



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 27, 2005

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gillen at 6:37 PM.

Present: Abrams, Bergen, Gillen, Grimes, Hanson, Miller, Owyang (for Oursler on leave of absence), Paolini

Absent: Rezaee,

Staff: Neal De Snoo

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Scott Merdershaw and Betty Seto stated that they are interested in getting involved in local energy activities.

Yolanda Huang reported on an alternatives fuels conference. She concluded that there are not enough clean fuels available to supply our current appetite for fuel and recommended that the Commission pursue initiatives to discourage the purchase of inefficient vehicles and promote higher vehicle occupancies. She suggested a vehicle license fee surcharge; Scott suggested that it apply to new purchases only so that it doesn't negatively impact low-income populations. The Commission asked Yolanda to come back to the next meeting with specific language.

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

- Solid Waste (Miller): No report.
- Public Works (Abrams): No report.
- CEAC (Gillen): No report.
- Transportation Commission (Rezaee): No report.
- Council: Staff reported that Council has set the Energy Commission meeting schedule to 10 meetings per year, which is the current schedule.

4. Report on Low-Income Programs

No report.

5. Report on CECO

No report.

6. Discussion of RECO Study

Staff distributed a ranked list of measures for consideration in the new ordinance. Staff welcomed feedback from the Commissioners.

7. Green Neighbors – Energy Conservation Marketing Program

Commissioner Gillen reported that CESC has updated the Green Neighbors website, the new phone system is working, a direct mail piece will be sent this week and Green Neighbors will be participating in the Solano Stroll on September 11.

8. Discussion of Educational Activities

No report.

9. Report on PUC Programs

Staff reported that the East Bay Energy Partnership proposal has been recommended for funding by PG&E. The project is contingent upon CPUC authorization. The City supported PG&E's request. Staff noted that additional work is needed in August to prepare a complete program implementation plan.

10. Report on Community Choice Aggregation

Staff reported that it withdrew the Council Action report recommending proceeding with the business plan based on new information received during the peer review process. Staff plans to have a revised pro forma completed and then sending the report to Council.

Commissioner Abrams recommended that the report contain a preamble stating the reasons for considering CCA. He and Commissioner Miller will collaborate on the development of this preamble.

11. Discussion of Climate Change Plan and Sustainable Business Working Group (SBWG)

Staff reported that a working group has been established with UCB and the real estate community to try to establish a market for green commercial buildings that will attract green businesses.

ACTION ITEMS

12. Approval of Minutes of June 16

The minutes were approved (MSC: JM, R. Grimes, 7-0-1, JP abstained).

14. Items for Next Month's Agenda

An item on vehicle license fees and an item on the Chicago Climate Exchange will be added to the agenda.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM (MSC: JM, R. Grimes, 8-0).