



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 28, 2001

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Siegel at 5:45 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Deumling, Packard, Siegel and Williamson

Absent: Cain, Denver, Ode and Trowbridge

Staff: Neal De Snoo

2. Public Comments

Francesca Mchean reported on a variety of ideas including fuel cells, biomass, cool roofs, window films and turning off pilots.

Commissioner Williamson reported that the Ecology Center will be operating its fleet on 100% biodeisel.

Commissioner Deumling circulated conservation and renewable literature from the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

Hal Aaronson reported on a project to train Willard and King Middle School students to conduct home energy audits.

3. Report on Solid Waste Management Commission, Public Works Commission, Transportation Commission and Citizens Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)

Commissioners Williamson and Siegel and staff reported on their meeting with the Commission on Aging.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that the City is has received nearly twice as much funding for the LIHEAP program this year.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that a CECO enforcement protocol has been finalized.

Commissioner Siegel suggested that that Commission consider a review of RECO.

6. Report on LBNL Meeting on Residential Energy Consumption

Staff summarized the meeting at LBNL and referred the Commission to the meeting minutes.

7. Report on Educational Activities

No report.

8. Report on Utility Users Tax Changes

Included in discussion of Item 11.

9. Discussion of Non-Partisanship

Commissioner Siegel reminded the Commission that it is a non-partisan entity and members should avoid representing political interests.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Devra Bachrach was elected chair (MSC: JS, RD, 4-0-1, Bachrach abstained).

Susan Ode was elected vice chair (MSC: DW, JS 5-0).

11. Discussion and Possible Action on a Community Energy Plan

The Commission discussed a draft framework that was prepared by Commissioners Siegel and Bachrach. The Commission agreed on a public process that would be conducted by a task force. The Commission agreed to a series of immediate, short term and medium to long-term actions. The Commission authorized an ad hoc subcommittee (DB, FP, DW and JS) to synthesis the discussion into a document and deal with the City Manager to present a single report to Council, if appropriate (MSC: JS, FP, 5-0).

12. Discussion and Possible Action on *Berkeley Without Wires* plan

Commissioner Williamson reported that the plan was not urgent since funding is not available (total costs range from \$240 to 1,000 MM). No action was taken.

13. Approval of Minutes of February 28 and February 15

The minutes of February 15 were amended to include RD in attendance and to note that a list of LBNL participants and their areas of expertise is available for follow up.

The corrected minutes 2/15 and minutes of 1/24 were passed (MSC: DB, RD, 4-0-1, DW abstained).

14. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Elections, non-partisanship, report on the LBNL meeting and Utility Users Tax were deleted.

The Commission decided to schedule its next meeting for 3/21.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM (MSC: DB, RD, 5-0).