

ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**January 8, 2008
City Hall - City Council Chambers 2nd Floor
5:30 – 7:30 pm**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of December Minutes**
- II. Public Input**
- III. Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office, and Commission Members**
- IV. Planning for a Renewable Energy Presentation, Hylan C. Moises, PhD
North Star Financial Consultants**
- V. State of the Environment Report – Matt Naud & Mickey Aldridge** Energy Commissioners are encouraged to review the draft language found at:
http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems_planning/Environment/soe07/Pages/default.aspx
Look for the sections on “Stable Climate” and “Sustainable Energy” and be sure to check the items in top left of these pages. Matt wants your feedback on this.
- VI. Green Energy Purchase Update**
- VII. Ann Arbor Energy Plan Sub-Committee Update (EPS)**
- VIII. Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Finance Sub-Committee Update (ECREFS)**
- IX. Police & Courts Building Review**
- X. Ann Arbor Energy Challenge Award Program Update**
- XI. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- XII. Adjourn**

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ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2007

2nd Floor Council Chambers

City Hall 5:30-7:30 PM

Attendees: Robert Black – Chair, Wayne Appleyard, David Wright, Paul Ganz, Steve Miller, Jason Bing, Fulter Hong, Chuck Hookham, Bill Verge, Josh Long, John Hieftje – Mayor
Guests: Barbara Lucas, and Jeff Krcmarik from Washtenaw County Planning Staff
Support: David Konkle, Andrew Brix

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November were approved.

Energy News

Dave Konkle reported that the ownership of the landfill gas collection system will be reverting from DTE Biomass to the City of Ann Arbor on January 1, 2008. Staff is making sure contracts are in place for the continued operation of the landfill gas-to-energy system for the new year.

The City of Ann Arbor has been awarded an “Inspiring Energy Efficiency Award” from the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance” for our many years of leadership.

The annual GLREA meeting was held in Ann Arbor at the Leopold Brothers Brewery. The meeting was standing room only.

Paul Ganz provided handouts describing DTE’s efforts in Michigan wind projects and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

County Energy Video Review – Barbara Lucas and Jeff Krcmarik showed there latest energy videos, two 15 second “spots” and a portion of a 12 minute video based on the Energy Star Home Grant’s “Energy Makeover Contest”. People are encouraged to find uses for the videos.

Community Foundation Energy Fund Report – Robert reminded Commissioners and the TV viewing audience that there is an Energy Fund housed in the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation that distributes funds to encourage sustainable energy use. The fund was established by generous donations from Michigan Consolidated Gas. New donations are encouraged and offer tax incentives. Dave Konkle reported that the current balance of the fund was down to \$3388.74. The use of these funds is through programs approved by the Energy Commission.

Upcoming Energy Legislation in Michigan – James Peters (Energy Office Intern)

James Peters presented the Energy Legislative Package Introduced by Rep. Accavitti. This package includes 8 bills tied together that address the sale of utility owned power plants, allow utilities to recoup expenditures while constructing approved power generating facilities, lower electric rates for large costumers and raise residential rates, greatly limit customer choice for electric suppliers, create an energy efficiency program and establish a renewable portfolio standard in Michigan.

Ann Arbor Energy Plan Update

The Energy Plan Sub-Committee has held a couple of morning meetings. They have been working a a draft goal, *“Reduce the long-term economic and environmental impact of energy consumption.”* The suggested outline for the plan includes:

1. Reduce Energy Consumption (Conservation and Efficiency)
2. Reduce Impact (Renewables)
3. Tools (Partnerships, Promotion, Funding)

Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Finance Sub-Committee Update

This committee has held several meetings. Robert gave a presentation on the possible funding local sources for renewables they have discussed. These included:

1. Finance District -- *Special Assessment?*
2. Utility Funded -- *DTE-Financed PAYS?*
3. State of Michigan -- *Explore ideas...*
4. Energy Fund (AAACF) -- *More outreach*
5. Municipal Bonds -- *Low-interest loan/rebate?*
6. 3rd Party “PAYS” -- *Performance contract*
7. Low-Interest Loans -- *Work with local banks*
8. New Dev’t Charge -- *Like street trees escrow*
9. Gala Event Fundraiser -- *a la GLREA*

Dave Konkle reported that high-level City staff will be reviewing these possibilities in a meeting later in December. He will report back in January

Police & Courts Building Review – Time ran out so this item was postponed until January.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm