

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Minutes transcribed from recording by Chandler Kielbas.

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM by Chandler Kielbas.

At 11:08 AM Chandler Kielbas asked the Council if they had reviewed the meeting agenda and if any additions to the meeting agenda were needed, and there were none. Chandler asked the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Will Kenworthy moved to approve, and Janis Hazel seconded the motion. Chandler asked for a vote to approve the meeting agenda for the meeting on September 17, 2024, and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:09 AM Chandler Kielbas asked the council if they had reviewed the meeting minutes with the edits contributed by Janis Hazel from September 3, 2024. Juan Shannon inquired about the changes, and Chandler reviewed that there were three key points to the edits, the first being general grammar edits, the second being a link and more information about the City of Detroit's Master plan, and third the proper title of Leona Medley was clarified. Chandler then asked the Council to motion to approve the amended meeting minutes from September 3, 2024. Janis Hazel moved, and Will Kenworthy seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes with the revisions was unanimously approved.

At 11:11 AM Chandler Kielbas began with the new business topic of Community Engagement Brainstorming. Chandler opened the floor to input on ideas, and Janis Hazel shared her suggestion that whenever a Pilot site for a city is determined that the Council do extensive community engagement in the respective community that the projects are built and referenced the University of Michigan study highlighting the importance of doing so in order to address community concerns. Janis continued by sharing that through her many experiences at community events and tabling events that people are interested in community solar and the associated benefits, and that a lot of people in the City of Detroit are renters and are unable to build on their landlord's property or just don't have the money if they own their homes, but that there is an interest in community benefits. Janis inquired about what types of community benefits we provide within the scope of the pilot and the funding available. Chandler responded with his strong agreement of Janis's insistence of conducting a strong targeted community engagement initiative in the areas selected to build solar projects for the Pilot. Juan Shannon shared that the weather is changing soon, but would be open to hosting a community meeting or related for the Highland Park community to have discussions. Chandler inquired to Juan whether he believed it would be more productive to have such meetings before or after finding the land for the Pilot in Highland Park or if the timing was not significant. Juan stated his belief that the community discussions should be an ongoing process consisting of multiple meet-ups over a span of time. Juan also highlighted that meeting beforehand could help lock down a piece of land, and after

could help provide continued education and assurance about what the program consisted of. Juan reiterated that he believes finding a suitable path forward to building a solar project in Highland Park is going to require creativity due to the challenges of land availability. Juan then added he feels that it will foster and improve relations between DTE and the City of Highland Park by doing so and working together. Chandler thanked the Council for providing good suggestions for the discussion.

At 11:36 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to old business and started reviewing community engagement initiative proposals. Chandler asked Janis Hazel to share about the different activities that she had participated in. Janis spoke about attending the regular Monday DONcast presentation and keeping awareness of other potential land sites in Detroit if the Council's current options fall through. She shared that more interest in land has come to her attention. Janis then mentioned the Master plan for the City of Detroit is ongoing and that she is looking into attending some of those to see what the city of Detroit's plans are for physical locations in the city moving forward. Janis also shared she would be attending meetings and may be able to meet land developers, the mayor, and other people who may be able to synchronize with the Council on the Pilot. Chandler asked Janis about typical Master plan sessions, and Janis stated that there are a variety of location options all around the City of Detroit at different times to accommodate different schedules. She then shared that there's a schedule online that will detail the options for those who are interested. Detroit Master Plan website address: <https://www.plandetroit.com/>

At 11:31 AM Chandler Kielbas gave an update on land opportunities following the previous Council meeting discussions. Chandler shared that AAA hasn't met with the DTE team since and that there were no updates regarding a potential partnership with them. Chandler said that discussions with Marathon were going well, and that the likely next step would be for the DTE development team to go in person to physically assess the land. Chandler then shared that there were no new pieces of information to share regarding discussions with the Joe Louis Greenway land options. Janis Hazel shared that she attended the mayor's Department of Neighborhoods Special DONCAST on Solar Neighborhoods municipal solar meeting on July 23, 2024, and that there were questions about community benefits and want to know if our Pilot project was capable of providing more community benefits than just a credit on the enrolled customer's bill. Janis then shared during the Mayor's Special DONCAST on Solar Neighborhoods, residents asked about when or if the City would provide resident's with solar, and a neighborhood association president (Theresa Landrum, 48217 Southwest Detroit) stated she wants that for any solar project located in a neighborhood that the immediate community residents should be first in line to receive the benefits of that solar project. Janis also believes it makes sense that people who live directly in the neighborhood of a solar project be first in line to receive the bill credits. Chandler shared with the Council that the DTE team has had past discussions on whether it would be feasible for DTE to be able to set up the program in a way that gives priority to people living directly next to a project in the Pilot, and that it is a good idea and something to consider as a possibility moving forward.

At 11:37 AM Chandler Kielbas gave a fiduciary update. Chandler stated that the DTE team have been navigating final unexpected hurdles, and shared that the Canton Community Foundation has been very gracious with the DTE team and have been very patient during the process. Chandler said he has been working very closely with them while also working with the other necessary teams at DTE to conclude the process. He then stated that everything with the agreements are still looking great and that it is currently just a matter of time to wrap up outstanding tasks.

At 11:39 AM Chandler Kielbas reviewed the Action Item Register. Chandler shared that the action item of brain storming community engagement activities has been going well, and to leave it as an in-progress item on the register to continue advancing. Chandler asked if there were any new items to be added for this meeting. Janis stated she had nothing to add of at the moment and that the Council has been covering a lot of ground. Will Kenworthy shared that the whole concept of the Solar Council is pretty novel, and that he has been personally amazed by the engagement shown by the community representatives and that he's mostly looking for opportunities to share his experience and is excited by the progress the Council has made so far. Chandler thanked Will for his feedback and assessment of the Council at this current time.

At 11:42 AM Chandler Kielbas transitioned into the round table portion of the meeting. Janis Hazel shared she had no additional items for the round table. Chandler asked each of the Council members if they had anything, and everyone responded there were none. Janis Hazel then asked Cody Matthews if the Council should be sending any sort of updates to the Michigan Public Service Commission Commissioner that is associated to the Council. Cody stated that he has been keeping the commission generally updated, and that they're aware of the current status. Will Kenworthy asked Chandler that the original settlement agreement had a timeline that is no longer applicable, and was wondering if there was a need to update the memorandum of understanding. Chandler stated he would note it and inquire about if that is necessary. Janis Hazel asked if the Council needed to update the memorandum of understanding with the acquisition of legal counsel and the fees associated to the legal counsel.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM