

Clean Energy Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024

Attendance:

Members: PJ Klein, Jessica Cannon, Phyllis Goodson, Richard Smith, Andrea Bennett, Sean Sullivan
City staff: David Ingram, Dave Mayes

Not Present: Lindsey Hallock, Valjeanne Estes

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Approval of May minutes: All ayes

Item #1: Updates

- ❑ Committee Meeting Date & Time – David I discussed the committee’s effort to establish a new date and time for the monthly meetings. A consensus among members could not be reached. Thus, the committee decision was to keep the monthly meetings scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.
- ❑ USDOT Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program -David I. briefed the Committee on a new grant opportunity through the US Dept of Transportation. The grant, which is open to local governments, provides funding for EV charging infrastructure. The grant requires the EV infrastructure be publicly available, so locations of interest include city-owned parking decks, parks, streets. An issue with applying for this grant is the very tight timeline to submit the application which is due by August 28th. The grant also requires 20% in matching funds. PJ asked if specific locations or projects have already been identified and are shovel ready. David I responded that no, locations have not been identified yet. PJ asked if the Public Housing department had been contacted about the grant opportunity. Dave M mentioned a property, Starlight community, that is currently under development on Carolina Beach Rd. David I. will keep the Committee aware of decisions to pursue this grant following additional internal staff discussion.
- ❑ **Public Works Electric Vehicles** – David I updated the committee that the two (2) Nissan LEAFs ordered for the Public Works Department have arrived! These are the first 100% electric vehicles the City has purchased! The vehicles are on location at the Operations Center on River Road and the Fleet Manager is working to get them tagged, licensed and titled. PJ asked I there would be any kind of signage on the vehicles that they are 100% electric and part of the city’s effort to reduce emissions / meet clean energy goals. Dave I and Dave M stated they will reach out to the Communications Dept for a design.
- ❑ **EUI of Skyline Center** – David I. briefed the committee on the current Energy Use Intensity (EUI) of the Skyline Center. Currently, due to the amount of unoccupied space in the building, the EUI is very low and does not provide an accurate view of the building’s energy usage. As the occupancy of the building continues to climb, and a full years of data becomes available an update on the EUI will be provided. PJ brought up having a short-term and long-term plan on addressing energy efficiency. Suggested developing an action plan. PJ also discussed raising awareness of the energy cost increases forecasted over the 5 – 10 years which highlights even more the importance of energy efficiency.

Item #2: Discussion on agenda for the August meeting with Pam Hardy (Duke Energy)

The Committee discussed a draft agenda for the upcoming meeting and discussion with Pam Hardy (Duke Energy). PJ asked if we have local account representative that could also attend. David replied that yes, Wilson Hudspeth is our Point of Contact and an invite will be extended to him as well. PJ

suggested discussing any grant or programs that will help Wilmington progress towards our goals. Rich stated he hopes the meeting will be more of a discussion and interactive. Dave M. stated the agenda talking points were developed from the original Ad Hoc Task Force report, but requested input from the Committee on additional talking points. PJ stated discussing the fleet EV transition might not be a major talking point. David I. stated Duke might offer EV infrastructure support and programs that would help achieve goals. Rich stated interest in off shore wind and what Wilmington can do to support OSW development. Dave M stated we can reach out to each committee member individually on any talking points of interest to add to the agenda. Rich encouraged each committee member to be as engaged as possible in this opportunity to discuss directly with Duke Energy representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Next meeting Monday, August 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.