

## **ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**July 8, 2008  
City Hall – City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor  
5:30 - 7:00 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**
- 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. State Legislative Update**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- IX. Solar Zoning**
- X. Discussion of Support for H.B. 5218**
- XI. LSA Energy Theme Semester Event Planning**
- XII. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- XIII. Adjourn**

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# Ann Arbor Energy Commission – Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2008

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers

City Hall 5:30-7:30 PM

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

**Staff:** David Konkle, Andrew Brix, James Peters

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes from May were approved.

## Public Input

Christina Snyder, a local architect, spoke in support of solar zoning and resolving the tension between trees and solar energy. She also spoke in support of an energy use disclosure document to be used at the time a building is sold.

## Energy News

### *Energy Office Updates*

- The Downtown Development Authority approved a program on June 4 to fund energy savings improvements for downtown businesses and buildings.
- The Farmers Market PV panels have been installed, and a photo op was staged June 2 with Mayor Hieftje and Steve Palmeri from the U.S. Dept. of Energy.
- The City will be studying the feasibility of a wind energy installation at the Materials Recovery Facility.
- Dave is retiring in July – his last day will be July 8, which is a Commission meeting, and he will start a new job with ICLEI in the fall.

Mayor Hieftje reported on a demonstration of dimming and other remote control possibilities for the city's LED streetlights. Mayor Hieftje also noted that he will be bringing a resolution at a future meeting to recognize the DDA for their support of energy initiatives.

Jason Bing noted that Go Solar Ann Arbor would be held June 14 and that a solar oven workshop was planned for July 12.

Robert Black reported that the first Energy Challenge Awards were presented to A3C Collaborative Architecture at the June 2 City Council meeting.

## Old Business

Inputs on Downtown Development: - Dan Ketelaar and his 601 Forest project team presented information on their proposed development (formerly known as University Village). Robert Black introduced a resolution supporting 601 Forest's energy efficiency and exploration of ground source heating and cooling.

The Ann Arbor Energy Commission endorses 601 Forest in its plan for energy initiatives to gain LEED Gold certification. The Ann Arbor Energy Commission

supports 601 Forest's use of conservation, energy efficiency, daylighting, energy management, and potential onsite renewable energy (geothermal) as positive examples of new construction consistent with the future vision of the Ann Arbor Energy Plan.

The resolution passed unanimously.

5,000 Solar Roofs – Jason Bing described the solar mapping service offered by CH2MHill that is available for \$4,000/sq. mi.

Energy Plan – Chuck Hookham reported that he had circulated a draft outline, but will be too busy to continue working. Commissioners Verge, Appleyard, Black, Long, Delaney, and Hong volunteered to continue work on the plan.

- Robert Black suggested setting the end of 2008 as a deadline for completion of the plan.
- Wayne Appleyard recommended using the Energy Challenge goals as an organizing principle for the plan.
- Mayor Hieftje reinforced the emphasis on conservation and suggested an Energy Summit or town hall meeting.

Finance – Andrew Brix presented an overview of different options for using a half-mill property tax increase. After some discussion, the Commission agreed that a millage proposal demanded more attention and could be prepared for 2009. Commissioners Appleyard and Bing agreed to continue work on a millage proposal.

Resolution on HB 5548 and 5549 – David Wright brought back a revised draft of the resolution he introduced in May. After some discussion, an amendment from Mayor Hieftje was passed 6-4. After further discussion, the resolution passed 7-3.

Green Fair Planning – Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

### **New Business**

Due to time constraints, new business (including a new agenda item "Discussion of Support for H.B. 5218" was not covered.

### **Public Input**

Christina Snyder spoke again in support of preserving solar access.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm