

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Minutes transcribed from recording by Reilly Butler.

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM by Reilly Butler.

At 11:09 AM Reilly Butler asked the Council for any additions to the meeting agenda. No additions to the agenda were added.

At 11:10 AM Reilly Butler asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Janis Hazel moved and Juan Shannon seconded the motion. Reilly asked for a vote to approve the meeting agenda for the meeting on November 7, 2023, and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:11 AM Reilly Butler asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 3, 2023. Juan Shannon 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 October 17, 2023.

At 11:12 AM Eddie Smith shared with the Council that the internal DTE team met with Wayne County Metro Community Action Agency two and half weeks ago. The internal team spent more than an hour sharing with the non-profit organization the structure of the pilot, the settlement agreement and memorandum of understanding, and what the needs are with a potential opportunity to collaborate with them. It is unclear if this is the ideal strategic fit for Wayne Metro Community Action Agency. The decision is to move forward and see if there are other non-profit organizations who might have a better fit for this pilot. Janis Hazel asked Eddie Smith which employees or representatives from Wayne Metro Community Action Agency attending the meeting with DTE, and Eddie Smith shared that Mia Harnos, the Chief Operating Officer, was present with many other team members. Janis Hazel shared that the Council should review the Fiduciary Chart that was previously worked on earlier this year. Eddie Smith requested that everyone on the Council support the Fiduciary Chart with potential organizations, a point of contact, and include their email/phone number.

At 11:20 AM Eddie Smith introduced the Board Member Agreement which captures DTE Energy's agreement to indemnify everyone who serves on the Council. The agreement states information such as how the Council was created and reaffirms no one serving on the Council will take any financial benefits that they are not entitled to officially. The Board Member Agreement will be sent out to the Council for review and to collect signatures of agreement. Juan Shannon asked the Council if we have ever considered changing the format of the pilot and the goals of the pilot. Eddie Smith replied that the critical issue is that grant funding typically prohibits giving grant money to a for-profit entity, and therefore, the funding typically must go

through a 501-C(3) organization or a political subdivision of the state government. For these reasons, Eddie Smith stated that DTE will most likely be unable to be the direct recipient of grants and a fiduciary will be required.

At 11:28 AM Reilly Butler reviewed the Resolution 01-2023 with the Council to add other goals or initiatives that the Council would like to see documented to ensure the Resolution can be voted on in the next meeting. Resolution 01-2023 will be sent out in a follow-up email. Janis Hazel flagged that Indemnification should be on the Resolution 01-2023 as the first goal to be completed.

At 11:42 AM Janis Hazel provided an update to the Council on the Detroit Budget Cycle for 2025. Janis shared she participated in a Zoom meeting last week and described the meeting as it's designed to review the revenue, community engagement, budget reconciliation, and priorities ranked previously for these topics in the last budget planning cycle phase. Janis shared her next steps is to meet with Fred Durham III, who is a council member District 7, and receive advice from him and see if he is willing to advocate for the low-income solar pilot. Eddie Smith asked Janis Hazel if this opportunity is to ask the city for general parcels of land that could be used for this pilot and to ask the city if they could structure grants for low-income community solar development and the LISC pilot could apply for those. Janis confirmed both of Eddie's questions are correct. Janis will send out the slide deck from the meeting to the Council members. Additionally, Janis is working on setting up a new introductory meeting and seeing if there are opportunities to collaborate.

At 11:54 AM Reilly Butler reviewed with the Council the next steps for the fiduciary. The Action Register was reviewed with the Council and respective outstanding actions were updated, as necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.