



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

The Resource Management Commission convened a meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2019 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioners in Attendance: Kaiba White, Vice Chair (District 2); James Babyak (District 6), Jonathan Blackburn (District 8), Rebecca Brennehan (District 10), Lisa Chavarria (Mayor), Nakyshia Fralin (District 1), Dana Harmon (District 9), Shane Johnson (District 4), and Scott Kohan (District 3). Leo Dielmann, Chair (District 7) and Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5) were absent.

Staff in Attendance: Denise Kuehn, Danielle Murray, Kurt Stogdill, Manny Garza, Jamie Mitchell, and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair White called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Tim Arndt spoke in favor of Item 4, the rebate for energy efficiency improvements at the Waters at Bluff Springs Apartments.

Consent Items

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting.

The motion approving the minutes of the last meeting was approved on Commissioner Babyak’s motion, Commissioner Kohan’s second, on a 7-0-2 vote, with Commissioners Harmon and Johnson abstaining and Chair Dielmann and Commissioner Smith absent.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Approve issuance of a rebate to TR Domain 11, LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Domain 11 located at 11920 Alterra Parkway, in an amount not to exceed \$116,771.
3. Approve issuance of a rebate to BRI 1868 Riata, LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Riata Trace located at 12301, 12331, 12357 and 12365 Riata Trace Parkway, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
4. Approve issuance of a rebate to the Waters at Bluff Springs LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Waters at Bluff Springs Apartments, located at 7707 South IH-35, in an amount not to exceed \$99,500.

The motion to recommend issuance of rebates to TR Domain 11, LLC (Item 2); BRI 1886 Riata, LLC (Item 3); and the Waters at Bluff Springs LLC (Item 4) was approved on Commissioner Babyak’s motion, Commissioner Kohan’s second, on an 8-0-1 vote, with Commissioner Johnson abstaining and Chair Dielmann and Commissioner Smith absent.

5. Approve issuance of capacity-based incentives to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin for the installation of solar electric systems on two multifamily affordable housing communities: Pathways at Chalmers Courts South, located at 1638 E. 2nd St., for an estimated amount of \$151,110; and Pathways at Goodrich Place, located at 2126 Goodrich Ave., for an estimated amount of \$257,950; for a combined total amount not to exceed \$409,060. (Districts Affected: District 3, District 5)

The motion to recommend issuance of capacity-based incentives to the Housing Authority of Austin was unanimously approved on Commissioner Chavarria’s motion, Commissioner Brenneman’s second, on a 9-0 vote, with Chair Dielmann and Commissioner Smith absent.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS:

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

6. Green Building Update from Kurt Stogdill, Manager, Green Building and Emerging Technologies.
7. Solar Program Update from Danielle Murray, Manager, Customer Renewable Solutions.

GUEST PRESENTATION

8. Access to Solar for Low-income Households from Dana Harmon of the Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (Sponsors: Vice Chair White and Commissioners Smith and Brenneman).

OLD BUSINESS

9. Discuss and recommend programs and policies designed to expand access to solar energy for low-income residents, renters, and tenants of multifamily housing. (Sponsors: Vice Chair White and Commissioners Smith and Brenneman).

The motion to form a Working Group to develop recommendations on how to expand access to distributed solar in an equitable way was approved on Commissioner Brenneman’s motion, Commissioner Johnson’s second, on an 8-0-1 vote, with Commissioner Fralin abstaining and Chair Dielmann and Commissioner Smith absent.

Vice Chair White and Commissioners Harmon, Brenneman, Kohan, and Johnson volunteered to participate in the Working Group. Commissioner Johnson will set up the first meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Review and discuss the Commission’s 2018-19 Annual Internal Review and Report.
Commissioners reviewed the draft report. Commissioner Babyak suggested adding citizen input received at meetings to Section 1. Vice Chair White suggested changing Section 3, l. to “provide input on” instead of “support the goals of” the Austin Community Climate Plan. Commissioner Babyak offered to review Section 3, goals and objectives, and provide suggestions for review at next month’s meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. Discuss potential topics for future agendas.
The liaison listed the following topics for next month’s agenda: an overview of the FY20 budget for Customer Energy Solutions and the review and approval of the Annual Internal Review and Report. Commissioner Babyak requested a briefing next month, if possible, on the DNV GL contract.

ADJOURN – Vice Chair White adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.