

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, City Hall West – Meeting Room 2
August 18, 2022 Meeting

PRESENT: Sean Dunn, Sheldon Scott and Tom Ragaini
Zoom:

ABSENT: Jeff Andrade, Dave Butkus, Karen Hintz and Jack Ferraro

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Olsen, Council Liaison and Dave Oakes, Facilities Manager

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2022

Approval of the July 21, 2022 minutes was tabled.

4. Updates by Dave Oakes - Public Facilities & Energy Manager

Dave Oakes provided the following updates:

- There are not many updates this month as some of our projects are being stalled by supply chain issues and bidding requirements.
- Sustainable CT is addressing several new items including homelessness and climate leadership. Dave is working on updating and submitting the application. As of right now, the City is on track to achieve the Silver standing but the goal is to achieve Gold standing. Dave Oakes also provided an overview of Equity Tool Kits.
- They are waiting to hear back from CT Green Bank on the solar application for Beals Center.

Chairman Dunn explained that Sustainable CT is a very large project and thanked David Oakes and Public Works for all their efforts.

5. Energy Plan – Next Steps

No update.

6. Energy Efficiency Fund Grants discussion and to take any action as necessary.
- a. Shepard Meadows
 - b. Rich Farms

Chairman Dunn notified the Commission that they have received two verbal applications for the Energy Efficiency Fund Grants through the Economic and Community Development Department. Chairman Dunn provided a brief overview of each of the businesses and explained that Shepard Meadows is

building a large barn that may have the capacity for solar power and Rich Farms may have the ability to place ground based solar on the property to offset some of their costs. The goal is to provide each business approximately \$3,000 to allow them to do research into sustainable energy sources. Chairman Dunn will provide Commissioners with a write up between now and the next meeting so everyone can have a good sense of each project before voting on them.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

*Lindsey Schaffrick
Recording Secretary*