

Low-Income Solar Council Meeting - Minutes

Thursday July 8th, 2021

Attendance

- DTE: Michael Rivet, Lindsay Wold
- MPSC Staff: Julie Baldwin, Cody Matthews
- Vote Solar: Will Kenworthy

Agenda

- Review the MOU, focusing on the roles/responsibilities of the council
 - o Confirmed council duties which include interfacing with communities, ensuring projects meet RFP criteria, and facilitating and ranking proposals to provide to DTE
- Discuss selection of the Subject Matter Expert (SME)
 - o Council discussed and agreed that it would be ideal that the SME bring experience from the project development side, knowledge on financial and governance structures, have familiarity with southeastern Michigan, and potentially zoning, real estate, and brownfield development experience
 - o Agreed SME should be willing to devote time to the project and will be excluded from submitting proposals on the projects
- Discuss community representative selection
 - o Council agreed each representative should participate throughout the entirety of the project, rather than only being involved with meetings directly associated with their individual city (i.e., all representatives will participate on each community project)
 - o Discussed the plan to speak to municipalities and potentially community action agencies for community representative suggestions
- Discuss Council meeting cadence, format and timing (requirement is no less than 1x/month)
 - o Agreed on bi-weekly council meetings with 1 meeting per month being in person
 - o Discussed interest in holding a public townhall to provide updates once considerable progress has been made
 - o Next meeting scheduled for 7/20/21