

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

**November 13, 2007**

**City Hall - City Council Chambers 2nd Floor**

**5:30 – 6:45 pm**

**(shorter meeting – council work session immediately following)**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Approval of October Minutes**
- II. Public Input**
- III. Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office, and Commission Members**
- IV. Council Working Session Update**
- V. Solar Cities Update**
- VI. Sustainable Energy Finance District Discussion – Wayne Appleyard**
- VII. Ann Arbor Energy Award Program Update**
- VIII. 5,000 Solar Roofs – Update**
- IX. Ann Arbor Energy Plan Update Project**
- X. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- XI. Adjourn**

**Energy Commission members are invited to remain after meeting for Energy Commission presentation to Council on “Green Energy Challenge – Progress Report”**

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

**Shown Live on CTN Chanel 16 – Wednesday 11/14 at 10:00 am and Sunday 11/19 at 2:00 pm**

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## **ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES October 9, 2007**

2nd Floor Council Chambers

City Hall 5:30-8:30 PM

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from September were approved.

### **Public Input**

Wayne Say from “208 Group”

### **Energy News**

Ann Arbor 5,000 Solar Roofs Program was highlighted in an international magazine, “Renewable Energy World”.

The Ann Arbor Fire Station solar hot water system is installed and running. It is the first solar on a fire station in Michigan.

City Council agenda for October 15<sup>th</sup> includes approving acceptance of the Solar America City grant and the CMAQ Biofuel Station Grant.

Ann Arbor’s LED lights and renewable energy challenge was featured on Fox 2 Detroit’s environmental report.

EcoSense 2, the second in a series of energy education shows on PBS features Mayor Hieftje and Dave Konkle and highlights Ann Arbor’s energy programs.

A report by Bob Marins on energy efficiency attitudes at the University of Michigan has been completed.

### **Presentation from Dream Farm - Joshua and Mel Barclay**

The Barclays gave a presentation on their low-energy home called Dream Farm. They are using energy efficiency, biodiesel, solar water heating and solar electricity. They complained about difficulties with DTE interconnection rules and lack of true net metering.

### **Solar Cities Update**

A Kick-Off Celebration is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>. Energy Commission members will be invited.

### **Update on Ann Arbor Energy Award Program**

Andrew Brix gave a presentation on the program that has now gone live with applications being accepted on-line at [www.a2gov.org/energy](http://www.a2gov.org/energy). Energy Commission members will be asked to review applications and choose award winners.

## **Renewable Energy Certificate Purchase Recommendation**

The task force members, Wayne, Bill, and Robert Black provided a recommendation to purchase 4,000 MWh of Michigan based RECs from Choose Renewables for a cost of \$19,000. After much discussion the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution to recommend that the City purchase 4,000 MWh of RECs from Choose Renewables for \$19,000 (\$4.74/MWh) as the best option available today to demonstrate Ann Arbor's commitment to moving to renewable energy. The Energy Commission will continue to explore developing options for future renewable energy purchases.**

**4 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain PASSED**

## **Support for Michigan Feed-In Tariff (HB-No. 5218) – David Wright**

The merits of the Feed-In Tariff bill proposed by Representative Law to require the utilities to purchase renewable energy generated at a price that would make them economically competitive were discussed. Some members supported it as following in the successful footsteps of Germany and Ontario. Other members felt it was just a bad way to encourage renewables and others felt that the numbers used for the purchase of renewables were too high and needed adjustment. This discussion ran past the normal end time of 7:30 pm. Members agreed to extend the meeting. Mayor Hieftje had to leave for another appointment. Two resolutions were proposed:

**Resolution to support House Bill No 5218 for Feed-In Tariffs to encourage renewable energy development in Michigan.**

**4 no, 2 yes, 1 abstain DEFEATED**

**Resolution to support the concept of House Bill No 5218 for Feed-In Tariffs to encourage renewable energy development in Michigan and recommend that the Michigan legislature seriously explore the potential of this concept to bring jobs and industry to Michigan and make Michigan a leader in renewable energy.**

**4 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain PASSED**

**Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm