

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2025

Minutes transcribed from recording by Chandler Kielbas.

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 AM by Chandler Kielbas.

At 11:06 AM Chandler Kielbas asked the Council if they had reviewed the meeting agenda and if any additions to the meeting agenda were needed, and there were none. Chandler asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Darryl Folks moved to approve and Will Kenworthy seconded the motion. Chandler asked for a vote to approve the meeting agenda for the meeting on January 7, 2025, and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:07 AM Chandler Kielbas asked the council if they had reviewed the meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. Chandler then asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 3, 2024. Janis Hazel moved, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

At 11:08 AM Chandler Kielbas began with the new business topic of giving an update about the Canton Community Foundation agreements and next steps. Chandler announced that the LISC and DTE team were finally able to get the two Pilot agreements signed with the Canton Community Foundation and shared that he felt it was the most significant milestone achieved by the LISC since it was formed. Janis Hazel congratulated the Council on the achievement and asked Chandler if there would be copies of the agreement that would be sent out. Chandler responded to Janis stating that copies had already been sent out after the conclusion of the December 3rd, 2024, meeting. Janis also asked if all three communities were included under the agreements, to which Chandler confirmed. Juan Shannon shared that he felt as though there should have been more time to review than three weeks. Chandler stated that had there been any concerns or negative feedback about the agreements then the agreements would have been delayed, but there were no problems communicated over the three-week period and the parties moved to sign the agreements. Chandler asked if other councilmembers were able to look at it and Will Kenworthy shared that he briefly looked at the agreements. Chandler went on to state that next steps should consist of a heightened effort to acquire land parcels and grant funding now that a fiduciary was in place. Will asked about the status of the Marathon land, and Chandler stated that the DTE land development team was working with a vendor called 1898 to do modeling and financial modeling on possible builds for the Marathon land. Will inquired about whether or not the models and details would be presented in a LISC meeting, and Chandler confirmed that the LISC would cover them together in a future Council meeting. Chandler further states that while the Council would decide which if the four models would be best, that all four of them would satisfy the goal of the Pilot for the Detroit location. Janis asked about the next steps towards the Marathon meeting, and Chandler stated that the team was currently

waiting on the financial modeling details from 1898, and after receiving those the LISC will be able to review everything together before taking a recommendation to the Marathon team. Chandler shared that there is a greater freedom to pursue grants and funding moving forward in 2025 now that there is a fiduciary in place, and that the Council should focus on maximizing these opportunities now that the barriers have been removed.

At 11:33 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to old business and started reviewing community engagement initiative proposals. Chandler asked Janis Hazel to share about the different activities that she had been attending. Janis began by showing the Council photos of a holiday gathering with the City of Detroit Green Task Force which featured Janis and Julie Jozwiak and noted it was their first-time meeting in person. Janis shared a second photo that featured Janis, Tepfirah Rushdan, and Scott Benson. Janis stated that Tepfirah reaffirmed her interest in supporting the Pilot. Janis spoke to several people at the event and noted it was good relationship building. Janis stated she has had conversations with EGLE and reminded the Council about their interest in giving the LISC a future presentation. Janis said she would continue conversating with EGLE to get a meeting date scheduled to review grant opportunities. Chandler shared that he appreciated Janis's community engagement efforts. Chandler shared that he had also been speaking with Julie and Michele Flournoy recently as well. Chandler went on to say he reached out to Michele in an effort to make contact with Leona Medley, but noted that unfortunately the team did not hear back from Leona. Juan asked Chandler about the Parker Village event on April 9th in Highland Park, and Chandler stated he would plan to attend and invite other DTE colleagues to the event.

At 11:20 AM Chandler Kielbas gave an update on land efforts. Chandler states that the majority of topics had already been indirectly covered earlier in this meeting and went on to state that that Highland Park land identification would be the top priority for 2025 in regards to land activities. Juan stated he was going to meet with the Highland Park Community Economic Director later that day and the meeting would include a discussion about land in Highland Park. Janis Hazel asked if the DTE team and staff would be scouring for grants opportunities and if the office would be giving the LISC leads on grants and write future grant proposals. Chandler stated that DTE does have internal teams that monitor grant opportunities and share the information among other DTE teams. Chandler stated that while DTE will do their own search for grant opportunities, but that the LISC should also pursue their own grant searching to increase the likelihood all possible grant opportunities are identified. Janis then asked if the grant application writing would be something DTE would solely do. Chandler stated he was not totally sure on the necessary protocols for grant writing, and would look into those moving forward. Chandler did share he feels that in the case for large grant opportunities that the DTE team would likely take the lead but stated that the LISC could likely lead grant application efforts for smaller grants if councilmembers were interested in doing so. Janis shared that she was available to assist in grant efforts in any way she can including garnering community comments on any application and offering other knowledge that she has. Chandler asked the Council that if anyone else had interest in grant writing activities to express that to him.

At 11:53 AM Chandler Kielbas reviewed the Action Item Register. Chandler asked Janis Hazel to confirm if that she did not yet have a meeting date for the EGLE presentation and Janis said

that they mentioned the January 21 LISC meeting but have yet to confirm and that she would continue to follow up on it. Chandler asked if there were any new action items that needed to be added to the register. There were no suggestions for additions.

At 11:56 AM Chandler Kielbas transitioned into the round table portion of the meeting. Chandler asked if there were any round table topics that the councilmembers had for the meeting. Juan Shannon stated that Parker Village will be doing a groundbreaking for its community transportation loop. Chandler stated that himself and Juan should add that to the Highland Park engagement activities file for a future community engagement activity. Chandler asked if there were any other items for the round table, and there were none. Chandler closed the meeting by thanking the Council and reaffirming his excitement about the year and his eagerness to continue working on all the opportunities ahead of the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM