

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2025

Minutes transcribed from recording by Jessica Jamieson

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by Jessica Jamieson.

At 11:06 AM Jessica Jamieson asked if any additions or changes needed to be made to the meeting agenda for August 5th, 2025. Janis Hazel confirmed there were none. Jessica then asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Janis moved to approve, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion.

At 11:07 AM Jessica Jamieson asked the Council if they had read the meeting minutes from July 15th, 2025, and if any changes needed to be made. There were none. Jessica then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Janis Hazel moved to approve, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion.

At 11:07 AM Jessica Jamieson introduced the first item on the agenda: a land and community engagement identification discussion. She handed the discussion over to Chandler Kielbas, who explained that as the LISC moves into the fall, there will be time to discuss community engagement activities, and that Janis Hazel's email earlier regarding a lunch-and-learn was very timely. He plans to spend a significant portion of the August 19th meeting organizing the lunch-and-learn, which could potentially be hosted in September. He then asked Janis and Darryl Folks to inform him of any community engagement ideas or events they are planning over the next couple of months. Chandler inquired if anybody had heard an update on the Highland Park Tech Fair. Janis said that she has not heard an update, but that she attended the African World Festival and did some tabling there with the Green Task Force. Chandler thanked her and asked Darryl if there were any events planned in River Rouge. Darryl responded that they have an event called Rouge Days planned for the community sometime in September. Chandler asked Darryl to provide dates for that when possible. Boratha Tan then added that he had seen on Facebook that the Tech Fair date had tentatively changed to August 30th. Chandler thanked him and asked if there were any land identification updates. Janis suggested following up with Julie Jozwiak for any updates on her GIS findings regarding Detroit properties that are city-owned. She also suggested speaking to the City of Detroit's Land Bank Office to see if they could locate any potential industrial sites. Chandler asked Jessica to add this to the action item registry when they got to that section. Darryl mentioned that he would send over a map of potential parcels of smaller land in River Rouge.

At 11:17 AM Jessica Jamieson moved to reviewing community engagement initiatives. She confirmed with Juan Shannon, who had now gained access to the meeting, that the Tech Fair would be on August 30th. Juan said that the event has shifted to invite-only, and if any of the LISC members would like to join, they could let him know. Chandler Kielbas clarified that the two-day event has now been combined into a single event. Juan answered that the Tech Fair has now been consolidated into a single day with a keynote speaker, VIP reception, and fundraiser from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. They are preparing to host a very large event in 2026 as well. Chandler then asked if there was an updated flyer and agenda for the event. Juan responded that there was not a listed-out agenda, but he did have an updated flyer. Chandler asked him to send that out to the Council, and he agreed. Jessica then asked Janis Hazel if she attended the Detroit City Green Task Force meeting this month. She replied that she did, and that she tabled with them for the African World Festival, where she got some email addresses for people to be included in future LISC outreach—such as possible attendees to another lunch-and-learn. Juan brought up that the Highland Park Music Festival will be happening again this year on August 8th and 9th from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM in Avalon Village in Highland Park. Jessica asked if he would be tabling there. He responded that he would just be attending, and that there are flyers and more information on Facebook. Janis then asked whether Julie Jozwiak could focus one of her discussions during the Detroit Department of Neighborhoods "DONcast" meeting about the Pilot or have an LISC representative on there to speak about it. She explained that Julie often speaks on general DTE updates during these meetings, and there are usually 100 to 150 attendees. She stated this could be a good community outreach opportunity. Chandler asked Janis if it seemed like DONcast was less booked now than last year. Janis confirmed this and stated that last year it was especially difficult to get a spot due to the City not wanting this Pilot to be confused with their Solar Neighborhoods program.

At 11:36 AM Jessica Jamieson moved to the action item register. She added a row regarding Julie Jozwiak or the LISC leading a DONcast discussion and speaking to Julie about the GIS findings. Janis Hazel recommended speaking again to Alex Smith of Wayne County about potential land opportunities in Highland Park and River Rouge, and to thank him again for joining the meeting. She asked if Juan Shannon and Darryl Folks could look into areas that may be owned by Wayne County that they could send to Alex. Juan mentioned that he met with the NAACP Community and Economic Development Director for Highland Park and found another parcel of land that is owned by the state. Chandler Kielbas thanked Juan and asked if he had any contact information for the water treatment facility he had mentioned in a previous meeting. Juan said that the city owns that facility and that he would speak to the Mayor about it. Jessica then added to the action item registry "Development of a lunch-and-learn presentation". Janis brought up that they should contact the Michigan Land Bank Authority about potential land in any of the three Impact locations. Chandler said that this is a great idea and asked if she had any contacts from there. She replied that she did not, but Cody Matthews and Sarah Hutchinson from LARA

on the call could potentially help identify someone to connect with. Cody said that he could look around, but that he had no current contacts. Sarah agreed and said she could reach out to a few of her old contacts at EGLE regarding this. Juan asked if there could still be a deal made with the Land Bank Authority if they requested compensation for a parcel of land. Chandler said this depended on Kayla Maas speaking to leadership, but that he does not believe it would instantly end the deal. He believes a negotiation can be made. Juan explained that it is very difficult to find land that does not come with some kind of compensation-measure and this is a difficult stopgap to address. Chandler replied that this is a shared sentiment, and that he would be very surprised if DTE would only accept donated land with no alternative. Janis said that she thinks the Michigan Healthy Climate Plan should be a point of emphasis in conversations with entities such as the Michigan Land Bank Authority.

At 11:55 AM Jessica Jamieson opened the roundtable discussion and asked for any thoughts. Juan Shannon explained that, in speaking to the NAACP, he had found a parcel of land that he estimated to be larger than three acres, located next to the fire station in Highland Park. Chandler Kielbas asked Juan what the immediate next steps would be in pursuing this opportunity. Juan said he should attempt to get the actual parcel number or address on this land. Chandler said Jessica and he would work on this. Chandler then thanked Jessica for leading the meeting. There were no further comments.

At 12:00 PM the meeting was adjourned.