

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2023

Minutes transcribed from recording by Reilly Butler.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Eddie Smith.

At 11:03 AM Eddie Smith asked the Council for any additions to the meeting agenda. Janis Hazel requested to include the City of Detroit Solar RFI (Request for Information) as a major topic of discussion for the next meeting.

At 11:10 AM Eddie Smith asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Janis Hazel moved and Cody Matthews seconded the motion. Eddie asked for a vote to approve the meeting agenda for the meeting on August 15, 2023, and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:15 AM Eddie Smith read the meeting minutes from July 18, 2023. Eddie Smith asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 18, 2023. Janis Hazel moved and Cody Matthews seconded the motion. Eddie 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 July 18, 2023.

At 11:17 AM Eddie Smith introduced new DTE employees, Reilly Butler and Kayla Maas, who will be supporting the Low-Income Solar Council.

At 11:18 AM Kayla Maas provided an update to the Council about land parcels that she researched which could be feasible for the pilot. The land information was obtained from the Wayne County Lank Bank website. Eddie Smith asked Kayla Maas to provide details on how much land is needed to develop solar. Kayla Maas reported that 10 acres is needed for 1 megawatt and around 4 acres will be needed per project. Kayla Maas asked if the Council had additional questions before reviewing land parcels in River Rouge. Juan Shannon asked what criteria is needed for plots of land. Kayla Maas informed the Council that vacant plots of land and owned by some public entities are the only criteria. Juan Shannon informed the Council that Highland Park is a TIF district and could be a source of additional funding. Boratha Tan requested Kayla Maas to investigate plots of land on the west and east side of Woodward in Highland Park. Kayla Maas requested from the Council ideas on how to creatively find plots of land in River Rouge as the initial search shows small plots of land not suitable for solar. No update from Detroit plots of land based on previous findings from Bortha Tan.

At 11:26 AM Eddie Smith stated that the Council should develop a “Conflict of Interest” form and develop procedures for reporting and managing conflicts of interest. Juan Shannon said he believes he might have a conflict of interest and wants to discuss it with Eddie Smith and Reilly Butler to see if it warrants Juan recusing himself on certain matters or stepping down from the

Council. Reilly Butler agreed to schedule a meeting with Juan to discuss the potential conflict of interest.

At 11:31 AM Eddie Smith introduced the concept of using Rider 5 for this pilot. Janis Hazel requested a summary of Rider 5. Reilly Butler distributed the DTE Rate Book link in the meeting chat.

At 11:44 AM Eddie Smith introduced the Energy Efficiency Assistance (EEA) program as an opportunity to incorporate in the pilot. Sahil Popli asked for clarification on Eddie Smith's suggestion to get the benefits of this program from the pool of EEA or elsewhere. Eddie Smith clarified that the forms vary, including drawing from the pool of customers who are randomly drawn from the universal low-income customers and to go forward is they agree to a whole-home assessment. Eddie Smith called the Council to attention in the Settlement Agreement Section 10.4.7.2. that captures the previous idea that was thought of and captured in the Settlement Agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.