

ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION - MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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November 14, 2006
City Council Chambers – 2nd floor of City Hall

5:30 – 7:30 pm

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes**
- II. Public Input**
- III. Energy Report - Energy News from the Energy Office, and Commission Members**

What's Happening Outside of Ann Arbor

- IV. Presentation by Jennifer Alvarado, Chairperson of the Renewable Energy Committee of the Michigan 21st Century Energy Plan, Director of the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association**
- V. Presentation by John Sarver, Michigan Energy Office**
- VI. Presentation by Anthony VanDerworp, Washtenaw County Environment and Planning**
- VII. Ongoing Issues**
 - a. Energy Efficiency Update**
 - b. Wind Power Update**
 - c. 5,000 Solar Roofs Update**
 - d. Carbon Neutral Challenge**
 - e. Community Awareness Program Development**
- VIII. Other Business/Public Input – Limited to 10 minutes maximum**
- IX. Adjourn**

ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2006

Council Chambers
City Hall 5:30-7:00 PM

Attendees: Wayne Appleyard, Robert Black, Charles Hookham, Jason Bing, Bill Verge, Erica Briggs, Stephen Miller, and David Wright. Staff Support – Andrew Brix Guests: Tio Fallen

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for September were approved with a spelling correction.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Energy News

Wayne Appleyard gave an update on the 21st Century Energy Plan and noted that comments could still be submitted (with Appleyard and Wright coordinating).

Robert Black informed the Commission that DTE's renewables program had been rejected by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and must be resubmitted by March 30, 2007.

Andrew Brix announced that Ann Arbor had been selected to receive a \$6,000 grant to install solar water heating on Fire Station #1 with an educational component next door at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

Jason Bing thanked participants in the National Solar Tour and announced a day of 'Intro to Renewables' seminars at the EnHouse November 4 from 9:00am-5:00pm (details at www.glrea.org).

Erica Briggs gave an update on the City's Comprehensive Nonmotorized Plan, which was presented at Planning Commission last week and will be reviewed again (after revisions) in two weeks.

Green Energy Plan Update

Robert Black provided some information on the Green Energy planning to-date as background for the following discussion on Green Energy Purchasing.

Green Energy Purchase Update

Sub-committee members outlined their proposed recommendations to Council, including:

- Purchase lowest-cost, national Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) now
- Set percentage goals for renewables through 2010
- Continue to pursue local renewables over the medium- and long-term

A lively discussion followed, during which the following points were raised:

- Buying RECs at an additional cost forces more difficult questions about the best place to spend money to effect positive change
- A rule change is needed from the MPSC to allow more flexibility in purchasing electricity from different suppliers.

Ongoing Issues

Robert Black updated the Commission on the status of the County's wind power initiative, which is in the process of hiring a consultant to guide the wind testing process.

Wayne Appleyard gave an update on the '5000 Solar Roofs' initiative and Jason Bing announced that he had an intern and a group of Mechanical Engineering graduate students (present in the audience) who would be working on a 'canopy study' to determine the potential for solar energy in Ann Arbor.

Wayne Appleyard challenged the members of the Energy Commission and City Council to 'go carbon neutral', explaining that the cost was comparable to cable.

Robert Black announced that Dave Konkle was hiring an intern to develop a Community Awareness Program for the Green Energy Challenge. The intern will work with Dave Konkle, City Planner Wendy Rampson, and Commissioner Erica Briggs.

Other Business/Public Input

Tio Fallen, a member of the Canopy Study team, offered to help with the Community Awareness Program.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm