



Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014

The Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force ('the Task Force') convened in a meeting in the Shudde Fath Conference Room at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Barry Dreyling called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Task Force members in attendance: Carol Biedrzycki, Clay Butler, Barry Dreyling, Michael Osborne, Cyrus Reed, Mike Sloan, Tom “Smitty” Smith, and Michele Van Hyfte. Grace Hsieh was not present at the Call to Order, but arrived shortly afterwards.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introductions of Task Force members and Austin Energy staff members – All nine members of the Task Force introduced themselves as well as Austin Energy staff members Khalil Shalabi, VP, Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning; Mark Dreyfus, VP, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications; and Toye Goodson-Collins and Jeff Vice, liaisons to the Task Force.
2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – **The motion to elect Michael Osborne as Chair, by Clay Butler and seconded by Mr. Dreyling, passed on a vote of 9-0. The motion to elect Michele Van Hyfte as Vice Chair, by Mike Sloan and seconded by Cyrus Reed, was withdrawn upon introduction of a substitute motion to elect Mr. Dreyling as Vice Chair, by Ms. Van Hyfte and seconded by Cyrus Reed. The substitute motion passed on a vote of 9-0.**
3. Discussion of rules of conduct, mission, and goals – Mr. Reed distributed a draft of the “Proposed Rules” utilized by the original Task Force to use as a guide for establishing rules for the current Task Force. By consensus, members agreed to place an item on their next agenda.
Mr. Osborne read aloud Council Resolution No. 20140306-024, which created the Task Force. The group’s mission is to “examine and make recommendations regarding the Generation Plan 2024 consistent with meeting or exceeding the goals established in the Generation Plan 2020.” The Task Force “shall issue its final report containing its recommendations no later than June 30, 2014, and shall present its report to the Council Committee on Austin Energy at its next meeting thereafter. The Task Force shall dissolve upon the Council’s adoption of an updated generation plan or on December 21, 2014, whichever occurs first.”
The motion to hold weekly meetings, by Tom “Smitty” Smith and seconded by Grace Hsieh, passed on a vote of 9-0.
Mr. Osborne tabled the discussion to allow Council Member Tovo, who introduced Resolution No. 20140306-024, the opportunity to address the group. Ms. Tovo thanked members for their service and answered questions.
4. Discussion of proposed meeting schedule, locations, and topics – **The motion to hold the next meeting at 2:00 p.m. on April 23 at Town Lake Center, by Mr. Smith and seconded by Carol Biedrzycki, passed on a vote of 9-0.** By consensus, members agreed to hold all other meetings at City Hall. Mr. Osborne suggested hearing the staff briefing before discussion future meeting topics.

BRIEFING

5. Establishing guiding principles for the development of environmental goals for the generation resource plan – Mr. Shalabi of Austin Energy, provided a presentation entitled “Framework for Developing Effective Goals for the Generation Plan.”

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The following persons addressed the Task Force:

- a) Brandi Clark Burton – encourage a zero emissions goal; get off coal; promote time of day pricing, co-generation and district chillers and high-tech solutions; meet in different areas of town.
 - b) Dave Cortez – schedule Citizen Communications at the beginning of meetings; reduce GHG emissions; do not sell Fayette; carve out for low-income energy efficiency programs.
 - c) Karen Hadden – cited a Citigroup article on renewable energy; choose the cleanest, greenest energy possible and as much energy efficiency as possible; look at the nuke which is aging and has costly outages.
 - d) Susan Lippman – address the impact of drought.
 - e) Kaiba White – methane leaking from gas pipelines is affecting climate more than originally thought; we can do more than the 400 MW solar goal recommended by the LSAC based on price assumptions in their report.
4. Continuation of the discussion of proposed meeting schedule, locations, and topics – Members reviewed and made changes to a list of meeting topics proposed by Austin Energy. Mr. Smith distributed a document entitled “Ideas on meeting topics.” Mr. Butler suggested forming a subcommittee to look in to bringing in experts to make presentations. Mr. Osborne suggested that a subcommittee could assist in providing input and review for future agendas. Mr. Butler, Mr. Reed and Mr. Sloan volunteered to serve on the subcommittee with Mr. Osborne.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Osborne adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m. without objection.