



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes Energy Commission

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

6:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St,
Second floor, City Council chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Appleyard called the meeting to order just after 6pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Charles Hookham, Mark Clevey, Shoshannah Lenski, Stephen Raiman, Christopher Taylor, Wayne Appleyard, Kenneth J. Wadland, and Noah Levin

Absent: 3 - Kim Wolske, Brigit Macomber, and Mike Shriberg

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve minutes by Taylor, second by Clevey, approved unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15-0862 Ann Arbor Energy Commission Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015

Attachments: Energy Commission Minutes 5-12-15.pdf

Approved unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

Geisler: Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association set up Michigan Community Solar facebook page to provide up-to-date statewide information and resources.

DTE Energy announced plans to develop large solar project(s) up to 50 MW solar projects in Ann Arbor's service area. City will participate on call to learn more about bid and RFP process. DTE looking to install sites by end of 2016, and sites would be owned by DTE.

Michigan Interfaith Power and Light (MIPL) 10th annual sustainability conference to be held at Peoples Church in East Lansing on October 9th – www.mipl.org. Commissioner Clevey serves as treasurer on MIPL board.

Michigan Public Service approved tariffs for cost allocations for DTE and Consumers Energy. On aggregate, decreased rates for secondary commercial (.3% less) and industrial (5% less) customers, and residential rates may increase slightly (3 to 4%). City involved in related rate case for street lighting and is a member of the Michigan Street Lighting Coalition.

Clevey: Will any part of the DTE large solar RFP involve a community solar model?

Geisler: Not clear. Will learn more on RFP informational call.

Lenski: DTE looking into community solar model and scale.

Geisler: No scheduled meeting in August.

Appleyard: Ann Arbor District Library is holding Summer Games and part of games is to follow civic activities and meetings. Tonight's commission meeting is part of games (Appleyard read out participant code word for television viewers).

Commission Retreat

Appleyard: Need to set date for retreat.

Lenski: Are all vacant positions filled? Staff responded that all but one slot is filled.

Clevey: Proposed meeting after joint commission meeting.

Joint Commission Meeting in September

Geisler: Joint commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 at 7pm. Planning Commission, Environmental Commission, Park Advisory Commission, Energy Commission, Housing Commission, and Housing and Human Services Advisory Board all invited to participate. (Note: September 16 date for joint commission meeting is now being rescheduled.) No formal agenda set for meeting, but open to suggestions from commission.

Appleyard: Value to holding commission retreat before joint commission meeting. Commission retreat would be a work session. Look to hold commission retreat on September 8th. Will check with other commissioners and facilitator for topics and schedules.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Climate Action Plan

Geisler: Completed draft of plan area updates for commissioner to review. Will distribute within the week. Also working on extension to contract work with Ecology Center and Clean Energy Coalition.

Community Solar

Appleyard: Have not met since last meeting, but looking to broaden committee to expand beyond community solar. Will aim to meet in next three weeks.

Hookham: Consumers has an RFP for community solar coming out. Grand Rapids is involved.

Geisler: Solar Gardens Program run by Consumers - <https://www.consumersenergy.com/content.aspx?ID=7959>.

Appleyard: Consumers presented at Michigan Energy Fair, which had a good turnout. Skip Pruss spoke about moving to renewables.

Nuclear

Raiman: Commissioner Lenski arranged tour for commissioners of Fermi 2. Discussed support for Fermi 3, a 1.5 GW plant on site of Fermi 2. Would like to come up with plan for renewable energy to meet Climate Action Plan goals.

Clevey: Also would like know what part of emissions reductions goal could be met with solar.

Raiman: To power Ann Arbor with solar energy would require 34 sq km (half the land area of Ann Arbor), if each solar farm had 5 MW of installed solar. Need to think about where solar would be sited.

Sustainable Funding

Appleyard: Have not met since last meeting, but will schedule next meeting.

Geisler: City is looking for grant opportunities, including Mott's advancing climate change solutions grants. Grants ranges from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Developing energy concierge program proposal. Will also consider community solar proposal. New grant program for Mott with rolling applications.

Clevey: Mott is also interested in regional proposals.

Hookham: Involved in integrative resource plans for utilities. Sustaining energy efficiency reductions around one percent annually. Low hanging fruit makes senses to people, but do not understand harder asks. Need to enhance knowledge base to keep momentum going. This could be an opportunity for a proposal to the Mott foundation.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Appleyard: Next meeting will be working session.

Hookham: EPA rules on clean power plants.

Clevey: How will Supreme Court ruling impact this?

Hookham: Mercury and air toxics (MATS) went through Supreme Court and was voted down because EPA did not consider economic impacts. Now need to align and connect carbon emissions with health benefits and negative climate impacts.

Lenski: On MATS, think most in the industry have already complied. States and coal companies have announced plans to challenge clean power plant ruling. DTE plans to comply with plan regardless of legal challenges to ruling.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Appleyard approved unanimously on a voice vote, at 6:35 pm.

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