



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
March 27, 2002

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bachrach at 6:35 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Deumling, Kurzweil, Ode, Packard, Siegel

Absent: Williamson, Winkel

Staff: Neal De Snoo, Alice LaPierre

Guests: Tim Hansen

2. Public Comments

Tim Hansen of the Berkeley Party presented a proposal recommending that the City pass an ordinance requiring that multi-family construction meet the minimum space heating standards under State energy code and not be allowed to trade-off heating efficiency for improvements in hot water efficiency, as is currently allowed under State regulations. The policy would also disallow the excess cost of electric heating to be passed on to affordable housing tenants.

Commissioner Siegel announced his resignation. He has accepted a faculty position at the University of Texas at Austin. He also suggested that the Commission consider a commendation for staff.

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. Commissioner Ode will assume the liaison responsibilities from Commissioner Siegel.

CEAC (SO): No report. Commissioner Kurzweil will be the new liaison.

Transportation Commission (RD): No report.

Council: No report.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

No report.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that there was only one response to the RECO inspector RFP and it will be rebid.

6. Report on Educational Activities

Commissioner Deumling and Alice La Pierre reported on the Berkeley Adult School lecture series. It was reported that the data loggers have been in great demand from the tool lending library and that the lecture series may have something to do with this. The Commission would like to continue the series in some form to be determined.

7. Discussion of Community Energy Plan

a) Public Power Study

Staff reported on the findings of the EBMUD public power prefeasibility study. The study will be presented to Council on April 23.

b) Alternative Resources Study

Staff reported that the portfolios report has been delayed and is expected to be ready in June.

8. Report on CESC By-Laws

No report.

9. Report on Small Commercial Energy Program  
Staff reported on the progress of SmartLights program. If Commissioners are interested in serving as ambassadors for the program, they may contact Maria Sanders at 981-8955, 223 to obtain a copy of the marketing leads list.

10. Discussion of Proposals Submitted to the CA Public Utilities Commission  
No report.

#### ACTION ITEMS

11. Election of Officers  
Commissioner Deumling nominated Commissioner Ode for Chair. Commissioner Siegel nominated Commissioner Deumling as Vice-Chair (MSC: JK, JS, 6-0).

12. Policy on Scheduling Public Hearings  
The Commission established a policy not to start public hearings after 10 PM, as described in the March 15, 2002 memorandum from the City Clerk (MSC: JS, JK, 6-0).

13. Determination of Awards for the Berkeley Unplugged Program  
Staff announced that the contest deadline has been extended to April 10. The Commission will meet on April 11 determine the winners (based on recommendations from staff and Commissioner Deumling).

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Use of Blended Cement  
Commissioner Ode presented a draft report and resolution on the use of blended cement in City projects. The report will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting and the Commission will consider sending it to the CEAC and Public Works Commission for review and comment.

15. Approval of Minutes of January 23 and February 27  
The minutes of January 23 were approved (MSC:JS, JK, 6-0).  
The minutes of February 27 were approved (MSC: JK, RD, 4-0-2, JS and FP abstained).

16. Items for Next Month's Agenda  
Staff commendation and energy standards were added to the April 24 agenda. The April 11 agenda will be limited to the Berkeley Unplugged contest.

17. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM (MSC: JK, SO, 5-1, JS against).