

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 16, 2020 WebEx Meeting

PRESENT: Sean Dunn, Jennifer Arasimowicz, Dave Butkus, Karen Hintz, Sheldon Scott,
Tom Ragaini, Jack Ferraro
ALSO PRESENT: Dave Oakes, Orlando Calfe, Greg Hahn and Ray Rogozinski

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sean Dunn called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of the regular meeting minutes - February 20, 2020

Commissioner Hintz made a motion seconded by Commissioner Ferrero to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2020 meeting. Motion approved.

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

Dave Oakes provided the Commission with updates:

- ARC has completed the scanning of the utility bills, and Eversource has been contacted for account access to proceed with the audit
- Solar for All is proceeding, the Mayor has been given the media kit
- The City is pairing with SustainableCT for a pedestrian walk audit
- The Steam Trap study was completed for approximately \$5,000, with a rebate of \$825 returned to the City, the final cost was less than half of the budgeted cost for the project. The Public Buildings account paid for this, with funds returned to the same account.
- Discussion has been held for upgrades to the lighting at Dennis Malone Aquatic Center, with payback being 8 months as a future project
- SustainableCT application totals 535 points for preliminary review, last year the City had 490 points, but was missing the three equity tool kits. This year even with events being canceled, the City is hoping to achieve Silver status. Karen, Dave and Roger attending a webinar on Municipal Purchasing which counts on the application as well for training Commissioners.

Discussion was held on how Commissioners can get more involved. Dave stated he's learned a lot through the application process, the Energy Commission could possibly partner in the future with the Arts & Culture Commission as Councilman Hahn is the liaison for that Commission as well.

5. Discussion on Energy Efficiency Fund
a. Steam Trap Rebate

Commissioner Arasimowicz made a motion seconded by Commissioner Butkus "to request the Board of Finance appropriate the \$825 steam trap rebate to the Energy Efficiency Fund." Motion approved.

6. Earth Day - April 22, 2020

Chairman Dunn stated this year is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, however most, if not all, activities have been canceled. Hopefully in the fall something can be done to replace the canceled activities.

7. 2020 Commission Goals

Chairman Dunn stated he would like to see goals for the Commission documented to proceed with, he is going to draft some goals up to circulate to the Commissioners. The Commission would like to visit the fuel cell, and various Boards to discuss integration. Commissioner Hintz discussed working with the Building Committees as it's hard to get members of the public to serve on those Committees. Discussion was held on the Memorial Boulevard project. Councilman Hahn stated Councilman Preleski can give an update on the energy efforts of that Committee or Chairman Dunn suggested Frank Stawski as well.

Commissioner Ferraro followed up with the Mum Festival and they would be happy to work with the Commission as well.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Ferrero made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commission Butkus at 7:53 p.m. Motion approved.

Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary