

ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

January 13, 2009

**Washtenaw County Administration Building, 220 N. Main St.
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
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**
- IV. UM Student Project Update**
- V. Energy Futures Film Festival Update**
- VI. Michigan Saves Pilot Program**
- VII. State Legislative Update**
- VIII. Energy Plan Sub-Committee Update – and Outreach Plan Discussion**
- IX. Energy Conservation and Renewables Finance Sub-Committee Update**
- X. DTE Rate Case Update**
- XI. 5000 Solar Roofs Project Update**
- XII. Solar America Cities Update**
- XIII. Solar Access Zoning**
- XIV. Resolution to Replace Two Coal Plants with Conservation and Renewables**
- XV. Environmental Commission Update – David Wright**
- XVI. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- XVII. Adjourn**

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Ann Arbor Energy Commission – Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2008

2nd Floor Council Chambers

City Hall 5:30-7:30 PM

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

Staff: Andrew Brix, James Peters

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November were approved.

Public Input – There was no public input.

Energy News

Energy Office Updates

- The Michigan Public Service Commission is holding an Advanced Renewable Tariff Workshop on Dec. 17, with information available at www.michigan.gov/mpsc.
- Energy Challenge Awards applications are available online at www.a2gov.org/energy.
- Staff is meeting Monday with a wind turbine manufacturer to explore an installation at a city facility.
- Energy Commission meetings are now available for viewing online at a2govtv.pegcentral.com. Select 'Energy Commission' from the drop-down menu.
- The downtown LED lighting conversion now more than halfway completed, with over 600 of 1100 lights retrofitted. Staff is working with DTE to expand the LED streetlight project beyond downtown.

UM Student Project Update

Andrew Brix presented information on wind energy installations in Michigan as background to the UM student study; wind is expected to be a key contributor to a potential 100% renewable energy scenario.

Energy Futures Film Festival

Robert Black discussed the impetus for launching a film competition and festival modeled after the Huron River Watershed Council's Millers Creek Film Festival. The project team will be meeting next week and launching the competition in January.

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Energy Fund

Robert Black noted that he is soliciting feedback on how to further promote the Community Foundation's Energy Fund. Information on donating is available at www.aaacf.org.

Old Business

State Legislative Update: James Peters reported that the next legislative session will start on January 14 with eight new members on the House Energy and Technology Committee,

and also noted that the Wind Energy Resource Board members have been announced (including commissioner David Wright).

Energy Plan Update: Josh Long asked about using the internet to solicit feedback from residents. Robert Black may write an 'Other Voices' column for the Ann Arbor News. Jason Bing brought up the idea of a survey of parents through the Ann Arbor Public Schools, and will work with Nate Ayers of Burns Park Green to put something together.

Finance Subcommittee: Robert Black asked for a more detailed update in January, and commissioners debated the need to audit more homes to promote 'deeper' energy efficiency versus a 'triage' approach that could address more low-cost measures more quickly and immediately.

Transportation Forum Planning: Dina Kurz is waiting on staff to provide contact info for key personnel.

DTE Rate Case: The MPSC is currently deliberating, so there is no ruling yet.

Solar America Cities and 5,000 Solar Roofs: The city's Online Solar Potential Tool was nominated for an award from GLREA. A PV installer training class was held at Washtenaw Community College in November. Staff, Clean Energy Coalition and the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Energy Institute submitted a proposal for a MAP project to the UM Ross School of Business to assist with marketing solar in Ann Arbor. Meetings are scheduled with Washtenaw County Road Commission and the Florida Solar Energy Center to discuss solar site assessments and solar for disaster preparedness, respectively.

Solar Access Zoning: This item was skipped due to a lack of time.

No Coal Resolution: There was a lively discussion on Robert Black's proposed resolution, including the following comments:

- Chuck Hookham raised concerns around voltage drop, the improved efficiency of new coal plants, and the general language of the resolution
- John Hieftje corrected the 'millions' in the first 'Whereas' clause to 'billions', and offered support for a possible title change to soften the phrase 'eliminate the need'.
- Bill Verge emphasized the Commission's role in raising awareness and downplayed the need to sweat the details in this resolution.
- Steve Miller requested clarification on which parts of the world are leading the way on renewables and suggested this resolution needs to be positively framed.
- Dina Kurz suggested that the current title, with 'eliminate the need to burn coal' gives the right message.
- Commissioners Long, Appleyard, and Black also voiced their support for the concept of the resolution, with some edits being acceptable or desirable.

There was general support to continue work on the resolution with commissioners Appleyard, Long, and Hookham leading, and a revised draft circulated by Christmas.

New Business

New Commission Chair: Discussion will be held over email and at Task Force meetings.

Environmental Commission Update: David Wright announced that Matt Naud (city Environmental Coordinator) is soliciting comments on a draft Anti-Idling Ordinance. Comments should be submitted to mnaud@a2gov.org before the end of December.

Public Input – There was no additional public input.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm