

Tucson-Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission

Minutes of February 21, 2008 Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present

Michael Guymon, AZ Biofuels
Tina Cook, TUSD
Colleen Crowninshield, PAG
Lynne Gillette, US Inst. Enviro Conflict
Earl Jacobson, Citizen
Hyman Kaplan, Hy-Lite Design
Dale Keyes, Citizen
Richard Michal, Richard Michal, LLC
Melissa Miller, Southwest Gas

Farhad Moghimi, HDR Engineering
Erika Roush, Solar Advocate
Richard Rushforth, UA Student

Ex-Officio Members Present

Yves Khawam, Pima County
Tony Larrivee, COT

ITEMS

No. 1 – Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Michael Guymon, Chair at 7:45 a.m. and introductions were made.

No. 2 – Approval of Minutes of January 2008

Minutes were not provided. Minutes were not yet complete.

No. 3 – Chairman's Report

Michael Guymon – The Pima County Board of Supervisors will officially name Tina Cook as an MEC member at a board meeting in early March. Richard Rushforth has agreed to become the Ward VI appointee clearing a space on the County roster for Ms. Cook. Michael will come back to the MEC at the March meeting to update all on the new appointees.

Michael Guymon – Wards I and II have named two new members recently, Donna Branch Gilby and Grace Evans. Ms. Evans was present and gave a formal introduction.

No. 4 – Call to the Audience and Member updates

Hy Kaplan – 2007 90.1 is now an officially published code.

Lynne Gillette – The University of Arizona will be competing in the Solar Decathlon. It is suggested that MEC sponsor the U of A team in some fashion. MEC will request a presentation by the U of A Solar Decathlon team representative to see how MEC can sponsor the team.

Richard Rushforth – The second annual Solar Rock event will take place on March 29th at Himmel Park from noon to 5:00 p.m. The event will be powered by solar from The Solar Store.

Colleen Crowninshield – Tucson will host a movie screening of Gas Hole on May 2, 2008 at the Fox Theater. For more information on the movie go to www.gasholemovie.com

No. 5 – MEC Reports

- a. Financial Report – (see handout)
- b. Nominating Committee – all new members were reviewed and approved by the nominating committee.
- c. Executive Committee – no report
- d. Building & Sustainable Communities Committee – The committee met and came to a consensus on a name change to the Green Building & Sustainable Communities Committee. The GBSC plans to focus on energy issues related to sustainability recognizing that there is interplay between energy and other social, environmental and economic aspects of sustainability – requiring a coordinated approach. Farhad Moghimi agreed to chair the committee. This committee also would like to support and pursue the ideas of green development projects which Supervisor Elias spoke to the MEC about in January in addition to Advising the County on code changes needed to meet the 2030 challenge, reviewing energy plan recommendations from this committee in 2007, and identifying and coordinating with others groups working on sustainability and green buildings.
- e. Website Committee – although this committee has not met it was suggested that Colleen speak to PAG about the possibilities of hosting the MEC website and pursuing Sara to update and maintain the website. Colleen will follow-up with PAG. Lynne Gillette motioned to put an RFP on the street for redesign and hosting of MEC website. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.
- f. Transportation Committee – The committee met and came to a consensus on a name change to the Transportation & Urban Development Committee. Dale Keyes has agreed to chair the committee. The purpose of the T&UD will focus on energy use and environmental effects in the transportation sector. T&UD has three inter-related goals, to:
 1. reduce energy use,
 2. improve energy security, and
 3. advance environmental sustainability.

Additionally, the following strategies are ones deemed by the Committee to be achievable in the short term by local government action:

- Local governments should seek to purchase plug-in-electric hybrid vehicles as their local fleets turn over and to pursue electrified mass transit (this assumes, of course, that local sources of electricity can increasingly be produced by less carbon-intensive fuels).
 - Local governments should review their codes for facilities that produce, store and deliver ethanol and bio-diesel fuels to see if they accurately reflect the safety risks.
 - Maps should be published and signs should be posted in every jurisdiction identifying locations for purchasing alternative fuels, including recharging stations for electric vehicles.
- g. Regional Energy Resource Committee – has not met.

No. 6 – Old Business

Civano – The Civano Elementary School was named the “Greenest School in America” recently and received \$50,000 in recognition of their commitment to embracing renewable sources of energy. The monetary reward will be used to further their renewable energy projects.

No. 7 – New Business

Pima County Regional Green Residential & Remodeling Rating System -
Yves Khawam presented the County’s draft Green Residential & Remodeling Rating System recently recommended by a subcommittee of the County’s Building Codes Committee. Mr. Khawam asked for the support of the MEC as this issue will be in front of the Board of Supervisors on February 26. He is hopeful that other jurisdictions will adopt this code so the standards will be uniform throughout Pima County. Lynne Gillette moved the MEC support the Pima County Regional Green Residential & Remodeling Rating System, seconded by Dale Keyes. Motion approved unanimously.

Actual Costs of LEED Certification – Joyce was not present at the meeting. Michael will contact her to see if she would still like to present this item.

Arizona Daily Star Energy Publication – The MEC voted to re-publish the New Energy Tucson Newspapers insert. The insert will consist of the same info as the last with new updated information on all topics. If you have information you would like to see in the publication inform Michael Guymon. We all need to assist with the writing of the editorials in this section. The insert will be published in mid-April to coincide with Earth Day.

Pepper Viner homes will host a Green Expo at Civano on Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2, 2008 between 10:00 and 5:00. There will be displays and educational presentations by some MEC members. Officials will be present to announce the County’s newly adopted Green Building Program.

No. 8 – Agenda Items for Next meeting

Some agenda items that were suggested:

Budget discussion and forecast
LEED Certification
TEP rate case
AZ Rise informational presentation
Bio 5 Institute at the U of A informational presentation
Solar Decathlon informational presentation and monetary request
US Green Building Council
Continued discussion of website

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.