

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
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Minutes transcribed from recording by Jessica Jamieson

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 AM by Chandler Kielbas.

At 11:14 AM Chandler Kielbas asked if everyone had reviewed the meeting agenda for October 21st, 2025, and if any additions needed to be made. Janis Hazel confirmed she had no additions. Chandler then asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Janis moved to approve, and Juan Shannon seconded the motion.

At 11:16 AM Chandler Kielbas if everyone had read the meeting minutes from October 7th, 2025, and if any changes needed to take place. There were no comments. Chandler then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Juan Shannon moved to approve, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion.

At 11:17 AM Chandler Kielbas introduced the first item on the agenda: a review of the Joe Louis Greenway (JLG) site walks. He said that on October 8th, the DTE team visited two sites on the JLG with representatives from the City of Detroit, the JLG, and 1898 & Co. He explained that all the information gathered during those walks is currently being assessed by 1898 & Co. They will soon send over an analysis, and Chandler will invite them to a future Council meeting to do a presentation similar to what was done for the Marathon land opportunity. Chandler commented that the main representative of the JLG seems very interested in the Community Impact Pilot and spoke about connecting the LISC with potential city grant opportunities. Chandler also explained that he met Michele Flournoy, who was quite supportive. Tepfirah Rushdan and Juan Shannon also toured the sites. He said that each parcel of land was about five acres, so either one should be feasible for the City of Detroit's project, and it is a matter of deciding between the two. He recalled that a few of the community members who live adjacent to the first site were quite supportive, as they were very interested in getting the land cleaned up. He furthered that Tepfirah reached out after the site walks to inform Chandler that she would be speaking to the Mayor of Detroit about the project. Chandler then invited questions or comments. Janis Hazel requested further clarification on the locations of the sites. Chandler responded that the first site is located at 4200 Sharon, and the second is known as the Modern-Fleming Assemblage. He noted that he was unsure of the crossroads for either location but could look them up if necessary. Janis said she looked up the 4200 Sharon location and commented that it is relatively near Dearborn and I-94. Juan added that the addresses for these locations are not 100% accurate to the location of the parcels, and likely the map will pull up an adjacent residence. Chandler confirmed this and said the site location is a 5-acre parcel that is near the 4200 Sharon address. He added that he would send Janis the exact address for the Modern-Fleming Assemblage at a later time. Janis asked if that site was on the East or the West side of Detroit. Juan responded that it is on the East side of

Detroit near Highland Park. Janis then questioned what the next steps would be to confirm that these locations are viable. Chandler answered that 1898 & Co. has all the information about those sites, and as a well-known engineering firm under Burns and McDonnell, they will conduct a thorough evaluation that will simulate how viable a solar array will be. Once they have those results, they will work with the DTE Land Development team and the LISC, and that information will be shared in a presentation during a future LISC meeting. Juan stated that he believes the Modern-Fleming Assemblage would be the better option, as he disliked that the 4200 Sharon site was located within a neighborhood where construction could disrupt nearby residents. His initial thoughts are that the Modern-Fleming site would be easier to access. Chandler thanked Juan for sharing that and asked if there were any further questions. There were none.

At 11:32 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to reviewing community engagement initiatives. He asked Janis Hazel to expand on the most recent additions to the spreadsheet. She said that she attended the Detroit City Forum, which discussed sustainable opportunities for Detroit over the next ten years. There were over 300 people in attendance, and Janis focused on meeting people interested in funding sustainable projects. She connected with the President of the Detroit Future City Forum, Anika Goss, and other individuals. She also attended the Resilience, Equity, and the Clean Energy Sector Summit (RECESS) with industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and community advocates. She was especially interested in attending this event because it includes a philanthropy section with people interested in funding sustainable projects in vulnerable communities. She said speakers included the president of the DTE Energy Foundation and Corporate Citizenship, Rodney Cole; managing director for The Kresge Foundation's Detroit Program, Wendy Lewis Jackson; a fellow at the Brookings Institution's Center for Community Uplift, Manann Donoghoe; and Anika Goss. Janis also said she attended the Detroit City Council Green Task Force. Chandler thanked her for sharing and asked if anyone had any questions or comments for Janis. There were no comments.

At 11:37 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to the action item register. He asked if Janis Hazel had any updates regarding her communication with Alessandra Carreon. Janis responded that she had sent Alessandra an email and received a reply. Alessandra said that she had read the settlement agreement and recommended we connect with the Assistant Division Director for the Materials Management Division, Julie Staveland, who she copied in the email chain and introduced to Janis. Janis then reached out to Julie to see if she would be available for either a November LISC meeting or a separate meeting with the Michigan State Land Bank. Prior to Solar for All's termination, Julie was partially responsible for that opportunity, so she would be a good person to consult in searching for other grants that comply with the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Currently, Janis is waiting to hear back from her. Chandler said a middle to late November meeting would work for him and asked for further comments on this. Cody Matthews agreed this timeframe would work for him, and Janis concurred. Chandler commented that the Council meeting on November 18th, or any meeting in December, would be suitable. Chandler then marked "Reach out to Alessandra Carreon" as completed and added "Invite Julie Staveland" to the action item registry. Chandler then asked if Janis had been able to contact anyone regarding the DONcast presentation. Janis replied that she has contacted and heard back from Kim Tandy, District 2

Manager of Detroit, and Courtney Harper, District 7 Deputy Manager of Detroit. They are currently trying to get a date for November, but Janis said she would check back with them. Juan Shannon then asked for an update on the 44 Gerald St. location. Chandler said an update on this location will probably come during the next meeting with the State Land Bank, which Janis said she would look for a specific date for. Chandler said the week of November 10th, and the week of November 17th would work best for him. Janis asked if the LISC had had any further contact with Alex Smith, the representative from Wayne County, to determine any land parcels he might be able to identify. Chandler said he thought all three land banks were present at the last meeting with the State Land Bank. Chandler looked at the calendar invite but could not access the list of attendees to that meeting.

At 11:54 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to the round table and said he wanted to let the Council know that he would be out-of-office during the November 4th meeting due to somewhat unexpected circumstances. He said the Council had the option to either cancel that meeting and reconvene as normal on November 18th or have a makeup meeting on the second week of November. Janis Hazel said that one meeting in November would suffice, as the State Land Bank meeting is likely to be during the second or third week of November. Juan Shannon said that he would like to do the makeup meeting as well as the November 18th meeting. Chandler agreed and said they could schedule another meeting during the week of November 10th, but they could decide on this date later in an email chain. Darryl Folks and Boratha Tan said they would be fine with either option. Janis mentioned that it is Veterans Day on Tuesday the 11th of November and it would be better to do Monday the 10th of November or Wednesday the 12th. Cody Matthews and Darryl said they could do either of those two dates. Chandler said Wednesday the 12th would work better for him. Janis agreed with this, and they planned the next meeting for November 12th at 11:00 AM. There were no additional comments

At 12:02 AM the meeting was adjourned.