



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 27, 2002

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bachrach at 6:40 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Deumling, Kurzweil, Ode
Absent: Williamson, Packard, Siegel and Winkel
Staff: Neal De Snoo, Alice LaPierre

2. Public Comments

No comments.

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

Solid Waste (DW): No report.

Public Works (JS): No report.

CEAC: No report.

Transportation Commission: Commissioner Deumling will assume responsibilities as this liaison since Commissioner Bachrach is leaving. Commissioner Bachrach announced that the new bike bridge was dedicated this week.

Council: Staff distributed an information report on solar energy that went to Council last week.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that the State will provide CAL LIHEAP bill payment assistance funding (this program had been cancelled due to state budget shortfalls). Staff reported that the Utility Users Tax revenues have been lower due to lower gas costs and this will impact the Energy Office budget.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that the CECO enforcement process is going well. Most people have responded by complying. Staff has processed four declarations of violation for non-compliance.

6. Report on Educational Activities

Commissioner Deumling and Alice La Pierre reported on the Berkeley Adult School lecture series. The Commission commended Alice on the announcements, although it was reported that attendance has been slight. Commissioner Bachrach will post on the UC calendar.

7. Discussion of Community Energy Plan

a) Public Power Study

Staff reported that R.W. Beck delivered a prefeasibility report on public power to the EBMUD Board. Staff and EBMUD are tentatively planning to present the report to Council on April 23.

b) Alternative Resources Study

A report on various portfolios of alternative resources for the community will be considered by a variety of Commissions and Council in April.

The Commission recessed at 7:10 for the CESC Board meeting and reconvened at 7:50.

8. Report on CESC By-Laws

Staff reported that the City Attorney asked the FPPC to consider the issue of separating the CESC from the City but the FPPC declined saying it was beyond staff resources unless the priority of other requests were reduced.

9. Report on Small Commercial Energy Program
Staff reported on the SmartLights program, distributed marketing materials and encouraged the Commissioners to promote the program.
10. Discussion of Proposals Submitted to the CA Public Utilities Commission
Staff reported on the two proposals that the City submitted for consideration by the CA Public Utilities Commission.
11. Discussion of the Energy Awards Program
The Commission commended Commissioner Deumling and Alice LaPierre for their work on the project. Only a few applications have been received so far. Staff will continue to promote the program.

ACTION ITEMS

12. Election of Officers
No action.
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Use of Blended Cement
No discussion.
14. Approval of Minutes of January 23
No action.
15. Items for Next Month's Agenda
No action.
16. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM