

ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**October 9, 2007
City Hall - City Council Chambers 2nd Floor
5:30 – 7:30 pm**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of September Minutes**
- II. Public Input**
- III. Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office, and Commission Members**
- IV. Presentation from Dream Farm - Joshua and Mel Barclay**
- V. Solar Cities Update**
- VI. Ann Arbor Energy Award Program – Jason Bing, Andrew Brix**
- VII. Renewable Energy Certificate Purchase Recommendation**
- VIII. Support for Michigan Feed-In Tariff (HB-No. 5218) – David Wright**
- IX. 5,000 Solar Roofs – Update**
- X. Ann Arbor Energy Plan Update Project**
- XI. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- XII. Adjourn**

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ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2007
2nd Floor Council Chambers
City Hall 5:30-7:30 PM

Attendees: Robert Black – Chair, Wayne Appleyard, Stephen Miller, David Wright, Paul Ganz, Chuck Hookham, Jason Bing, John Hieftje; Guests: Tony D'Alecy, Katy Bellairs, Andy Brown, Michael Ford, Loch McCabe, Tim Nagae, Don Pelz, Stephen Price, Rick Richter, Gary ____; Staff Support: Andrew Brix

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from August were approved.

Public Input

Don Pelz expressed his interest in organizing neighborhood carbon-reduction teams using the Empowerment Institute's "Low Carbon Diet" program.

Loch McCabe described some other energy initiatives around the state, including the Wind Symposium at MSU.

Rick Richter explained his plans to install renewable energy at his home on Morningside Drive.

Michael Ford of ChooseRenewables introduced himself and his company to the Commission.

Stephen Price expressed his desire to install renewable energy at the Rudolf Steiner School and to work on net metering issues and a possible Ann Arbor municipal electric utility.

Gary described the difficulties of conserving heating energy in apartments that share a thermostat and suggested a code change to require separate thermostats in every apartment.

Energy News

Andrew Brix reported that Dave Konkle was not present tonight because he is attending the Sundance Summit to receive an award for the City's LED Lighting Program. Solar Cities kick-off meeting is Friday, and contracts are expected to arrive shortly. Farmers' Market Solar meeting was held, and City applied for a \$6,000 grant from the State Energy Office to pay for an educational exhibit. The Energy Office is preparing an RFP for a study of City dams' hydroelectric potential. Construction is underway on the solar hot water system at Fire Station #1. Also, Dave will be speaking at UM Energy Day, September 19.

Jason Bing announced that the annual Solar Tour will take place October 6, and said additional sites can still be added.

Bill Verge reported that UM's Central Campus Energy Fest took place earlier today and will be at North Campus on Thursday.

John Hieftje described a 20MW solar installation in Sault Ste. Marie.

Paul Ganz distributed a packet of several DTE news releases, including news of the DTE Energy Foundation's award of \$1.5 million to the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Energy Institute.

EcoSense

Tim Nagae from CTN introduced himself and explained the EcoSense show, which will explore environmental issues in Ann Arbor, with the first two shows focusing on the Energy Challenge. The opening five minutes of the first show were previewed. The premiere will be Sunday evening.

Renewable Energy Certificate Bid Results

Andrew presented an overview of the bid for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) that was released by Think Energy on the City's behalf, including details on three "short list" vendors that were interviewed by City staff and Energy Commissioners. A lively discussion followed on the merits of RECs versus other renewable energy investments.

David Wright and Stephen Miller suggested the City's time and money would be better spent on other efforts, while Bill Verge and Wayne Appleyard emphasized that a REC purchase is one of very few options that are available right now. John pointed out that it would be necessary to educate City Council before bringing them a recommendation to purchase RECs.

It was decided that a task force be formed of Wayne, Bill, and Robert Black to bring a recommendation back to the October meeting on how to proceed.

5000 Solar Roofs

Katy Bellairs and Andy Brown presented the process and results of their Ann Arbor solar roof inventory, which shows 86% of Ann Arbor's 27,000 single-family homes to be solar-capable. They then recommended several possible next steps, including an online solar map modeled after San Francisco's and a step-by-step guide for homeowners.

Update on Ann Arbor Energy Award Program

Jason moved to send Council an Informational Item with the completed program description, and the motion passed unanimously.

Solar Cities Update

Andrew reported that the contract documents should be arriving from DOE within a week and that a kickoff meeting with project partners is planned for Friday.

Public Input

Tony D'Alecy, a local solar installer, stated his preference for tangible programs like an online solar map or a solar benefit program for City employees.

Loch McCabe expressed frustration with the Commission's indecision on Renewable Energy Certificates.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm