San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens’ Advisory Committee
Power Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Tuesday, April 1, 2014
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate 2nd Floor O'Shaughnessy Conference Room

Members
Wendy Aragon (D1) Walt Farrell (D7) Mark Connors (D6)
Avni Jamdar (M-Env. Group)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Ryan Iwata and Charles Sheehan

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call : Meeting called to order 5:33 pm

Members present: (4 members present, quorum confirmed) M. Connors (D6), W. Aragon (D1), W. Farrell (D7), A. Jamdar (M-Env. Group),

Members Absent: N/A

Members of the public: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party, Our City San Francisco, Coalition of SF Clean Energy Advocates), Jason Fried (Local Agency Formation Commission), Peter Lauterborn (Legislative Aide for Supervisor Eric Mar)

2. Report from the Chair: Mark Connors (5 minutes)
   - New Subcommittee Chair Announcement
   - Welcome new public member
   - Discuss recruitment of new members


The Presentation Covered:
- Provide an overview of the PUC’s Renewable Energy Portfolio and GO Solar Program
- Current challenges and future opportunities
- Solar photovoltaic generation
- GoSolarSF incentive program objectives
- 19.3 million paid so far
- 119 new jobs for disadvantaged San Franciscans, 19 currently employed
- Program changes for FY 2013-14
- Residential incentive structure
- Business and nonprofit Structure

Topics of Discussion:
- Sunset Reservoir power purchase agreement/ buy out provisions
• Direct jobs vs multiplier effect for new jobs

4. Public Comment: members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda (2 minutes per speaker)

Peter Lauterborn - Legislative Aide for Supervisor Eric Mar

Jason Fried- San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission

5. Approval of the March 4, 2014 minutes (5 minutes)

Member W. Farrell objects to the line in the March 4 minutes stating that “CleanPowerSF can be a good stepping stone for Municipal Power” on the basis of it being an opinion.

Member W. Farrell requests that it be removed from the March 4, 2014 Minutes.

Motion was made (A. Jamdar) and seconded (W. Aragon) to approve March 4, 2014 minutes with aforementioned edits from member W. Farrell.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks: Supports amending the contested statement rather than completely removing it.

The motion PASSED containing the aforementioned edits by the following vote:
AYES: (4) – W. Aragon, W. Farrell, A. Jamdar, M. Connors
NOES: (0)
ABSENT :( 0)

6. Future Agenda Items (5 minutes)

1. Going deeper into energy efficiency- Member A. Jamdar will take lead on coordinating with the next agenda.
2. Treasure Island- Chair M. Connors will take lead on coordinating with agenda
3. Bi-laws Committee: This group is a working group, not a subcommittee. Rewrite and submit to the Board of Supervisors.
4. Title 24 changes that are coming
5. Adding Eric Brooks to the subcommittee as a public member

Public comment: Eric Brooks: Willing to join committee as a public member

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Resolutions (10 minutes)

a. Clean Power SF (Member Aragon) - Working/editing session on resolution.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks: There is no other mechanism, besides “Municipalization” (which is not possible in SF) through which we can get the kind of renewable energy policy we need quickly enough to address the climate crisis, and getting to the cities goals without CCA/ CleanPowerSF.

Public Comment: Peter Lauterborn, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Eric Mar; Really excited that the CAC is addressing this program. On the basis that this provides San Franciscans an opportunity to choose clean energy if they want it and take part in a climate change solution. We favor a local build out plan as quickly and aggressively as possible, knowing that in order to do this we need to sell electricity to these customers. We are excited to see this moving forward.
Public Comment: Jason Fried: The 19.5 million is actually set to be paid back by the CleanPowerSF program over a span of 12-15 years. The city has greenhouse gas emission goals and 45% of the reductions from the 100% renewable generation goal. CCA program is the single biggest thing we can do as a city to getting it close to reach the city’s renewable energy goals.

Public comment: Eric Brooks: AB117 which passed in 2002, the legislation that enables CCA’s like CleanPowerSF, put the legislative governing bodies in charge of these programs (BOS). Board of Supervisors has never had a vote for CleanPowerSF that was less than a super majority in the entire 10 year history of this.

Public comment: Jason Fried: If we put solar panels on every resident’s roof in compliance with fire code, we would be able to recover 7% of the cities energy generation. CCA can do a lot more then what PG&E has been doing in regards to energy efficiency work. You need to mix and match several sources to create one big mix/combination of things to make it work. I believe the SFPUC has the staff and resources to sustain these programs.

Motion was made (W. Aragon) and seconded (A. Jamdar) to accept and approve CleanPowerSF resolution with edits from discussion and present it at the next full CAC meeting.

Public Comment: Jason Fried: On behalf of LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) - Thank you for taking up the resolution, it should be noted that all of the districts supervisors that are represented here today, were all in support of the September of 2013’s resolution encouraging the SFPUC to move forward with this program.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks: On behalf of the SF Green Party, Our City San Francisco, and the Coalition of SF Clean Energy Advocates: Yesterday there was a hearing in the Land Use Committee where we believe the Department of Environment removed CleanPowerSF from its climate action strategy when it was in there before. There was a big public turnout in support of keeping it on the Climate Action Strategy.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:
AYES: (3) – W. Aragon, A. Jamdar, M. Connors
NOES: (1) W. Farrell
ABSENT: (0)

Amended version of resolution will be put on the agenda for the next FULL CAC meeting.

8. Staff report (5 minutes)
   Reminder to RSVP for the Hetch Hetchy Tours

9. Announcements/Comments (5 minutes)
   No public comment

10. Adjournment

Motion was made (W. Farrell) and seconded (W. Aragon) to adjourn.

None opposed

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40 pm