alternates: Bill Dudley, Charlie Gerdes (alt), Steve Kornell, Karl Nurse, Darden Rice

Energy, Natural Resources, and Sustainability (ENRS) Committee

Description:

The purpose of the committee was explained by CM Rice, which is to deliberate and make recommendations on policies relating to: St. Pete's energy usage, alternative energy sources, air pollution, issues related to Duke Energy, as well as climate and environmental protections, waterfront planning, habitat protection, conservation programs, recycling, and green infrastructure.

As a first order of business, this committee would be tasked with creating a Climate Action Plan, as well as suggest directions and goals for Adaptation Planning, and support community-led climate action ideas and community forums.

This Committee would also serve as a useful point of contact to work collaboratively with the many community, scientific, regulatory, and planning agencies that have an expertise or duty to address existing and emerging sea level rise and resiliency issues. Additionally, this Committee will work closely with community-led efforts.

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT: The ENRS Committee will assist the City of St. Pete in continuing our Green City legacy of leadership and make progress in our policies regarding sustainability issues.

Support Staff: Gary Cornwell, City Administrator, temporarily; a permanent liaison will be named in the near future.

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Elect officers

CM Darden Rice elected as Committee Chair; CM Karl Nurse elected as Vice-Chair

D. New Business

a. Climate Action Plan first steps

The Committee briefly discussed outcome parameters that could be achieved with a Climate Action Plan. It was noted that sea level rise was an important issue for the City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay region as a whole. The Action Plan is intended to be a long range plan, tied to ongoing and continuing public works projects, and coordinated with other Tampa Bay area municipalities and counties to achieve uniformity in plans and strategies, in part aided by the efforts of the RPC. To that end, it would be important to establish a common framework for data analysis and reporting, which could be assisted by utilizing services, software and databases available through groups such as Star Communities and ICLEI. CM Kornell pointed out that a communication strategy should be an important component of the Plan, and CM Nurse indicated that the Plan should address issues related to flooding and flood insurance premiums, as well as a means to increase energy efficiency for the city's older housing stock. It was suggested that one of the Committee liaison's first steps should be to look at what other cities have done in this area and report back to the Committee.

b. PACE projects and solar project financing

Chair Rice introduced the topic of PACE funding and asked CM Nurse to briefly explain how such programs operate. Chair Rice suggested that this topic be discussed at the next Committee meeting, beginning with a presentation by a representative who made a similar presentation to the RPC recently. The Committee agreed, and Council Administrative Officer Sheppard indicated she would work with Chair Rice to coordinate the presentation.

E. Future Meeting topics and presentations

a. Report on Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council resiliency and climate efforts

b. Report of Southeast FL Regional Climate Compact

F. Announcements: Upcoming Events

a. Solar Finance Workshop Feb 18 10am-noon/ RPC

b. March 16- DHS Tabletop Planning Exercise:
Infrastructure Resiliency to Climate Hazards at Eckerd
College (8:30- noon – confirm time?)

c. May 2015: TBRPC Energy Summit

G. Adjournment

**ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES & SUSTAINABILITY
PENDING / CONTINUING REFERRALS**

February 13,
2015

TOPIC	DATE REFERRED	REFERRED BY	RETURN DATE	STAFF RESPONSIBLE	SPECIAL NOTES
PACE projects and solar project funding	2/13/15	Rice	3/19/15		
TBRPC Resiliency and climate efforts	2/13/15	Rice	TBD		
SE Florida Regional climate impact	2/13/15	Rice	TBD		
FEMA/Flood Insurance Update Senator Brandes Flood Ins Update	2/13/15	Nurse	TBD	City - FEMA Coordinator	
Great Bay Distributors – Solar installation and federal tax credits	2/13/15	Kornell	TBD		
USF Sustainability Council – Microgrids	2/13/15	Rice	TBD		