

Clean Energy Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2024

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Attendance:

Present: PJ Klein, Phyllis Goodson, Richard Smith, Sean Sullivan, Valjeanne Estes

Not Present: Lindsey Hallock, Andrea Bennett, Jessica Cannon

City Staff Present: David Ingram, Dave Mayes

Approval of June minutes: All ayes

Item #1: Updates

- ❑ **Public Works EV Charging Infrastructure** – David I briefed the Committee on the installation of EV charging infrastructure at the Operations Center for the recently purchased Nissan Leafs. A vendor has been selected; this vendor also provides fuel management software for the City so they are already an approved vendor in the system. They will be installing one Tesla Level 2 charging station with two (2) ports.
PJ asked – Since the chargers are for City-use only, how will the stations be monitored to prevent non-authorized usage? Staff replied that signage would be installed by the EV chargers, as well as the chargers will be located at the operations center which is gated after hours.
- ❑ **Sustainable Building Policy presentation to EMT** - David I. briefed the Committee on the upcoming presentation of the policy to the Executive Management Team. The presentation will be on August 22nd and will provide the EMT the opportunity for questions and feedback. Following the EMT presentation, the policy will be presented to City Council at an agenda briefing, and then presenting at a full Council meeting.
Rich asked if there was a timeline for getting the policy in front of City Council. Staff replied it would be a matter of getting it scheduled into the Council agenda with the next 1-2 months.
- ❑ **Skyline Center Updates** – David I updated the committee on discussion that was had with the Skyline Center facility manager, Darrell McCall, on energy usage at the facility and an upcoming energy audit/assessment. Some energy efficiency efforts currently underway include working on the legacy Crestron lighting control system, HVAC system updates, and building system operational schedules. New leases are also providing increased occupancy with the facility. The Committee had questions regarding how leased spaces within Skyline are being assessed for their energy usage. Staff will replied they will get more details on leased space agreements and get back to the Committee.
- ❑ **EECBG status** – David I. briefed the committee the status of the Energy Efficiency and Conservaton Block Grant. The grant is still under review by the DOE staff and other than an August/September timeframe they could not provide any additional information for when their review would be completed.

Item #2: Review Agenda for September Meeting with Pam Hardy (Duke Energy)

The Committee reviewed a draft agenda for the September meeting and discussion with Pam Hardy (Duke Energy).

- ❑ PJ brought a recent CPIRP docket item regarding Duke Energy using emergency generators for back-up power and/or peak load trimming for the grid. PJ suggested asking Pam about the program and the having City look into participating.
- ❑ Sean suggested asking about offshore wind (OSW) timelines and what the City can do to align with goals Duke has for OSW.

Item #3 - Opportunity to comment on environmental justice initiative outlined in Gov. Cooper's [Executive Order 292](#). David provided information on this advocacy opportunity (Aligns with Committee's recommended action item). Dave M will reach out to Kara Spencer for her input/ thoughts on the initiative and staff will update the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Next meeting Monday, September 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.