

City of San Diego
Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)
December 8, 2016
Meeting No. 126

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Bumgarner (Chair) – Solar Industry
Hanna Grene - CSE (Regional Energy)
Sean Karafin – At Large Member
Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) – Building Industry

Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1
Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate
Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Alternate #2

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jason Anderson – Business Community
Tom Brill – SDG&E

Julia Brown – At Large Member
Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization

I. Call to Order

John Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

II. Introductions

Hanna Grene introduced herself; she is the Sr. Government Affairs Manager for the Center for Sustainability and a new board member for the Regional Energy seat.

III. Approval of Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes [Action]

Sean Karafin moved to accept the minutes as annotated; seconded by Jay Powell. Motion passed unanimously 5-0-2; abstained Hanna Grene and Eric Scheidlinger.

The agenda was reordered to accommodate the presenters.

IV. Announcements

John Bumgarner announced that he is still trying to get the municipal code changes through. He will reach out to Jack Straw to ask if he can take off where Mike Hansen and Frances Barraza left off then he will report to the board next month. Jay Powell note that he had requested and the Chairman had indicated that the changes adopted as recommendations by SEAB would be forwarded by letter to the City Council President and Chair of the Environment Committee and that would be clearer when they are set for the New Year.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment – None

VI. Legislative, Regulatory and City Update & Conflicts of Interest – Fritz Ortlieb

Fritz Ortlieb did not have much more to add to what was already relayed last month. He conferred with the attorneys that regularly advise Boards and Commissions; it was confirmed that the political format does not apply to this board. The board members are not required to file the 700 forms because this is an unpaid advisory board. The issues here would be Government Section Code 1090, which prohibits a Public Official from having an interest in participating in the making of a contract in which that Public Official has an interest.

There was discussion and concerns on direct and remote interest components of a RFP that could lead to the making of a contract. John Bumgarner asked that board members disclose any submissions that

their organizations or groups they represent had made in response to the RFI issued by the City to achieve the CAP 100% Renewable Energy goal. Mr. Ortlieb has made it clear that he is not going to be a legal advisor on a personal basis, but wants board members to operate as clean and clearly as possible. He stated that the SDG&E rate case hearing has concluded and the briefs are going to be submitted on January 20.

Jay Powell asked about clarifying lobbying rules set forth by the CPUC regarding SDG&E or Sempra Energy Independent Marketing entities how and what they are able to do, what disclosures they need to make at the state and local levels. Mr. Ortlieb stated that an application for rehearing of the lobbying and marketing rules adopted by the CPUC related to CCAs was filed by SDG&E as it relates to the affiliate transaction rules, he will check on the status. Jay Powell also asked if the appeal of the CCA code of conduct is progressing or if there is a resolution adopted by the PUC. Mr. Ortlieb will update next month.

He stated that the Council Committee would meet next week on the street lighting contract with General Electric to put in LED lights. The lights will have the ability to support other technologies on the poles (i.e. parking control equipment, traffic control, cameras, and gunshot detectors). Doug Kot asked if there was any news on the solar PPA. Fritz Ortlieb responded that they are still negotiating with Sun Edison. They have an equity investor who will step in to support the project but it is not final.

Aaron Lu stated that the CCA feasibility study is on track to meet the deadline and timeline.

VII. CAP Update

Cody Hooven went over the CAP 2016 Annual Report based on calendar year 2015. The baseline is from 2010, this is the first time that the carbon footprint has been updated. The City is below the 2015 state targets, with about 17% reduction from the 2010 baseline and the goal is to be at least 15% by 2020.

Doug Kot asked about electric vehicle usage relative to residential energy. Are we seeing anything statistically significant between liquid petroleum onto the grid? Hanna Grene responded that some of it is in flux because of the time-of-use shift. Much of that transition in fuel depends whether or not extra generation is required at the substation level. Hanna Grene stated that legislation passed AB802 in 2015; it has many active components one of them is requiring all utilities; public municipal and investor owned to provide whole-building data.

Eddie Price stated that he abhors “Disadvantaged Communities” vernacular and would prefer to see “Communities of Concern” and also asked how does the City intend to bridge equity and sustainability, who are they talking to and what are those conversations? Who are the community stakeholders that help the City determine the best approach for collecting final reporting data for the pilot assessment for social equity in the plan? Cody responded that the folks that she has consulted with were from Environmental Health Coalition, CPI and the San Diego Foundation and Public Health Alliance. She stated that the City is seeking and getting CDBG and additional funds to implement the CAP.

Doug Kot will take being on the Development Services Department (DSD) Technical Advisory Committee under consideration.

VIII. Work Plan

John Bumgarner wants to make sure that the board is plotting a consistent course, staying accountable and on course. Jay Powell volunteered to provide a copy of the final work plan adopted for 2016. John Bumgarner stated that there were some working groups formed and asked if they have or plan to meet in December. Doug Kot stated that Energy Conservation Ordinance group did a conference call. John Bumgarner stated that he is supposed to report to the City Council Committee on the Environment in keeping with the annual plan. John Bumgarner will work on getting on the docket for the Committee for the Environment. Doug Kot gave some suggestions on items that he can present.

Hanna Grene is interested in joining the Energy Conservation Ordinance working group. Doug Kot replied that they currently have four and that one of the ad hoc members stated that if he were not the right person he would consider giving up his seat (Tom Brill, SDG&E). Doug also stated that he would be willing to give up his seat. John Bumgarner suggested having an action item on the agenda to address reshuffling the working group population as it best suits current board membership.

IX. Discussion on Last Month's Presentations

John Bumgarner suggested pushing the discussion of last month's presentations to next month and wants all board members to arrive prepared to make a meaningful decision on what can and cannot be acted upon. The meeting will start with an extension to the work plan into 2017; from that the board can determine where the issues fits into the board's priorities of the work plan and the shaping of a presentation. Jay Powell expressed interest in a presentation from the Clean Coalition regarding Micro Districts and the Transmission Access Charge as it is related to the proposal to expand CASIO.

X. Working Group Update

Doug Kot gave an update on the Energy Conservation Ordinance working group. He stated that they interpreted their role to be as follows:

1. Gather resources for best practices for energy disclosure ordinances
2. Identify stakeholder to participate in energy ordinance development implementation
3. Initiate a list of issues and concerns to be considered in developing energy disclosure ordinances.

They succeeded that list with the following:

1. The need for marketing, education and outreach
2. Campaign to support developing the ordinance
3. Concern of public access to private information
4. Desire to have meaningful benchmark that correct for distinct energy use situations
5. Integration with the state efforts related to AB802 and AB110.

They will have another meeting the first week in January to gather resources. They requested Hanna Grene to make a presentation to the full board on best practices in energy in February. Hanna Grene stated that she may call on their Policy Manager to give the presentation.

Aaron Lu stated that he wants to be aware of the progress of the working groups and anything related to the board. He noted that he is the main contact for the City and is available to sit in on the working groups for questions or guidance.

The Municipal Energy Strategy working group has not met and the meeting Chair did not designate anyone as the lead. Eric Scheidlinger volunteered to spearhead that task group. Jay Powell stated that he is willing to talk to Jack Clark for an outline on what he presented previously and where he thinks it is going to go.

XI. Suggested Guests/Presentations/Tours for Upcoming Meetings

Hanna Grene's contact for February, no presenters for January. Jay Powell asked if Jack Clark could follow up with the Clean Coalition on a presentation on micro grids and their information on transmission access charges since he has their contact.

XII. New Business - None.

XIII. Adjourn

John Bumgarner adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

Note: An audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.