



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2006

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Miller at 6:37 PM.
Present: Abrams, Bergen, Grimes, Mertishaw, Miller, Owyang, Paolini, Rezaee
Absent: Hansen
Staff: Neal De Snoo
Guests: Nancy Hoeffler

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Staff distributed an announcement for a public hearing on the City's new sewer compliance program.

Commissioner Miller reported that a slightly revised version of the precautionary principle is going to Council on March 7.

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 (Grimes): No report.
- Transportation Commission (Rezaee): Commissioner Abrams reported that the Transportation Commission is discussing ferry service in Berkeley. He noted that there might be interest in private funding of a terminal. He suggested that the Commission might want to weigh in on fuel efficiency at the appropriate time.
- Council: No report.

4. Report on Low-Income Programs

Staff reported that the balance of the 2006 LIHEAP grant has been released. Staff also reported that is has completed the 2006 LIHEAP and DOE contracts on target and on budget.

5. Report on CECO

No report.

6. Discussion of RECO Study

Nancy suggested that we might want to consider swimming pool measures.

7. Green Neighbors – Energy Conservation Marketing Program

Staff reported that a Green Neighbors mailing recently went out.

8. Report on Community Choice Aggregation

It was reported that Council voted to have a workshop on March 7.

9. Report from Sustainability Report from UCB City and Regional Planning Class

Brooke Owyang made a presentation on Sustainable Energy in Berkeley that she and her peers delivered to a UC class on city planning.

10. Discussion of Educational Activities

Staff reported on Alice La Pierre's preparations for the Green Home Expo and Energy Symposium to be held on April 29. She has confirmed that Mayor Bates, Ryan Bell and CEC Commissioner John Geesman have conformed their participation. The event will include a zero waste art contest and solar home design contest.

Staff also reported that Alice is working on the installation of a donated 1.6 kW wind turbine demonstration project at the Nature Center.

11. Report on PUC Programs

Staff and Nancy reported that PG&E has approved the East Bay Energy Partnership program funding but is only releasing 60% of the funding at this time.

12. Discussion of Climate Change Plan, Chicago Climate Exchange and Mayor's Sustainable Business Working Group

Staff reported that the CCX report has been delayed due to priorities on the CCA project. The CCX has granted the City a limited extension.

13. Discussion of Net Metering Tariffs

No discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

14. Approval of Minutes of January 25

The minutes were corrected (item 2: batter = better) and approved (MSC: RG, AR, 7-0-1, BO abstained).

15. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Elections were deleted. A discussion of PG&E's climate neutral tariff was added.

16. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Miller was elected chair (MSC: RG, JB, 8-0). Commissioner Grimes was elected vice-chair (MSC: JB, GA, 8-0).

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM (MSC: AR, JB, 8-0).