



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 24, 2002

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Bachrach, Deumling, Hultman, Kurzweil, Ode

Absent: Williamson, Winkel, Packard

Staff: Neal De Snoo, Alice LaPierre

2. Public Comments

The Commission welcomed its newest member, Nate Hultman. Staff reported that Commissioner Williamson is over committed and intends to resign. Commissioner Bachrach reported that she must resign after the May meeting.

Staff announced that the Bay Festival will be held this Saturday at the Marina and the Energy Office will have a booth there.

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

Solid Waste (DW): No report. Commissioner Hultman will assume the liaison responsibilities.

Public Works (JS): No report.

CEAC (JK): No report.

Transportation Commission (RD): No report.

Council: Staff reported that the General Plan was adopted on April 23 and that the Mayor added a policy goal of making all new buildings green buildings.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that an additional \$100,000 in LIHEAP funds were secured from the State.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported the RECO RFP is being rebid. Staff reported that the CECO enforcement program is being expanded to cover outstanding CECO filings (in addition to title transfer non-filings).

6. Report on Educational Activities

Commissioner Deumling and Alice La Pierre reported on the Berkeley Unplugged contest. The Commission discussed possible improvements for next year including less restrictive categories and direct targeting to recruit participants.

The Commission recessed at 7 PM for the meeting of the CESC Board of Directors. The Commission reconvened at 7:40.

7. Discussion of Community Energy Plan

a) Public Power Study

This item was moved to the Action agenda.

Staff reported on the findings of the EBMUD public power prefeasibility study. The presentation to Council has been delayed until May 14.

Cynthia Wooten made public comments urging the Commission to pass a resolution encouraging EBMUD to conduct a feasibility report. The attached resolution was passed (MSC: RD, JK, 5-0-0).

Ms. Wooten also reported on AB 2226, backed by PG&E, which proposes to prohibit EBMUD from conducting the study and on PG&E's filing with the PUC to approve a 2.5 cent/kwh exit fee.

b) Alternative Resources Study

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

8. Report on CESC By-Laws

No report.

9. Report on Small Commercial Energy Program

No report.

10. Discussion of Proposals Submitted to the CA Public Utilities Commission

Staff reported that the City's proposals were not funded.

11. Discussion of Ordinance Exceeding State Energy Standards for Multi-Family Construction

No report.

ACTION ITEMS

12. Commendation for Energy Officer

The Commission passed a resolution prepared by Commissioner Bachrach commending the Energy Officer (MSC: DB, JK, 5-0-0).

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Use of Blended Cement

Staff reported that Public Works staff that work with structural concrete have concerns about requiring blended cement for all applications.

14. Approval of Minutes of March 27 and April 11

No action.

15. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Report on Educational Activities, Discussion of Proposals Submitted to the CA Public Utilities Commission and Commendation for Energy Officer were removed from the agenda.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM (MSC: RD, DB, 4-0-1, JK absent).