



Local Solar Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 7 from 6:00-10:00 PM
Austin Energy, Town Lake Center Assembly Room 130
721 Barton Springs Rd.
Austin, Texas

Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Steve Wiese called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Chris Winland (proxy for Chris Herbert), Ron Van Dell, Tuan Q Pham, Stan Pipkin, Sal Valdez, John Sutton, Roger Wood, Gabe Flores, Micah ____ (proxy for Michael Kuhn), Barbara Day, Mark Begert, Steve Wiese, Jose Beceiro, Sunshine Mathon, Tom “Smitty” Smith

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: Fred Gabriel (AE for Karl Rabago), Roger Duncan, Leslie Libby (AE), Tom Harvey (AE?), Chris Stanton (AE), Karen Hadden (SEED Coalition), Shayna Lee (AE)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the May 24th, 2012 meeting of the Local Solar Advisory Committee
CORRECTIONS: John Sutton was erroneously listed as attended on the minutes of the last meeting. Stan Pipkin commented that the committee work plan should include Monica de La Rosa.

Steve Weiss motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections made. Motion seconded by Sal Valdez. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Report on Pecan Street Committee Facilitation Contract (5 min, Pecan Street):

Kathryn McCarter and Roger Duncan represented Pecan Street and discussion occurred on Pecan Street’s role in the Solar Advisory Committee. Roger Duncan reported that the MOU between Pecan Street Inc and Austin Energy is under review by Austin Energy.

b. Subcommittee Report – Work Schedule (Steve Wiese)

- i. Steve Weiss moved the work schedule up on the agenda and discussed the following:
 1. Core Functions
 2. Deliverables, Timeline, Meeting Schedule
 3. Process

c. Presentation – Solar in Austin: Financial and Customer Behavior Trends (Dr.

Varun Rai, University of Texas at Austin) Dr. Rai presented and discussion occurred.

a. Q+A on Questions Submitted to Austin Energy After the Previous Meeting

Sunshine Mathon moved to postpone this item until the next meeting. Stan Pipkin asked

if we can review the questions submitted. Sunshine Mathon provided an overview and discussion occurred. gist- PVI, relationship to nonprofits, residential, value of solar proposition

b. Subcommittee Report – Austin Energy Solar Incentives

- i. Subcommittee member Tuan Q. Pham presented on Austin Energy's Solar Incentives. Subcommittee members included Stan Pipkin, Ron Van Dell, Sunshine Mathon, Mark Begert and Sal Valdez.

d. Subcommittee Report Revisited – Work Schedule

- i. Ron Van Dell made a motion to form an Economic Development and Community Benefits subcommittee. Tuan Q. Pham seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The Economic Development subcommittee members will include Jose Beceiro, Gabe Flores, Stan Pipkin, Chris Herbert, Varun Rai, Sal Valdez and Colin Meehan
- ii. **Legal & Regulatory Subcommittee:** Tuan Q. Pham motioned to form a Legal and Regulatory subcommittee. Ron Van Dell seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Subcommittee members will include Barbara Day, Mark Begert, Steve Weiss, Chris Herbert, Tuan Q. Pham.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 5 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. **No citizens requested to speak.**

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Steve Weiss proposed included a discussion of Austin Energy's Strategic Plan
- b. Ron Van Dell proposed that in two weeks the new subcommittees will present reports to the full committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.