

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Minutes transcribed from recording by Reilly Butler.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by Kayla Maas.

At 11:07 AM Kayla Maas asked the Council for any additions to the meeting agenda. Janis Hazel added an agenda item to review the Detroit City Council Budget Meeting and Steve Watson was removed from the agenda. Kayla Maas asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Janis Hazel moved, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion. Kayla asked for a vote to approve the meeting agenda for the meeting on February 6, 2024, and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:10 AM Kayla Maas asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. Janis Hazel moved, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion. Kayla asked for a vote to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2024, and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:13 AM Janis Hazel shared that Steve Watson was not able to make it but that they are in conversation for Steve to attend a future Council meeting. Janis provided the Council with an update on the Detroit City Council Budget meeting she attended in October of 2023, where Janis requested the Low-Income Solar Councils budget request be included in the budget process. There is no update currently to where it stands in the process. Janis requested the budget Director to attend one of the Council meetings to discuss the 2025 fiscal year budget and the possible money available in the 2024 budget cycle for this pilot. Janis also shared the opportunity of the Community Engagement meeting which is scheduled for February 20th 2024 at 7:00 PM on Zoom and an option for in-person attendance. Janis is planning on attending and requested DTE support to customize a PowerPoint presentation to share at the Community Engagement meeting, dependent upon DTE bandwidth. Janis also shared with the Council she is attending a meeting on February 9th 2024 regarding the Budget Committee to share with Fred Durham about this Pilot. In addition, Janis also shared that they are reapportioning the district lines and was able to see a presentation of the Planning Division to review the redistricting maps and a polling survey. Boratha Tan shared with the Council he will participate in the Community Engagement meeting to support with additional questions/answers and could review the PowerPoint once completed.

11:27 AM Kayla Maas reviewed the Resolution 01-2024 with the Council that was discussed in the January 16th, 2024, meeting to review the Low-Income Solar Council Charter and make edits/comments before adopting the Charter via Resolution 01-2024. The Council did not vote on Resolution 01-2024 as not everyone reviewed the Charter. The Resolution 01-2024 will be reviewed and voted on during the February 20th, 2024, meeting.

At 11:32 AM Eddie Smith provided an update to the Council on the status of a fiduciary. Detroit Future City responded to the DTE staff and Janis Hazel's email that they will need to decline the offer to serve as the fiduciary due to capacity challenges. Detroit Future City recommended the Council reach out to an organization like United Way to support the depth of this pilot.

At 11:37 AM Boratha Tan shared with the Council that that Wayne State Law Clinic put our request on the wait list as they have smaller projects that are more accessible for their law students. Boratha reported that UD Mercy Law School does not have any clinics that seem to fit with this Pilot's needs. Overall, it does not seem like there is available assistance from local universities.

At 11:40 AM Kayla Maas provided an update to the Council on the status of the outside legal counsel, which was the DTE legal department is scheduled to meet with the outside counsel this Friday, February 9th, 2024, and there should be an update at the next Council meeting.

At 11:43 AM Kayla Maas reviewed the action item register with the Council, where several actions were updated and reflected in the file. Juan Shannon gave an update to the Council that he was able to discuss with the Chief Director regarding the TIFF district and they are not interested. Another update provided by Juan Shannon is that the CED Director has been replaced and there is a new Community and Economic Development Director in the City of Highland Park. Kayla Maas asked Janis Hazel if she would reach back out to Steve Watson and see if he was available to join the next Council meeting and if not, share a few dates that Steve Watson would be able to attend. Janis Hazel shared with the Council that there is a meeting on Thursday, February 8th, 2024, at 6:00 PM about the Joe Louis Greenway Project. The DTE team has reached out several times and gotten no response back about an opportunity. Additionally, Janis also shared that the Council should reconnect with Jack Akinlosotu as we approach the middle of February to discuss potential collaboration opportunities on the available land.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.