

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2025

Minutes transcribed from recording by Jessica Jamieson

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 AM by Chandler Kielbas.

At 11:06 AM Chandler Kielbas asked the Council if everyone had the opportunity to review the meeting agenda. Janis Hazel confirmed it had been reviewed. Chandler then asked if any additions needed to be made and there were none. Chandler then invited the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Janis moved and Boratha Tan seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

At 11:07 AM Chandler Kielbas asked the Council if they had reviewed the meeting minutes from March 18, 2025, and inquired if there were any questions about them. Janis Hazel confirmed there were no changes to be made. Chandler then invited the Council to motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 18, 2025. Janis moved and Boratha Tan seconded it. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

At 11:08 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to the first order of business, a future grant opportunities discussion. He relayed that he had met with the Canton Community Foundation (CCF) last week and that of the grants that Janis shared, DTE would be moving forward with one of those. Janis will be updated throughout the process. Additionally, he shared that with the CCF's extensive experience in grants that they will be looking for further opportunities as they arise. He let the Council know that they would also be joining DTE for the MI Solar for All grant in the fall. Janis Hazel added that she attended the Environmental Protection Agency and Minneapolis Foundation Thriving Communities Grant making program office hours. She mentioned that in the future the Foundation is holding further sessions for the community to ask questions about further grant opportunities. She then asked if for the RE-EIED grant, she should be inquiring about letters of support from community members. Chandler explained that the public commentary period of the grant process will open up shortly and he would circle back with her on the exact date of that. He furthered that obtaining letters of support would be very helpful. Boratha Tan then asked if he should notify Chandler and the wider council if he finds smaller grants like \$5,000 to \$10,000. Chandler replied that though this may not be usable for the Community Impact Pilot, it would be extremely helpful for the Community Support Pilot, which also focuses on helping low-income customers. Janis then asked if she should send over any technical assistance grants. Chandler said that at this time that was not necessary because they did not need extra help with grant writing.

At 11:18 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to the next order of business, a review discussion of the RE-EIED grant. At this point he opened the floor to any comments, questions or discussions as suggestions can still be worked into the grant to be submitted after the amendment period in

May. Juan Shannon asked what date the Council would receive the grant draft in order to review it. Chandler explained that the Council, at this point, has already been provided with the draft and that it is currently uploaded publicly on the MPSC website. Chandler said he would send out a link for anyone who had trouble finding it. Boratha Tan then asked Chandler if he could add the due dates schedule for the RE-EIED grant into the next meeting agenda. Chandler confirmed he would do this.

At 11:22 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to reviewing community engagement initiatives. He handed it over to Janis Hazel who began discussing the fourth MI Solar for All listening session on April 10th. She asked if either Juan Shannon or Darryl Folks would be available to comment at this event. Juan confirmed that he would be available to do this unless something changed. Chandler added that he probably would not have to be on long, as the sessions have been dropping in attendance recently. Janis then mentioned that the Detroit City Council Green Task Force is having their Earth Day awards on April 25, 2025 and the EGLE's climate conference is taking place on April 22, 2025 and April 23, 2025. Chandler then asked if Janis had gotten anything interesting out of the grant-making office hours. Janis said that it was mostly general information and people asking when the grant was due. Janis then concluded her section and Chandler again opened the floor. Juan commented that he found it hard to understand how some departments within DTE were not aware of the LISC and the April 9th event that was originally happening in Highland Park. He shared that it was disappointing that the April 9, 2025 event was switched to April 2, 2025 and that he felt it would have been important to relay information out to other departments about this event a while ago. Chandler then asked that if Juan's goal was to have a discussion about community solar in Highland Park, why April 2nd was not suited for this purpose. Juan stated that his main issue was with communication. Chandler then asked if Juan was concerned that the April 2nd event would have less reach than the April 9th and Juan confirmed that he was concerned. Chandler then mentioned that the April 2nd event did not have to be the last, and that he would be open to doing more events and community outreach in Highland Park. Chandler then asked if there were any other comments. Janis questioned if the April 3, 2025 Marathon land follow-up meeting needed to be added to the action item register. Chandler replied that that is not a top priority for the LISC to discuss as a council, but that she is welcome to join the meeting.

At 11:45 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to discussing the action item register. He asked if anybody had anything to add and there was nothing. Chandler then asked Janis Hazel if she was still in talks with the EGLE team about potentially joining an LISC meeting in the near future. Janis responded that because Dr. Wong and the EGLE team were headlining public listening sessions, they are not going to attend individual meetings, and we could speak to them at these sessions.

At 11:47 AM Chandler Kielbas opened up the round table for discussion. Janis Hazel commented that she was excited to see all these fund-raising opportunities coming to fruition. There were no further comments.

At 11:50 AM the meeting was adjourned.