

MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2019 7:15

Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Susan Baron Krisiti Heiman Rodney Dowell, Krisiti Heiman, June Tyler Ballew, Ellen Katz David Bliss, Lisa Trimble, Gary Lamothe, Jeff Doody Cassandra Koutalidis

Secretary: Susan Baron, Krisiti Heiman presiding

Guest: Angus Shaw

Welcome, Introductions, and Approve March Meeting Minutes:

Motion- Approve April meeting minutes – so approved.

MEC FY20 Budget Proposal Debriefing (Kristi)

- Met last week with Aldermen –\$2,500 approval for next fiscal year.

Healthy Melrose Family Wellness and Fitness Fair (Kristi)

- Thanks for help. Had six or seven signatures for email. Kristi will reach out to two signees who expressed interest in attending meetings.
- EV showcase was well attended. EV bike was left and there was a lot of interest. Lime Bike are electric assist. It would be good to have more information next time. There was a hydrogen fuel car.
- PedBike also had a lot of interest
- Ellen: Want to sign up for Plug in America and put in nominee
 - Brought up Mayor's blog Bike to the Sea Ride June 2cond- Saugus is building this connection

Melrose Towers Condominium Update (Cassandra)

- Lori and Cassandra met with Regina, head of condo board and Travis, (Next Step Living)
- There are over 300 units
- Still trying to see what happened with audits, when they had a green visit.
- Travis recommended updated insulation
- Mini splits also discussed.
- Working approach on how to proceed
 - Look for heat pump mini-splits users in order to have others have an example- need to develop materials -Tyler will look into this and talk to Lori, (Heat Smart – Arlington etc.)
 - Also, might want a workshop for more information.

Motion to Admit Cassandra Koutalidis to MEC (Susan B.)

Motion- To admit Cassandra as MEC Member – so approved.

Solar Subcommittee update (Jeff)

- Highland church on Franklin Street date is set and installation will happen soon
 - Will video the process
- Green Street Church- June – got contract and have questions about this. Contract is in review.
- List of prospects handed around. Handed this listing to see if anyone knows these organization.
- Invitation for May 29th Wednesday 9:00 am for Green Building award. Fellsway Pediatrics, 548 Lebanon Street
- Proposed process to formalize recommendation process

EV Infrastructure Incentive Program (Lori)

Suggestion to let Denise Gaffey look at EV station installations for new building planning

Climate Action Plan Subcommittee Update (Rodney)

- Will be meeting second week in June to decide how to approach new grant

Communications, Advocacy, and Networking (Lisa)

- Lisa went to Sierra Club event in March- 60 people in Framingham
 - Gas Leaks
 - Esmart program
 - Resources:
 - MAPC – Can help procure electric vehicle for towns through a bulk purchase
 - Partners working to go 100 renewable energy
 - Lisa will send listing of other items
- **Ask about Orientation:** Cassandra
 - Would like to have MEC orientation.
 - Lisa - How do we make subcommittee meeting movements more accessible?
 - Learning tools – put on web site?
 - Michael Bloomberg – book
 - New Member meeting or party

Aggregation article – Dave Bliss

Wrote article for aggregation and sent to Martha. Needs to have this edited. Lori also has this.

Motion to adjourn – so passed

Next MEC meeting: Thursday, June 27th, Cassidy Conf Room, City Hall.

Future events of interest:

- May 28th, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm 350 Mass, Green Sanctuary Committee, Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church, and Sunrise Movement, Green New Deal: Brining Climate Justice Home, Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church, 70 West Emerson Street
- May 29th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Melrose Chamber of Commerce Networking Event, Eastern Bank, 441 Main Street
- May 29th 9:00am: Green Building Award at Fellsway Pediatrics, 548 Lebanon Street
- May 31 Mystic Valley Meet your green new deal members. Night ship brewing – 360.org event.