



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes Energy Commission

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

6:00 PM City Hall, 301 E. Huron St. 2nd Floor Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Appleyard called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Charles Hookham, Wayne Appleyard, John Hieftje, Diane Kurz, Kenneth J. Wadland, Brigit Macomber, Mike Shriberg, Mark Clevey, Erik Eibert, and Elizabeth Gibbons

Absent: 2 - David A. Wright, and Shoshannah Lenski

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously on a voice vote

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved unanimously on a voice vote

14-0234

Energy Commission Minutes for January 14, 2014

Attachments: Energy Commission Minutes 1-14-14.pdf

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None

ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

Geisler: Second 2014 Sustainable Ann Arbor forum tomorrow (2/12) at 7 PM at the downtown library (focus on Healthy Ecosystems); Investment Crowdfunding Bill (264) passed at the state, opening things up for possible community solar; Michigan Energy Fair June 27-28 Ingham Co. Fairgrounds in Mason - info at www.glrea.org; Ann Arbor Earth Day 4/27 from noon to 4 PM at Leslie Science Center (Commissioners Shriberg and Kurz volunteering to help table); March 31st Alliance to Save Energy (ASE) event will be at Blau Auditorium at the Business School. City working with Detroit Public TV to highlight energy work in Ann Arbor for the event. Mayor Hieftje has signed ASE's 2030 pledge to double energy productivity by 2030.

Appleyard: Last year was record high for global greenhouse gas emissions (50% higher than 1990 emissions); China installed more solar last year than any country in any year (12 gigawatts); Strong wind currents in the Pacific

have allowed more heat to be absorbed recently in the oceans (to explain surface temperatures not reaching as high of levels or a continuous increase as predicted with climate change).

Community Climate Partnership Update - Monica Patel (Ecology Center)

Monica Patel (Ecology Center): Began organizing on the 350.org global day of action. We have been working with the City, local foundations, and local stakeholders to set up the "CCP" to help implement the Climate Action Plan. More than 80 actions in the Plan. Two models for CAP implementation ("Berkeley" and "Boston") - former more community driven and the latter more municipal administration driven. Since a small fraction of Ann Arbor emissions are governmental, it made sense that community model is necessary. A key point: the CCP is not meant to duplicate efforts. Should add value to ongoing projects and help new projects get underway.

Structure of the CCP: Working Group > Priority Teams > Community Igniters. Looking for participants in a wide array of expertise areas. Looking to recruit people now. CCP will be part of the March Sustainability Forum.

Gibbons asked about how community engagement will work with the CCP. Patel stated that town halls will be held to report out to the whole community on progress and get input (the library forum will be the first). Rather than create a process for many more meetings, emphasis has been on prioritizing efforts before going out with quarterly town halls. Shriberg noted that once priorities are decided for specific actions, that is when it is best to engage the community on how to move things to action.

Eibert asked about why Berkeley model was chosen over Boston model. Patel responded that our community is very engaged - it was largely driven on instinct and fact that emissions inventory is mostly community-level items where City can still have a critical role. The size of our community (compared with a larger city) also lends itself to a more community-oriented model (Appleyard).

Macomber asked about numerical targets (during, and after). Patel said that is the hope (a dashboard), but measuring can be very difficult.

Energy Disclosure Ordinance Resolution

Commissioner Macomber read the resolution into the record.

The definition for energy disclosure will be fleshed out in the memorandum accompanying the resolution.

Commissioners asked clarification questions and made edits to language.

Topic of cost-benefit and staffing implications were discussed (based on experiences of other cities).

A2 Kilowatt Crack-down challenge going on (local architects using DDA space), and is a good parallel effort that can inform Portfolio Manager benchmarking in the broader community (Appleyard).

A motion to adopt the resolution with changes discussed was moved by

Commissioner Clevey and seconded by Commissioner Macomber. Motion passed unanimously.

14-0370

Resolution Recommending Ann Arbor City Council Direct the Development of a Commercial Building Energy Benchmarking and Disclosure Ordinance

Attachments: Energy Benchmarking and Disclosure - Benefit Studies.pdf, IMT Estimated Energy Savings Memo - Ann Arbor.pdf

Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded to the City Clerk due back on 3/17/2014

Enactment No: R-14-094

Community Energy Efficiency Resources Resolution

Commissioner Appleyard read the resolution into the record.

Added staffing would help implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

Commissioners discussed language edits. Transportation sector emissions discussed, especially on the limits to impact travel through and beyond city limits. Specific changes made to discussion on non-motorized travel and emissions. Approach to resolution was emphasizing restoring additional staff for the Energy Office.

A motion to approve the resolution as amended was moved by Commissioner Clevey and seconded by Commissioner Kurz. Motion passed unanimously.

14-0415

Resolution Recommending Staff Resourcing for Community Energy Efficiency

Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Appointments (Chair, Vice Chair, Environmental Commission)

Desire for a transition plan discussed given the Mayor's departure in November.

Commissioner Kurz made a motion to keep Commissioner Appleyard as Chair of the Energy Commission and the liaison from this Commission to sit on the Environmental Commission, and that Commissioner Clevey be appointed Vice Chair for the next year. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Solar

MPSC is convening a work group to revisit solar programs for utilities, including looking at Community Solar. Chair and staff are participating. By end of June there should be a recommendation to the MPSC for the utilities to do a program.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Energy Production

No update

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None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Kurz requested language in deed of sale related to former YMCA lot regarding energy requirements, including a possible presence of City Planning staff at an upcoming meeting. Kurz also requested time at the March work session to discuss document retention/sharing (including use or revamping of Ctools site).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Appleyard adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM

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