

ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

August 12, 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. Ann Arbor Energy Plan Sub-Committee Update (EPS)
- V. Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Finance Sub-Committee Update (ECREFS)
- VI. State Legislative Update – James Peters
- VII. Discussion of Support for H.B. 5218
- VIII. DTE Rate Case – David Wright
- IX. Ann Arbor 5000 Solar Roofs Project Update (5000SR)
- X. Solar America Cities – Andrew Brix
- XI. Inputs on Downtown Development

NEW BUSINESS

- XII. Solar Access Laws
- XIII. 1Sky Campaign – www.1sky.org
- XIV. LSA Energy Theme Semester Event Planning
- XV. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum
- XVI. Adjourn

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Ann Arbor Energy Commission – Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2008

2nd 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 June were approved.

Public Input – There was no public input.

Energy News

Energy Office Updates

- Tonight was Dave Konkle's last day as Ann Arbor Energy Coordinator. Mayor Hieftje and Robert Black presented Dave with a plaque honoring his work at the City.
- The Farmers Market PV system is very close to being ready to switch on.
- A draft hydroelectric feasibility study for Argo and Geddes dams has been received by the City, which will assist the Huron River Impoundment Management Plan group in making recommendations on the future of Ann Arbor's four city-owned dams.

Wayne Appleyard reported that the Michigan Energy Fair in Onkama, MI (June 27-29) was very well-attended despite some stormy weather. Governor Granholm spoke Friday afternoon and made mention of "feed-in tariffs" (also known as renewable energy payments).

Robert Black reported that the Miles Automotive electric truck was a big success in Ann Arbor's 4th of July Parade. Robert also noted that a "Local Guide to Fuel Efficient Vehicles" has been released, suggesting that consumers are paying attention to efficiency.

Jason Bing noted that a Taste of Green Business event was scheduled for Thursday July 10 and that a solar oven workshop was planned for July 12.

Old Business

Inputs on Downtown Development: - There was no new discussion on this topic.

5,000 Solar Roofs – Andrew Brix described a new set of data that will be available soon with City's online solar potential tool.

Energy Plan – There was discussion of tasks and deadlines, which produced the following outcomes:

- The Plan should be substantially complete by the end of 2008

- The following writing assignments were made (due September unless noted):
 - Introduction: Chuck Hookham
 - Conservation (Transportation): Brix, Long
 - Conservation (Existing Buildings): Black, Bing, Appleyard, Long
 - Conservation (New Development): Black, Hookham, Verge
 - Renewables (All): Wright + above per section (due October)
 - Tools: Kurz, Hong

Dina Kurz mentioned that the Blossom EcoCircle group would be holding an "Action Summit" sometime in spring of 2009. Several commissioners commented that this would be a good event at which to unveil the completed Energy Plan.

Finance – Jason Bing stated that he would take more of a lead on financing as he starts work on a grant from the MPSC. Robert Black mentioned an MPSC grant for Pay-As-You-Save financing that may have begun. Dave Konkle reported that the DDA's energy conservation program is accepting applications through September and has been linked in with the Rebuild Michigan program. Robert Black asked about next steps for a possible energy millage.

State Legislative Update – James Peters presented an update on Renewable Portfolio Standard legislation, which passed the State Senate early in the morning of June 28. Several comments were made to the effect that the RPS would not be effective, and that renewable energy payments (a.k.a. feed-in tariffs) are needed to establish a strong renewables industry in Michigan.

Other Old Business – Dave Konkle briefly mentioned that testimony was due soon in the DTE Rate Case and that the Ann Arbor Solar America Cities Partnership had met Monday.

New Business

Solar Zoning – Robert Black presented the concept of solar zoning and brought several methods by which it can be enacted. Dave Konkle commented that this will be part of the Solar America Cities project, Mayor Hieftje suggested starting to work with Planning, and Josh Long wondered if downtown is the right place to be trying to install solar.

Discussion of Support for H.B. 5218 – A draft letter to Governor Granholm was presented by Robert Black. After a brief discussion, it was decided to send the letter with minor edits.

LSA Energy Theme Semester – This item was skipped, and Andrew Brix stated he would open a discussion over email.

Public Input – There was no public input.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm