

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2023

Minutes transcribed from recording by Reilly Butler.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM by Reilly Butler.

At 11:16 AM Reilly Butler asked the Council for any additions to the meeting agenda. No additions to the agenda were added.

At 11:17 AM Reilly Butler asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Will Kenworthy moved and Juan Shannon seconded the motion. Reilly asked for a vote to approve the meeting agenda for the meeting on October 3, 2023, and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:18 AM Reilly Butler asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 18, 2023. Will Kenworthy moved, and Janis Hazel seconded the motion. Reilly asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes. No objections were stated, and the minutes were approved from the previous meeting held on September 18, 2023.

At 11:20 AM Eddie Smith summarized the Resolution 01-2023 document's purpose of capturing goals to achieve by the end of 2023 and draft a work plan associated with each goal. As questions and concerns from the Council surfaced, Eddie sought to connect with an internal DTE team to understand Directors and Officers insurance for the Council. The next step is to understand if DTE can indemnify everyone on the Council and the DTE Legal team is looking into the request.

At 11:22 AM Eddie Smith provided an update on the land development timeline update on behalf of Kayla Maas' absence. DTE met internally with another team who work on RFPs for development solar projects for DTE. The next best step would be to not continue to identify additional individual parcels of land, it should be to produce an RFI and see if developers are interested in taking on these projects, from the recommendations on DTE's internal expert who manages contracting of developers to build projects. Juan Shannon asked if developers would be involved in the construction process. Eddie responded that the developers would be the agent responsible for delivering a successful project to the Council, and they would sub-contract out the construction work. Additionally, the developers are responsible for securing the land rights by purchasing the land altogether or easements and anything else needed. Juan Shannon shared his concern that the Council should revisit the budget per project, as additional needs of each project will most likely require additional funding per project. Will Kenworthy shared with the Council that the budget could depend on the scope of the RFI like framing the RFI around the budget versus the quantity. Eddie reported to the Council it is a challenge to issue the RFI as we do not have budget funding needs addressed. Will asked if it was part of the specific Solar for

All application that the state is doing. Eddie responded that the state is applying, and it is the state's vision to achieve the Solar for All objections. Will asked if the application EGLE is writing includes this specific DTE pilot. Eddie responded he is working on gaining more clarity. Will shared with the Council that his colleague has been involved with having conversations with EGLE and the applications, and that he might be able to gather more information from his colleague. Eddie reported to the Council it depends on the funding and if any additional funding is provided then the next step is to move into issuing an RFI or start the RFP process.

At 11:32 AM Reilly Butler asked the Council if there was any movement on contacting someone from Wayne County Metro Action Agency to see if they are interested in moving forward with being a fiduciary for this pilot. Janis Hazel shared with the Council that she was successful in reaching out to Louis Piszker and sent him follow-up information. Janis is waiting for him or someone else assigned to meet with us by the end of October. Reilly echoed that the Council would try their best to meet inside the meeting cadence and/or outside based on the organization's schedule. Eddie Smith shared with the Council that he is open to working with other nonprofit organizations, if needed, and found in previous conversations that a law firm was interested in being a fiduciary for the pilot. Janis mentioned that there was a list of all attendees from the August Community Event held in 2022 and a few organizations seemed interested. Reilly was able to locate the invite and attendee list on the Community Impact SharePoint site and suggested that internally the DTE team should start to research potential fiduciaries in case Wayne County Metro Action Agency does not move forward with being a fiduciary.

At 11:40 AM Reilly Butler reviewed the Action Register with the Council and updated commentary per outstanding action. Juan Shannon provided an update on the Highland Park TIFF district Director and reported that the area on Pasadena would not be considered as they plan to put residential development there when they find a developer. Additionally, there is other space, and they are open to discussion about potentially using the land for this pilot. Eddie Smith asked Juan if there are other areas of land within the boundary of the TIFF district besides Pasadena, and that the Director is possibly interested in including solar developments that projects could receive additional funding. Juan confirmed that there is interest, and the Director is open to discussion. Eddie asked if Juan could schedule a meeting with the Director to discuss the interest and provide additional information.

At 12:00 PM Reilly Butler asked each Council member a roundtable report before adjourning the meeting. Janis Hazel shared the City of Detroit is planning their 2025 budget cycle and this Council should considering asking if any funds could be utilized for this pilot. Eddie Smith asked to meet offline with Janis to learn more about the funding opportunity and have a report ready to share in the next meeting. Reilly Butler shared a reminder with the Council to have September Timesheets completed by the end of this week. Juan Shannon asked if anyone on the Council has considered the Greenway project and Eddie asked if an offline meeting could take place.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.