



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2001

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ode at 5:33 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Ode, Packard, Siegel and Winkel

Absent: Deumling, Kurzweil and Williamson

Staff: Neal De Snoo

Guests: Berkeley Youth Energy Services staff, George Nesbit, Evan Flavell

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Presentation on Berkeley Youth Energy Services

Staff and students from the Berkeley Youth Energy Services program made a presentation to the Commission. It was reported that the program started in March and expanded this summer. The program trains high school students and recent graduates to provide free energy improvements in non-low-income households (low-income is served by City crews). The students have also helped build the organization. The program employs 12 students and serves 50 households per week. Staff are planning to continue the program with support from various organizations, including the Berkeley YMCA and the City of Berkeley.

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

Solid Waste: No report.

Public Works: No report

CEAC: No report.

Transportation Commission: No report.

Council: Staff reported that Council authorized a contract for the purchase of the remaining green LED traffic signals.

5. Report on Low Income Programs

No report.

6. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that the grace period for CECO was through May 21 and that data on sales since then will not be available until next month.

7. Report on Educational Activities

Commissioners should send Commissioner Packard descriptions of what they would be willing to teach at a Berkeley Adult School energy class.

Commission Packard and Commissioner Seigel will meet with the Berkeley Adult School staff on August 22.

8. Discussion of Community Energy Plan

Staff reported that there is a Community Energy Forum in San Francisco next week. Staff also reported that the pre-bid conferences for public power and alternative resources were well-attended.

9. Report on CESC By-Laws
Commissioner Siegel reported that City Attorney staff has stated that it will not be possible to separate CESC from the City until State regulations are revised. Commissioner Siegel reported that this is unacceptable and intends to contact the Mayor on this issue.
10. Report on Public Power Meeting with EBMUD
No report.
11. Discussion of Energy Awards Program
No report.
12. Report on Solar Permitting Process
Staff reported that the Building and Safety Division has been working with local solar installers to improve the permitting process and intends to issue solar permits on a next day basis.
13. Report on Small Commercial Energy Program
Staff reported that the City has received a grant from the CA Public Utilities Commission to subsidize energy improvements in 700 small businesses in Berkeley and 300 in Oakland. CESC will be the administrator. The program will be launched in January. Commissioner Winkel suggested a component to address renovations and marketing to the AIA.

RECESS: The Commission recessed at 7 PM for a meeting of the Community Energy Services Corporation and reconvened at 7:45.

ACTION ITEMS

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Diesel Generators
The Commission discussed a draft policy and report prepared by Commissioner Ode on the use of diesel generators. Commissioner Ode and staff reported that they met with representatives of the CEAC in the morning. The Commission asked staff to forward the report to the CEAC for their consideration. A copy is attached.
15. Discussion and Possible Action on Energy Awards Program
No report or action.
16. Approval of Minutes of June 27
No action.
17. Items for Next Month's Agenda
Blended cement was added.
18. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at about 8:15 PM.