

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

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**April 10, 2007**  
**City Council Chambers – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall**

**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. Update on Ann Arbor Energy Award Program – Jason Bing**
- V. Should the Ann Arbor Energy Plan be Updated ? Who has the time?**
- VI. Earth Day Planning**
- VII. Future Meeting Planning**
- VIII. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- IX. Adjourn**

#### **Energy Commission Cable Viewing Times:**

Tuesday, April 10th at 5:30 p.m. - LIVE

Replays: Wednesday, 4/11 at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, 4/12 at 10:00 a.m.

Visit <http://www.a2gov.org/energy/> to learn more about Ann Arbor's Energy Programs

## **ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2007**

Council Chambers  
City Hall 5:30-7:30 PM

**Attendees:** Robert Black – Chair, Wayne Appleyard, Bill Verge, Kurt Brandle, Paul Ganz, Stephen Miller, David Wright, John Hieftje – Mayor Staff Support David Konkle, Andrew Brix

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for February were approved.

### **Public Input**

None

### **Energy News**

Dave Konkle reported that the City and U o M were working with Think Energy to release a proposal for the purchase of renewable energy certificates.

The City is partnering with Unisolar and the DDA to apply for a \$50,000 Large Scale Photovoltaic Grant for the Farmer's Market.

The City has formed a team to begin to work on the DTE Energy special contract proposal for the purchase of Green Energy.

Ann Arbor Cable Television Network is planning to produce a series of three show on energy and welcomes Energy Commission help and ideas.

Jason Bing was not present because he was working on the Remodel Green Midwest conference to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Ganz stated that DTE had communicated with the neighborhood that appeared at the last Energy Commission meeting that was having the ongoing electric problems and they are working to repair them.

Steve Miller pointed out that in Texas, wind development is strong and the Texas Public Service Commission is spreading the cost for all transmission upgrades necessary across all rate payers. Michigan should consider doing the same to attract investment and jobs.

### **Energy Star – “Energy Sense” Contest, Sean Reed**

Sean Reed from Clean Energy Coalition gave a presentation on the “Energy Sense” contest just starting in Ann Arbor. The contest winner will get up to \$10,000 in energy improvements on their house. Info can be found at <http://www.cec-mi.org/contest/index.htm>

### **Green Building Plan – PMA Consultants, Dax Ponce de Leon**

Dax Ponce de Leon, representing PMA Consultants, gave a presentation on their new building “Tierra on Ashley”, currently under construction at 200 S. Ashley in Ann Arbor. The building is going to try to get LEED Platinum designation and will feature energy efficiency and renewable energy.

### **Renewable Energy Marketing Program Update – 5,000 Solar Roofs**

Angela Flood, an intern with Dave Konkle and a graduate student in the U of M Business School, updated members on her efforts to create a marketing plan for 5,000 Solar Roofs.

### **Feed In Tariffs to Promote Renewable Energy – Paul Gipe**

Paul Gipe, who worked with Ontario, Canada to get their renewable energy program up and running, gave a presentation on “feed-in tariffs” which is a financial mechanism that sets variable tariffs based on energy source and location such that all energy sources cost the same. In the countries where this has been implemented, it has been much more successful than renewable portfolio standards in attracting businesses and jobs and getting renewables built. More info can be found on Paul’s web site

<http://www.wind-works.org/>

### **Earth Day Planning**

Ann Arbor’s annual Earth Day Festival will be on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. The Energy Commission has been invited to set up a display. Robert said he would try to organize something.

### **Future Meeting Planning**

Time ran out once again before this topic could be discussed.

**Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm