

## ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

### AGENDA

- I. Approval of March Minutes
- II. Public Input
- III. Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office, and Commission Members
- IV. Washtenaw Wind Project Update – Josh Long
- V. **Architecture 2030 for City Buildings – Wayne Appleyard**  
*In response to global warming, Architecture 2030 is calling for all new projects to reduce energy consumption 50%, and new buildings to be 'carbon neutral' by 2030.*
- VI. Downtown Development Premiums – Recommendation to A2D2 Planning Group
- VII. Police and Courts Building – Recommendation to Council
- VIII. Energy Audits at Time of Sale – Grant application submitted
- IX. Energy Bond (Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Finance Sub-Committee Update)
- X. Federal Economic Stimulus Rebate – Campaign to invest funds in renewables/energy efficiency
- XI. Earth Day 2008 – Planning, Citizen’s Action Guide?
- XII. Ann Arbor Energy Plan Sub-Committee Update (EPS)
- XIII. Other Business / Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum
- XIV. Adjourn

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

**March 11, 2008**

2nd Floor Council Chambers

City Hall 5:30-7:30 PM

**Attendees:** Robert Black-Chair, Wayne Appleyard, David Wright, Fulter Hong, Josh Long, Bill Verge, Steve Miller, John Hieftje – Mayor Support: David Konkle, Andrew Brix

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from February were approved.

### **Energy News**

Building a new coal plant will be more difficult as several major banks have announced their hesitance due to uncertainty about future federal regulation. Additionally, federal aid for rural U.S. coal plants has been suspended.

The Farmers Market Solar project RFP has been released and bids are due to the city April 3.

Through the Rebuild Michigan program, the City received free energy audits at ten of its facilities. The next step will be to choose improvements for implementation from those identified in the audits.

The City has signed a contract with Stantec to evaluate hydroelectric potential at Argo and Geddes dams in conjunction with the city's HRIMP project.

City Hall's fourth floor workroom will soon receive an LED light makeover to demonstrate new technology.

The solar water heater project at Fire Station #1 is now complete with an educational exhibit up and running at the Hands-On Museum next door.

### **New Police and Courts Building**

Ken Clein of Quinn Evans Architects presented the latest plans for the new Police and Courts building (and City Hall renovations), including the fact that the building is estimated to perform 21% better than ASHRAE standards and the possibility of a 56 kW photovoltaic system that could cost \$400,000 to \$500,000. The Commission made several suggestions for standards the project might strive to meet and agreed to return to Quinn Evans with recommendations on energy efficiency and renewable energy components.

### **Presentation on University Village**

Connie Brown of Integrated Architecture described the University Village project at S. University and Church St., including modeling of different building massings and shading options. The project is expected to house 1,400 students and achieve LEED-Gold certification with the possible inclusion of a geothermal heating and cooling system.

**Downtown Development Premiums**

Wendy Rampson from the City's Systems Planning unit described the development premiums proposed as part of the A2D2 downtown rezoning project and asked for the Commission's input on an energy component. A subcommittee was assembled and it was agreed to prepare a recommendation over the next two weeks.

**Federal Economic Stimulus Rebate**

It was agreed that the Commission should prepare a package of recommendations that residents can reference as they choose how to spend their federal stimulus check.

**Earth Day 2008**

Ann Arbor's Earth Day event is April 27. A subcommittee was chosen to organize the Commission's presence at the event.

**Green Energy Purchase Update – New Goals for Renewable Energy Purchase/Development**

David Wright suggested that the Commission refocus its efforts on a direct renewable energy purchase. Steve Miller stated that he would prefer the Commission direct its efforts toward updating codes and standards.

**DTE Rate Case Update**

Dave Konkle announced that after one round of discovery, DTE has re-filed its rate case and so there will be a delay while the process gets back underway.

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