



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 31, 2007

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Miller at 6:35 PM.
Present: Abrams, Bergen, Grimes, Hansen, Lee, Miller, Murtishaw, Rezaee
Absent: None
Staff: Neal De Snoo
Presenters/Guests: Nancy Hoeffler, Kevin Kulich
Public: Harvey Scherback, Bruce Chamberlain

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Commissioner Lee announced that DOE has issued a solicitation for solar grants, due on February 21.

Harvey Scherback distributed materials on Ford and GM plug-in hybrids and encouraged the Commission to deploy solar PV for charging.

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

- Zero Waste (Miller): No report.
- Public Works (Abrams): No report.
- CEAC (Grimes): The CEAC agenda includes Pacific Steel, wood smoke, lead prevention and environmentally preferable purchasing.
- Transportation Commission (Lee/Murtishaw): No report.
- Council: Staff reported that the Mayor had an item on the implementation of Proposition G on last night's agenda.

4. Report on Low-Income Programs

Staff reported that the Council item authorizing the 2007 LIHEAP grant is scheduled for February 13 and that the funding amount is similar to previous years.

5. Report on CECO

Staff reported that the Planning appears to be enforcing the ordinance more effectively. Commissioner Hansen reported that the ADA exemptions present a large loophole.

6. Discussion of RECO Study

Staff reported that HDR/Brown Vence will be completing the technical analysis with PG&E funding through ABAG Energy Watch and that a draft for discussion with the real estate community should be available in April.

7. Report on Community Choice Aggregation and Discussion of Possible Process for the Commission to Use Guide and Public Input and Discussion

Staff reported that the peer review and request for information from potential vendors are underway and that a draft for discussion may be available in April. Commission Murtishaw reported that, because of his new job with the CPUC, he may be able to shed some light on the potential impacts of AB32 on the basecase scenario.

The Commission recessed at 6:59 PM to convene the meeting of the Community Energy Services Corporation Board Of Directors and reconvened at 7:20.

8. Discussion of Educational Programs

No report.

9. Report on the East Bay Energy Watch

Staff reported that the CYES and Smart Lights programs are both performing well.

10. Discussion of Sustainable Berkeley

Staff reported that CESC will be the fiscal sponsor for Sustainable Berkeley and that CESC has hired a staff person.

Staff invited the Commission to designate a representative for Sustainable Berkeley. Commissioner Grimes may be interested.

11. Discussion of Peak Oil

Commissioner Murtishaw distributed peak oil resolutions from Oakland and San Francisco. He and Commissioner Lee will work on a Berkeley version for discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

12. Approval of Minutes of September 27 and December 13

The minutes of September 27 were passed (MSC: SM, RG, 6-0-2, TH, JB abstained).

The minutes of December 13 were approved (MSC: TH, RG, 8-0).

13. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair were added.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM (MSC: TH, JB, 8-0).

