

Renewable Energy and Conservation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 3, 2018

8:00 AM

Board Members Present: Justin Robinson, Ryan DuPont, Jackie Lowry, Tyson Godfrey, Emily Skill

Also in Attendance: Emily Malik

Board Members Absent: Matt Perry, Mike Taylor, Jordy Guth, Zac Cook, Herm Olsen, Jess Bradfield

Agenda Item 2: Acceptance of agenda/approval of minutes

No minutes sent out, so not approved.

Agenda Item 3: Vice Chair Nominations & Elections

Justin stepped down from Vice Chair, we are looking for a board member to fill the Vice Chair role. During the June 1 meeting the following members were nominated Jackie Lowry, Jordy Guth, Mike Taylor, and Zac Cook . The time commitment for the position was asked and the following response was given, "the rough time commitment is 10 hours a month to help create agendas and arrange subcommittee meetings."

Action Item: Emily M. is going to electronically ask nominated individuals if they are interested in serving as vice chair.

Agenda Item 4: New Board Member

Gary Saxon (Downtown Alliance) stepped down after the June meeting. There is now a vacant position on the board. Emily M. said that the Chamber of Commerce is likely too busy to sit on the board. Justin recommended Andy Hoffmister, a local business owner, engaged in the community.

Action Item: Everyone, please suggest names of people we should reach out to or an industry we are lacking.

Action Item: Emily M. will ask Gary if he could suggest someone else on the downtown alliance. Emily M. will also place an ad in the Cache Chambers Newsletter and email board of downtown alliance.

Action Item: Justin will reach out to Andy Hoffmister about his interest in the board.

Agenda Item 5: Green Business Update

Program going to Executive committee on Tuesday, Aug 7 to get permission to launch a pilot. If approved, Emily S will reach to different local businesses who already making sustainable actions, like Café Ibis, and test the pilot. Jackie suggested finding other businesses that are more mainstream, not just “hippie”, perhaps Campbell Scientific? Discussion about whether completed tasks should be verified, SLC and Park City don't have a strict verification requirement. Board agreed that verification wouldn't be necessary since businesses aren't getting any major benefits from the program. Discussion about changing name to “sustainable business program” instead. Decided that name should remain “green business program” because that name is part of a larger community. In general, the Green Business Program has RECAB's support.

Next steps to consider:

- Ryan asked if there would be funding to do a Lunch-in or brunch with Green Businesses as a sort of recognition banquet.
- Ryan also offered that his university classes could run free audits for business.
- Advertising: Work with Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Alliance. Social Media. Newspaper releases. Google search make green business top result. App for sustainable businesses?

Agenda Item 6: Community Solar Update

Rebranded as “Share the Sun. Logan Community Solar” and developed social media posts and advertisements to launch when expansion is underway. Previous installation is not full, 15 or so shares available (of 90). Residents cannot fully subscribe, restricted to one 100kWh share, due to solar capacity factor. Currently in the middle of a rate study and waiting on Mark to push along the installation of the additional solar panels. Mike and Mark are looking at wholesale solar options for the city. Justin mentioned that there are energy trading aps and cooperatives that Logan could explore. Ryan asked about the wastewater treatment plant solar array—no further development into that project. Justin said he has specific data and models for solar potential and energy production for a 10MW solar plant in Cache County. He can privately share if it will help economically rationalize and push forward efforts to develop a solar plant.

Action Item: Emily M. will remind Mark to make strides toward the community solar expansion.

Agenda Item 7: Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Roadmap subcommittee should review Roadmap.

Interest in a focus on education and outreach/ energy education. Emily M. mentioned that there isn't curriculum with a RE focus so we must figure out how to fit into curriculum. Perhaps a life skills class and teach why saving energy and water is better financially. Justin said he educates kids about solar energy and has a worksheet to fit into curriculum and he offers hands on experience with a solar array. Teachers are more focused on science aspects, so has tied this way. There has not been much interest in the economic side—if we could make that fit, we could add in a sustainability component. RECAB members said that outreach and education is one of the best things we can do, and not as a hippie movement, but show that this is critical to our well-being. Ryan mentioned that engineers without borders do something similar with water. Could we connect this education outreach to the Water Fair?

Action Item: Jackie will look at curriculum and state standards and see how we connect renewable energy and resource conservation into classes.

REMINDER:

UAMPS conference August 12-August 15 here in Logan, Utah. Register here <https://uamps.cvent.com/2018conference>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM
Minutes Submitted By: Emily Skill