

**MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT**  
**LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

*Minutes transcribed from recording by Jessica Jamieson.*

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 AM by Jessica Jamieson.

At 11:06 AM Jessica Jamieson asked if everyone had reviewed the meeting agenda for November 12th, 2025, and if any additions needed to be made. There were no comments. She then asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Darryl Folks moved to approve, and Boratha Tan seconded the motion.

At 11:07 AM Jessica Jamieson asked if everyone had read the meeting minutes from October 21st, 2025, and if any changes needed to take place. There were no comments. She then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Janis Hazel moved to approve, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion.

At 11:08 AM Jessica Jamieson introduced the first item on the agenda: an update on the Joe Louis Greenway (JLG) site walks. She handed the discussion to Chandler Kielbas, who explained that on October 8th, he visited two potential sites for the Detroit solar array with several other parties. One site was located at 4200 Sharon, and the second was called the Modern-Fleming Assemblage. The engineering firm, 1898 & Co., joined him on that site walk, and they have since developed a first draft of a presentation on the viability of each site, which the DTE Renewables team has provided feedback on. Chandler said he believes the final draft of that presentation will be completed in the next week or two and will be presented to the LISC on either the 18th of November or during the first December meeting. With that presentation, the Council will be able to determine which site is the most viable for the project, and they can have any engineering-centered questions answered. He furthered that Tepfirah Rushdan is still working on developing a presentation to the mayor of Detroit, and that his team has been providing her with information about the Pilot over the last few weeks. He then asked for any additional comments. Janis Hazel noted that later that day, she would be attending a community meeting with Mayor Duggan and asked if she should bring the Community Impact Pilot to his attention as he will soon be leaving office. Chandler inquired when he would be leaving office. Janis responded that the new mayor, Mary Sheffield, will be sworn in on January 1st, 2026. Chandler advised Janis to potentially reach out to Tepfirah for advice on this, but that he did not currently see anything wrong with mentioning it. Janis said that Tepfirah might also be leaving her position as Detroit's Director of Sustainability, though she was not certain about this. She then furthered that she would reach out to Tepfirah regarding mentioning the Impact Pilot during the meeting. Chandler then asked for any further comments, and there were none.

At 11:17 AM Jessica Jamieson moved to reviewing community engagement initiatives. She asked Janis Hazel to expand on the most recent additions to the spreadsheet. Janis said that she

would be attending the Detroit City Council Green Task Force monthly meeting on the 20th of November. She would also be attending the Detroit District 7 charter-mandated community meeting later in the day. She said that they frequently have a presentation, and representatives from building safety, engineering, land bank, public works, police, and water and sewage will be in attendance. It will offer residents the opportunity to ask questions directly. Jessica asked if Janis would be attending the event on Zoom or in person. Janis responded that she would be attending on Zoom. Jessica thanked her and asked for any further questions or comments. There were none.

At 11:21 AM Jessica Jamieson moved to the action item register. She asked if Janis Hazel had any updates regarding her communication with Julie Staveland. Janis responded that she has reached out but has not yet received a reply. She added that she heard back from Courtney Harper, District 7 Deputy Manager for the City of Detroit, regarding the DONcast meeting. Courtney said that they will not be scheduling the LISC for a presentation on the topic of community solar due to the concern that residents will confuse the Community Impact Pilot with the ongoing Detroit Solar Neighborhoods program. Janis said this could always shift with upcoming leadership changes, but at this time, the LISC will not be able to present during the DONcast meeting. Chandler Kielbas responded that it is unfortunate, but thanked Janis for the confirmation. Chandler then suggested that they move forward with the lunch-and-learn. He said he thinks the date should be set during the first or second week of December. He furthered that he has a mail list of over 250 people, and he is happy to add more if they wish to be invited. Janis said that she has been thinking on this and suggested waiting to host the lunch-and-learn until the Council has reached another large milestone, such as having land allocated towards the project. She asked what the lunch-and-learn would report if they were to host it now. Chandler responded that the content of the lunch-and-learn would be largely dependent on what Council members wanted to see in it. It could include general information about the project, updates on their grant efforts, and report their partnership with the CCF as a fiduciary. Though he understood Janis's point and has no qualms with pushing the lunch-and-learn to 2026. Darryl Folks said he agrees with Janis and wants to report on as much as possible during this meeting. Boratha Tan added that at this point in the year, many organizations have already exhausted the funding resources they have available, so it might be more productive to host the meeting at the start of 2026. Janis stated that the LISC should begin reaching out to foundations that would support the Pilot. Chandler said that he has reached out to a few foundations in the past, and that this will become a point of focus once again in the coming year. Chandler then agreed that they should postpone the lunch-and-learn toward the start of the next year, when they have more information regarding Solar for All and land acquisition. Janis then suggested they reach out the Alex Smith once again to get him scheduled for a meeting in either December or January. Chandler said he would do that. Janis also said she would reach back out to City of Detroit representatives, and recommended that Chandler first get in touch with Julie Jozwiak to see if she has any insights on how the Detroit administration will be shifting. Chandler said he would do this and asked Janis to send him an email with the names of the three Detroit representatives she would be contacting. Chandler asked for any further comments, and there were none.

At 11:40 AM Jessica Jamieson moved to the round table and asked for any additional comments. Janis spoke about her most recent trip and the Detroit music scene. There were no further comments.

At 11:51 AM the meeting was adjourned.