

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

**February 12, 2008  
City Hall - City Council Chambers 2nd Floor  
5:30 – 7:30 pm**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Approval of January Minutes**
- II. Public Input**
- III. Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office, and Commission Members**
- IV. Wind Catcher Presentation - Dilip Nigam, Analytical Design Service Corp**
- V. Ann Arbor Energy Challenge Award Program Update**
- 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. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- X. Adjourn**

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

**January 8, 2008**

2nd Floor Council Chambers

City Hall 5:30-7:30 PM

**Attendees:** Wayne Appleyard- Acting Chair, David Wright, Steve Miller, Jason Bing, Fulter Hong, Josh Long, John Hieftje – Mayor Support: David Konkle, Andrew Brix

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from December were approved.

### **Energy News**

Dave Konkle reported that the new Federal Energy Act of 2007 contains a provision for \$2 billion for an “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program” to be operated by municipal governments. Funding for 2008 is not available but may be available for 2009.

The City received 4 responses for its Hydro-Electric Feasibility Analysis bid to examine the City's four dams. These will be reviewed in the near future.

**Planning for a Renewable Energy Presentation, Hylan C. Moises, PhD North Star Financial Consultants** North Star will be hosting a financial seminar in partnership with Calvert Funds on the “Future and Economics of Alternative Energy”. The seminar will be at Webers Inn on February 20 from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

### **State of the Environment Report – Matt Naud & Mickey Aldridge**

Energy Commissioners were shown the on-line State of the Environment Report and encouraged to provide input and feedback, especially for the sections on “Stable Climate” and “Sustainable Energy”. The report can be found at

[http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems\\_planning/Environment/soe07/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems_planning/Environment/soe07/Pages/default.aspx)

### **Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Finance Sub-Committee Update**

In response to questions raised at the December Energy Commission meeting a group of high-level City staff including the Finance Director, Treasurer, Public Services Director and representative from the City Attorneys Office met to discuss the viability of various ideas for financing energy efficiency and renewable energy in Ann Arbor. Ideas discussed included:

Pay as You Save – this has been explored and there remain legal issues  
Municipal Bonds - possible mechanism, need well defined program up front  
Finance Districts - perhaps a better mechanism would be “Lot Assessments”.  
Special Use Districts or other new development charges - this could work for new development

Other ideas included requiring energy audits at the point of sale of buildings, lobbying for State legislation and tax incentives.

**Police & Courts Building Review**

Andrew Brix provided information on the design of the proposed Police and Courts facility. Commissioners raised questions on the City considering building a new facility that does not meet the 2010 30% renewable energy goal adopted by City Council.

**Ann Arbor Energy Plan Update**

The concept of moving forward with a new Energy Plan in a more formal way was discussed. It was proposed that, similar to the City's Non-Motorized Plan process that a professional planning consultant be hired by the City and supervised by the Energy Commission. This consultant would be sure to seek community engagement in the process and assist the Energy Commission in preparing a draft and final plan. It was the sense of the Commission that this would be a long process that would cost \$50,000 or more. Members felt that they would prefer to continue with the informal process for the time being.

**Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm