

ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**June 10, 2008
City Hall – City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
5:30 - 7:30 pm**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes**
- II. Public Input**
- III. Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office and Commission Members**

OLD BUSINESS

- IV. Inputs on Downtown Development (601 Forest - University Village Developer)**
- V. Ann Arbor 5000 Solar Roofs Project Update (5000SR)**
- VI. Ann Arbor Energy Plan Sub-Committee Update (EPS)**
- VII. Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Finance Sub-Committee Update (ECREFS)**
- VIII. Resolution on House Bills 5548 and 5549 (David Wright)**
- IX. Green Fair Planning**

NEW BUSINESS

- X. Solar Zoning**
- XI. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- XII. Adjourn**

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Ann Arbor Energy Commission – Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2008

2nd Floor Council Chambers

City Hall 5:30-7:30 PM

Attendees: Robert Black – Commission Chair, John Hieftje – Mayor, Wayne Appleyard, Mike Delaney, Fulter Hong, Chuck Hookham, David Wright, Dina Kurz, Josh Long, Bill Verge, Stephen Miller

Support: James Peters

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April were approved.

Public Input

Boris Palmer, the Mayor of Tubingen, Germany addressed the Commission before his presentation at the Ann Arbor District Library. He commented on the creativity of Ann Arbor's LED streetlight initiative and thought Tubingen should use a similar idea. He also commented on the paradox of seeing SUV's driving under these streetlights.

Steve Bean, the Environmental Commission Chair, suggested collaboration with the Energy Commission on a number of energy-related initiatives.

Energy News

Energy Office Updates

- Andrew Brix and Dave Konkle are in Albuquerque attending the national Cities for Climate Protection Workshop.
- City Council awarded Farmers Market PV construction project to SUR Solar (low bidder) for a cost of \$53,725. This does not include the cost of the solar panels. Construction should start by June 1st and end at the end of the month.
- A team from Sandia Labs and CH2M-Hill performed Solar Site analysis on 5 City facilities. They are training Jason Bing to do more of these.
- On Monday, June 2nd, Tom Kimbus, US DOE Solar Energy Technologies Program Director will present the Solar American City signs to Mayor Hieftje during the Council meeting. There will be a photo op at the Farmers Market at 4:00 pm that day
- The Energy Office issued press releases regarding the solar-wind powered light at Buhr Park and the LED lights installed in the 4th floor conference room.
- Dave Konkle has submitted his formal retirement papers to the City of Ann Arbor. He will become retired from the City in early July.

Josh Long announced that the meteorological tower is now standing at the Chrysler Proving Grounds in Sylvan Township south of Chelsea. It is operational and daily data reports are being received.

Robert Black announced the Environmental House received a \$50,000 grant from the MPSC for home energy efficiency.

Mike Delaney announced DTE, in partnership with GE and the University of Michigan, received a \$5,000,000 grant from the MPSC to assess the feasibility of plug-in hybrid cars.

David Wright informed the Energy Commission that the House recently passed its Energy Package which is now being considered by the Senate. He urged the Commission to adopt a formal resolution (written by him) urging Governor Granholm to veto the bill if it passes. Robert Black moved the debate to the “New Business” section of the meeting.

Mayor Hieftje informed the Commission that the Michigan Climate Action Council Report was due in December. To date, there hasn't been a consensus among members to declare a 10% renewable energy goal. The Mayor also reminded the Commission of Ann Arbor's Green Fair on June 13th.

Wayne Appleyard announced that data from a center in Honolulu has identified atmospheric CO2 concentration to now be at 387 ppm and increasing at the rate of 2 ppm/year.

Old Business

5000 Solar Roofs Update –

Wayne Appleyard announced that the Energy Office now has a direct link on their website that residents can use to access information regarding their homes' or buildings' solar potential.

Energy Plan Sub-Committee Update –

Charles Hookham described the efforts to transform the energy plan from a static state to a dynamic one. The sub-committee envisions web access highlighting current projects and updates.

Stimulus Rebate –

Wayne Appleyard believes there isn't sufficient time to engage in a full-scale advertising campaign to persuade residents to use their rebate checks for energy upgrade projects. However, a suggestion was made to develop a poster identifying opportunities to be made available for the Green Fair.

ECREFS Update –

Mayor Hieftje announced he would be meeting with Senator Levine to discuss federal funding opportunities.

Josh Long suggested the Commission and relevant offices need to be ready to submit proposals for the federal block grants in case they are appropriated for the 2009 fiscal year. Jason Bing's MPSC grant could serve as a “lead-in” to similar projects on a much larger scale funded through these potential grant opportunities.

Mayor Hieftje believed that it would definitely be possible to put a municipal energy bond on the November ballot. However, he stated that work for developing the bond needs to begin now. He also stressed that the purpose of bonded money needs to be narrowly defined in order to get passed. The idea of creating a DOE-supported subcommittee to explore investment options for bonded funds was suggested.

New Business

Robert Black announced that formal presentations regarding AA Police and Courts Building and University Village will take place at the next Commission meeting.

The Commission reopened the agenda to discuss David Wright's proposed resolution urging the Governor to veto the RPS legislation passed by the House. The discussion included a brief description of the key points of the energy package, consideration of AWEA's letter to Governor Granholm and Senator Patterson urging them to veto the legislation and possible changes in the language of Commissioner Wright's proposal. The debate concluded with the Commissioners voting to postpone putting forth a resolution until the next meeting when a formal presentation will be made by the Energy Office. In the meantime, the Energy Office will send Commission members a detailed description of the entire package.

Public Input

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm