MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION  
Thursday, May 25, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.  
Cassidy Conference Room, Melrose City Hall  

Attendees: Tyler Ballew, Susan Baron, David Bliss, Doug Dick, Martha Grover, Ellen Katz, Susan Murphy, Lori Timmermann Jeff Doody Lori Timmerman June Cuttino, Beth Delhahaij, Lisa Montuori Trimble  

Guests: Kevin Beaulieu Margaret Remen-Snyder  

Meeting Minutes  

1. Welcome and introductions (Chair: Tyler)  

2. Approve minutes – approved -  

3. New Member: June Cuttino and Jeff Doodey Beth Delhan Lisa Montuori Trimble  

4. GHG Inventory (Susan) Has completed 2013 Baseline Document. This has been reviewed by MEC members and will be reviewed for posting on website.  

5. Ellen suggested seeing if this can be compared to other residential communities; Susan has done this.  

Ellen Katz moved to approve and accept the GHG Inventory: passed. Much thanks to Susan Murphy  

6. Lori: Car Port went live at bank -need PR done, need article by Howie- also need release of GHG Items  

Martha Grover – collected addresses for mayor’s office  

7. Budget process (Tyler)  

8. May 11th –attended Aldermen budget meeting : 2500 – approved by alderman  

Attached you will find the budget request doc that we wrote in prep for the budget hearing earlier in May. This hearing was our opportunity to communicate to city government the activities of the past year and give insight into our next year’s activities as it relates to our $2,500 budget request.  

9. Clean Energy Listening Tour (Tyler, Ellen, Doug)  

Mass senate had listen tour. Senator Baccio came to memorial hall and listened to Jason Lewis and others. This was well attended. Short notice did not allow for more full attendance. Supreme Judicial Court ruled that Massachusetts did not global warming and there were to be consequences. (Carbon Tax Bill adopted from British Columbia  

10. Healthy Melrose follow up (subcommittee)  

Engaged in tree to reduce climate change Tree – leaves were idea  

Energy assessment sign up (8)  

Electric Vehicle was very popular  

Survey Results of Voting at Booth.  

- Wind Power at Mt. Hood  
- Engage Students and Young People
Tyler lead subcommittee: Discussion about Wind Power. There was a grant at one time—tried to move through this 2011. Needed to be fully approved just to do study. State Statue - Open space law – cannot give over public land for a “private” enterprise Article 97 (state law). Granters will not touch article 97 land (Parks and Conservation)
Also, there are FAA laws about clearance

To proceed with this project would need to see if funding available.
All projects in state decided to leave these projects.
May want to look at other projects such as the one in Saugus, Newburyport.
Is a Wind Turbine wanted use or as a symbol?

Tyler will research this further.

Lisa Margaret Kevin Engage Students: Local garden and cooking for young people –
There is new science chair who may be more open to opportunities.
Roosevelt school may need garden area, and may be good contact
Encourage safe routes to school and walking to school (walking school bus) Lisa T will pursue this
Kevin – can discuss teen center programs

Doug – Lisa Ellen - Making homes more energy efficient –
May want to follow 1880 home being made Net Zero _find out from Jim – web site?
This Old House contact Deep energy retrofits

11. Policy/ordinance for building renovations (Ellen) table
Municipal buildings – like Police station: May be new building.
Old police and downtown fire station are in need of renovation or new building.
Look at Conner McGuire suggested that city make this Net Zero building. Have City adopt policy of Net Zero for new buildings and want to have upgrades done to high efficiency standards.
Who would have to adapt this: Board of Alderman and Mayor
Martha did raise this.
Chief Lyle (fire ) would like to forward net zero building
Direct to letter Ellen will draft letter to John Senna and Denise Gaffey and mayor about suggestion for consideration to move to net zero
Subcommittee for wording for this . – suggest wording for passive house.

12. Energy Manager’s report
Martha
Electric aggregation bid is being reviewed. Eleven cents over the next year. This is higher due to local price approach. DPU and everyone will switch to basic service. Need to publicize (July last aggregate) We will be ending this program until local rate becomes competitive
Martha will put out article

Two more items to get Bronze Solar
Waiting for green community answer
Our municipal building does not have backup energy storage – looking for an energy backup plan
Money is in micro grid and energy storage - have meeting with hospital and engineers and microgrid for select groups (hospital – Whole foods – schools) still in planning stage Grant application being developed

MPTA Oak Grove will have solar canopy in parking lot and we are off taker of metering canopy

1. Legislative update (David)
Ellen: should we Consider looking at changing MEC name?
Hole in budge threatening next year budget.
1% usually set aside for environment:
CAMP group met last week (comprehensive adaptation management plan)
Lobby day – get date
Two bills – Barket and Branson bill
Medford – 1560 bill Steve Colette – make transportation fuels, tax fuel – revenue neutral – David will send around wording.

2. Carbon Tax Lobbying day -

3. Upcoming events and announcements – see below
4. June 11th

5. Chair and agenda for next MEC meeting: Thursday, June 22 – Chair – David Bliss
   - Net zero home presentation – David and Barbara

Susan M and Dave B volunteered to be part of a sub-committee to review Carol’s sample plans and report back to us. Chime in on whether this review can take place by our June meeting, or if we need to target July.

Events of interest:
Lori – would like Lori – offer to host barbeque July 30th
- May 23 – Melrose Bank rooftop solar and solar carport go live!
- May 30 – 350MA Mystic Node bi-weekly meeting; 7-8pm Medford HS, Room V220, 489 Winthrop Street
- June 6 – Sustainable Melrose featuring Chris Bodkin of Circular Blu (plastic recycling), 7:00 City Hall
  - June 11 – Bike to the Sea 25 Annual Bike to Sea. There will be informal bike ride to start.

As a follow, up to the April meeting, below are links that Carol Oldham from MCAN provided to us.
- Climate action plans are here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8MnG3qfxUHnT2lXZVdvaTFxZ0k
- Net Zero plans are here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B8MnG3qfxUHnUWVKLXION0ILMUU?usp=sharing

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MEC Meetings in 2017
4th Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm
June 22, July 27, September 28, October 26, November 23
City Hall, Cassidy Conference Room (except November meeting)
NO AUGUST or DECEMBER MEETINGS